UPDATE FROM HEADQUARTERS

APPROACHING DEADLINES

Don't forget to complete your ADSA ballot and return to Headquarters by June 15. This is your opportunity to select the team you wish to lead ADSA.

Another way to make your voice heard, is to complete and return the ADSA Foundation survey—due June 15. The ADSA Foundation wants to know where the Foundation should focus their energy and resources—what activities you believe the Foundation should support. Thank you for responding to the survey and for your continued support of the ADSA Foundation and all the activities supported by the Foundation.

ONLINE ISSUES

JDS To Begin Online Manuscript Submission And Peer Review

The Journal of Dairy Science is proud to announce that we will begin online submission and review of manuscripts in July. The Association has signed a contract with ScholarOne, Inc., of Charlottesville, Virginia, to use their Manuscript Central tracking system. We will be rolling the system out in July, and ScholarOne representatives and ADSA staff will be available at a booth at the International Animal Agriculture and Food Science Conference [IAAFSC; joint meeting of ADSA and other Federation of Animal Science (FASS) societies] meeting in Indianapolis to show authors and reviewers how to use the system. We will also begin contacting authors who have submitted to the Journal in the last few of years with instructions on how to use the system.

The Journal has made significant strides in the last couple of years in reducing review times, one of the most pressing concerns for authors. Our new system should speed this system even more; authors will be able to post manuscript submission data and upload their manuscripts directly into a tracking system, and the manuscript will be available for assignment immediately. The system will permit reviewers to retrieve manuscripts directly from the web after being sent an e-mail message and password, and they will be able to complete their review scoring online from any location. In addition, authors will have some ability to track where their papers are in the review process, and the system will permit e-mail autoreminders to tardy reviewers, which we hope will further speed the review process. If you attend the
IAAFSC meeting, please stop by the ScholarOne booth, which will be located by the ADSA booth in the exhibit hall, to see how to post your manuscripts.

For those authors who are unable to submit online, headquarters staff members will post their manuscripts as a proxy, but we encourage all authors, and in particular those who are submitting from abroad, to take advantage of the time savings of this system.

We will keep you posted as plans progress.

**Online Proceedings Of Papers From IAAFSC Planned**

The four societies meeting at the IAAFSC in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 24-28, 2001, have agreed to publish papers from the meeting in one common place, an online, non-peer-reviewed proceedings, and all papers will be available to members of all four societies. We have adopted procedures for handling presenters' manuscripts. As with last year, all papers (with an accompanying disk that contains text, figures, and tables) are due at the time of the meeting and should be delivered to the chair of the symposium, who will relay the manuscripts to headquarters staff, preferably by bringing them to a drop-off site at the registration desk. The papers will be lightly copyedited and posted online without peer review shortly after the meeting. For this year, the Board of ADSA and the Journal Management Committee of JDS have decided that if authors wish to have their papers peer reviewed and published in the Journal, they will be able to do so; however, regular page charges will be assessed. Please note that other societies, in particular, the American Society of Animal Science, may have other arrangements for handling papers that are to undergo peer review, so authors may wish to consult the other FASS society websites, available from www.fass.org, to review the submission form and policies.

**MEETING UPDATE: International Animal Agriculture and Food Science Conference (2001 ADSA Annual Meeting) in Indianapolis!**

**Opening Session and Reception-Speaker Announced:** Dr. Lowell Catlett is the keynote speaker for the Opening Session on Tuesday, July 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center. Dr. Catlett, who is a professor at New Mexico State University, will motivate the audience with a futuristic look at agriculture. His vast knowledge astounds corporate and association audiences both nationally and internationally. His presentations are thought provoking and highly entertaining. Dr. Catlett received his doctorate in Economics from Iowa State University, and has twice received the Don C. Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Pre-Conference Activities: The meeting will begin with pre-conference activities on Tuesday, July 24 that include the Dairy Foods Workshop discussion on "Strategies to Control and Improve Cheese Yield" chaired by Dr. David Barbano, Cornell University. The workshop will run from 8am to 5pm at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Some of the topics being discussed are, factors that influence cheese yield, strategies to improve yield and economic performance in cheese making, milk standardization and fortification control, and use of computer models for ingredient selection in milk standardization to maximize net revenues.

Another pre-conference activity is the National Extension Workshop. This workshop will discuss numerous topics important to extension, including genetically modified organisms, the economics of the animal protein chain, and other issues. This pre-conference workshop will feature a number of superb nationally and internationally known speakers.

The Informal Nutrition Conference will be held as a pre-meeting event. The conference title, "Connecting Animal Agriculture Disciplines," indicates that this is a multifaceted symposium, and it should be of interest to many members of the four organizations.

Graduate students, in particular, will be interested in a Teaching Committee Workshop: "Writing, Presenting, and Publishing Scientific Papers: A Course They Don't Teach in Graduate School." Of course, there's also the ADSA Dairy Foods and Production Division Graduate Student Paper Competition scheduled for Wednesday morning, July 25 at the Convention Center.

The Indianapolis joint meeting will be packed with significant information for all the disciplines in animal science. All of the ADSA/ASAS joint committees, established last year, have participated in developing the program. The four organizations and the FASS Coordinating Committee have worked together to make this a great scientific meeting. Although every attempt has been made to make this a joint meeting, each organization has retained some autonomy, and members of each society will feel comfortable as they attend the many sessions.

The online program can be found by clicking here. Programs were mailed to all members on May 30.

ADSA Foundation Auction-Thursday, July 26, 2001, directly after the ADSA Awards Ceremony: The ninth Annual ADSA Foundation Auction will be held at the Marriott Hotel and is open to everyone. You can help the Foundation by donating items to the auction click here and/or by bidding on items during the auction. If you cannot attend the annual meeting and still wish to bid on an auction item, click here for the absentee bid form. Or contact ADSA Headquarters.

Auction items will be on display beginning Tuesday, July 24 in the Exhibit Hall of the Convention Center. Bidding on silent auction items will begin on Tuesday and continue midway through the live auction. For the latest listing of items, to view color photos of many of the items, or to
obtain an item donation form, click here to visit the Foundation Auction page on the ADSA Web site.

Three drawings will be held during the live auction—one at the start, the middle, and to close the live auction. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. Coupons can be picked up when you pick up your abstract book and other items in the registration area.

**FASS Talent Pool Database**

The American Dairy Science Association and the American Society of Animal Science have joined forces to produce an online Employment Database/Talent Pool to be used by our members. The purpose of the database is to provide your information to interested companies, universities, governmental agencies, etc.

We are currently asking members to help populate the FASS Talent Pool database. Just go to the following website and enter your information in the assigned fields:

http://www.fass.org/talentpool/post/talentpool.asp

Any ADSA or ASAS member seeking full or part time professional employment, consulting opportunities, or volunteer service opportunities may post a brief description of the type of position they are interested in and their qualifications.

We are offering this service for the convenience of our members and the industries that support our organizations on an as-is basis. That is, we offer no endorsement of one candidate or company over another, nor do we guarantee the accuracy of the information posted. We do, however, make an effort to keep the information up on a timely basis. If you do not provide a date to de-list your information, it will be dropped one year after you post it.

Members who are seeking employment and want to review job postings are encouraged to click here to connect to the FASS Job Resource Center: http://www.fass.org/jobs/. Employers may also post their available positions through this convenient online database (for a fee).

Please contact Brenda Carlson, ADSA Executive Director (Brenda@assochq.org) or Ellen Bergfeld, ASAS Executive Director (ellenb@assochq.org) if you have questions. We look forward to talking with you.

**Dairy Issues in the News**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**Communication of Agricultural Research Results to the Public, Policymakers and the News Media** - The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) seeks nominations of individuals for the 2002 Charles A. Black Award, which is presented annually to a food or agricultural scientist actively engaged in research who has made significant scientific
contributions to his/her scientific field, and communicates the importance of this work and of food and agricultural science to the public, policymakers, and news media. Nomination procedures and selection criteria are outlined in the nomination packet, which is available on the web at http://www.cast-science.org/award/cab_form.pdf - The nomination deadline is September 1, 2001 - Information about the award and past recipients is available at http://www.cast-science.org/cabaward.htm - CAST assembles, interprets, and communicates science-based information regionally, nationally, and internationally on food, fiber, agricultural, natural resource, and related societal and environmental issues to our stakeholders--legislators, regulators, policy makers, the media, the private sector, and the public - CAST Contact: Kathy Buhman at 515-292-2125, ext. 24 or kbuhman@cast-science.org

DAIRY ISSUES


Johne's Disease in Cattle - CAST Issues a Report that "... identifies the issues that prevent eradication of Johne's (pronounced yo-nees) disease in cattle. ... The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) paper identifies the following key issues that currently prevent eradication of Johne's disease include: Diagnostic inadequacies: Improved diagnostic tests are needed because current diagnostic tests detect less than 50 percent of infected animals at any single point in time. Therefore, repeated testing is required; Lack of vaccine: An efficacious vaccine is not available and would be an important tool in Johne's control; Regulatory deficiencies: Uniform interstate disease definitions and regulations are needed to decrease confusion and litigation associated with animal movement; [and] Crohn's disease link: A number of researchers have proposed that the same organism as Johne's disease in cattle and other ruminants may cause Crohn's disease in humans. Milk and milk products that are raw or inadequately pasteurized could provide a source of the organism. ... The CAST paper verifies that policymakers must carefully consider the costs and benefits of a control program and who will bear the financial burden no matter whether future control strategies for Johne's disease are implemented at the herd, state or national level. Policymakers and others may also face international trade issues stemming from the disease as countries adopt differing prevention and control strategies." - The complete paper, "Johne's Disease in Cattle," is posted at http://www.cast-science.org/pubs/johnes_nr.htm - CAST can be reached at 515 292 2125; cast@castscience.org - Principle authors of the report may are: Dr. Robert D. Linnabary, phone (865) 974-5763; rlinnnaba@utk.edu; Dr. Gavin L. Meerdink, phone (217) 333-1099; meerding@uiuc.edu

BIOTECHNOLOGY
Anti Ag Biotech Activists to Protest during the Annual Meeting of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), which will be held June 24 - 27 in San Diego - According to information posted at http://www.biodev.org "...thousands of activists, scientists, farmers, and concerned communities from around the world ... [will be meeting] for a week of education, strategy and empowerment ...[as a part] of the growing global movement to stop genetic engineering." - The theme of the protest action is: "Protest BIO 2001" - The protesters will be meeting beginning June 22 in San Diego to plan their protect actions - The protest days of June 22 - 27 are referred to as "Days of Education and Action," where participants "... will converge to learn about the threats of biotechnology and to create a festival of resistance to genetic engineering and the commodification of life ... [to include] Non-violent direct action, street theater and arts preparation ..."

RISK ASSESSMENT

The National Organic Standards Board Sets June 6 - 7 LaCrosse, Wisconsin Public Meeting - "... The principal purposes of the meeting are to provide an opportunity for the NOSB to: receive various committee reports; receive updates from the Aquatic Task Force Working Group, the Task Force on Board Policy for Expert Presentations, and the Task Force on Outreach to Producers; receive an update from the USDA/NOP; review materials to determine if they should be included on the National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances; hear a presentation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on pesticide product labeling; and hear a presentation from the Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA on trade issues. The Livestock Committee will present a recommendation to the NOSB on 'access to pasture.' The Processing Committee will seek from the NOSB adoption of its recommendation for clarifying the materials for which a petition must be submitted requesting a review of a material for inclusion on the National List of substances allowed or prohibited for use in organic production and handling; discuss what 'novel' processes will be allowed in organic handling; and discuss potential mislabeling issues that might arise in regard to products produced by uncertified processors. The Crops Committee will present a draft guidance document on compost tea and vermiculture; draft recommendations for greenhouse standards; draft recommendations for mushroom standards; and discuss transitional organic labeling and transitional organic operations. The Accreditation Committee will seek adoption of a plan for a Peer Review Panel; make recommendations about what issues guidance should be provided about on the NOP Website; present a new certifier outreach report; and discuss the committee's draft 'Principles of Organic Production and Handling.' The Materials Committee will present its materials decision matrix for adoption by the Board, review materials for possible inclusion on the National List of Allowed or Prohibited Substances; seek adoption of a policy for updating the National List; and review committee communications with the Organic industry. Materials to be reviewed at the meeting by the NOSB are as follows: for Livestock production: DL-Methionine (including, DL-Methionine Hydroxy Analog and Hydroxy Analog Calcium); for Crops: Monocalcium Phosphate; and for Processing: Potassium Hydroxide, Ammonium Hydroxide, Cyclohexlamine, Diethylaminoethanol, Morpholine, Octadecylamine." - Information about the USDA National Organic Food Program is posted at http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop - A paper copy of the meeting agenda is available from AMS' Toni Strother at 202 720 3252;
Company Support of Scientist Participation on Government Advisory Committees under Attack by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), which on May 17 established a world wide web site "... to provide information about the links between hundreds of scientists - mostly in the fields of nutrition, environment, toxicology, and medicine - and corporations. This site also provides information about some of the corporate support received by dozens of professional, health, and nonprofit organizations, including such organizations as the International Life Sciences Institute, American Council on Science and Health, and American Dietetic Association. CSPI executive director Michael F. Jacobson said: 'Corporations increasingly are funding academic scientists to conduct research, speak at press conferences, and provide advice. Too frequently, neither the scientists nor the corporations disclose that funding. Today, we have begun to lift that veil of secrecy by providing journalists, activists, policy makers, and the public with information about the links between more than 1,100 scientists and industry.' The list will be expanded in the coming months. 'Important health and environmental policies can be distorted by scientists who assert objectivity, but who receive funding from affected industries. The result could be more pollution, unsafe food additives, and dangerous consumer products,' said Jacobson. ... Ronald Collins, director of CSPI's Integrity in Science project, said: 'We hope that this web site will encourage journalists to report on scientists' funding from industry. All too often reporters quote scientists without providing the public with needed information about their ties to industry, thus giving the impression that they have no such affiliations. Of course, just because a scientist receives industry funding does not necessarily mean that he or she is biased or wrong. Rather, receipt of such funding is one of many factors that need to be considered in evaluating a scientist's statements,' added Collins. 'Helping reporters spot possible corporate puppets masquerading as independent scientists is an important advance for democracy,' said Morton Mintz, former Washington Post reporter and former chair of the Fund for Investigative Journalism. ..." - The CSPI News Release is posted athttp://www.cspinet.org/new/integrity_pr.html - Additional information about the objectives of the project is posted athttp://www.cspinet.org/integrity/about.html - The CSPI Integrity in Science www site can be reached at: http://www.integrityinscience.org

Grant and Internship Notices

Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship Grants - USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Seeks by July 10 Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship Grants Program for Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 and for 2001 Supplemental Grants for Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances from institutions or groups of institutions that confer a doctoral degree in a national need area - Proposals also may be submitted by a research foundation maintained by an eligible college or university - CSREES also is soliciting comments regarding this RFP from any interested party. Such comments will be
NFPA Seeks Director for New Food Safety Audit Program - To be responsible for assisting the Vice President of the National Food Processors Association's Washington, DC based newly established "Supplier Audits for Food Excellence" (NFPA-SAFE) program (see http://www.nfpa-food.org/News_Release/041301nfpasafe.htm for details about the SAFE program) with all activities up to the conduct of an actual audit, including the certification process for third party auditors, the application and selection process for audits, and administering the fee collection and payment program. - The selected individual will be responsible for development and execution of all aspects of the training program for third party auditors to become qualified to conduct the NFPA audits, including design of the program; recruiting and training trainers; scheduling and logistics for training sessions; and recruiting third party auditors to participate; development and implementation of the recertification and "check ride" systems for third party auditors; administration of the testing program for third party auditors; recruitment of qualified third party auditors to participate in the program; oversight of the audit scheduling; Interface between third party auditors and the program to provide customer service, problem resolution and conflict management on all aspects of the NFPA program as needed; interface between NFPA staff, third party auditors and audit firms on financial aspects of the program, including payment/nonpayment issues; assist with marketing and communications of the program, particularly to third party auditors; serve as staff secretary for committees of the NFPA-SAFE Council; and interface closely with NFPA consultants and staff on all information technology and web-based programs related to the auditor selection and recruitment process. - For additional information about the position, which is available beginning in June, contact the NFPA retained search firm for the position, Kincannon & Reed Diana Braak at 703 761 4046; dbraak@krsearch.net or Greg Dooman at 703 761 4046; fax: 703 761 9628; gdooman@krsearch.net

Food Safety Research Grant Proposals Sought by FDA in the following areas: "Analytical detection of bovine spongiform encephalopathy and other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (BSE/TSE) in FDA-regulated products, consumer refrigeration storage length practices for unopened and opened packages of ready-to-eat foods, microbial contamination of agricultural water, and transfer coefficients to describe the potential for Listeria cross-contamination in the retail environment." - FDA notes that the Agency anticipates making up to four awards of $100,000 to $200,000 (direct plus indirect costs) per award per year and that support of these agreements may be up to 3 years with budget requests for all years requested not to exceed $200,000 (direct plus indirect costs) - Applications due to FDA by July 5 - The grant application forms are posted athttp://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html
- Questions may be directed to FDA's John Newland, Microbial Research Coordinator, Office of Science, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at 202 260 0536; John.Newland@cfsan.fda.gov - FDA May 21 Federal Register:http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-12623-filed

Professional Meeting Calendar

ADSA/ASAS/PSA/AMSA Joint Annual Meeting: July 24-28, 2001, Indianapolis, IN

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Twentieth Anniversary of the US Dairy Forage Research Center, Madison, Wisconsin, Public Open House, June 29-30, 2001; for more information, visit www.dfrc.ars.usda.gov or call 608-264-5240

Yeast Summit, sponsored by Alltech, July 23, 2001, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Yeast Summit is recommended for nutritionists, feed manufacturers, livestock producers, formulators, purchasing agents, and university faculty involved in the production of feeds containing yeast. It will be particularly informative for those involved with high-producing dairy cows, horses, beef feedlot cattle, and pet food. For more information, contact your Alltech representative or Ms. Carol Johnson, Alltech Biotechnology Center, 3031 Catnip Hill Pike, Nicholasville, KY 40356; Tel: 859-887-3328; Fax: 859-887-3256; E-mail: cjohnson@alltech-bio.com.

11th International Conference on Production Diseases in Farm Animals (11th ICPD ), August 12-16, Copenhagen, Denmarkhttp://www.11icpd.kvl.dk/

Hands-On Biotechnology Training Program:"Protein Purification: Isolation and Characterization", September 11-14, 2001 Utah State University Biotechnology Center, Logan, UT USA http://www.usu.edu/biotech

AABP Annual Conference -- September 13-15, 2001, Vancouver, British Columbia, for more information visit http://www/AABP.org

ADDRESSING ANIMAL PRODUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM" October 3-5, 2001; Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Research Triangle Park, NC

This Symposium will involve several tracks as follows:
1. papers related to key issues being addressed by the National Center for Manure and Animal Waste Management;
2. papers related to issues of animal production and environmental issues not included in the Center program;
3. papers presenting the perspectives of the animal industries;
4. papers related specifically to issues of the Southeastern United States;
5. posters on all of the above in addition to presentations;
6. workshops and tours.

The official call for papers and/or posters will be sent very soon, but this is a prenotice. The information on format for papers, registration and other arrangements will be found on our website when posted: www.cals.ncsu.edu/waste.mgt/

Please direct any questions or submit potential paper topics to: Dr. Leonard S. Bull, Program Chairperson, Associate Director, Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center, Box 7608, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7608, 919-515-6836/919-513-1762 (FAX)


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