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Change occurs when someone or a group decides that the current direction will not adequately lead an organization into the future. Our industry changed in 1906 when 19 people met on the campus of the University of Illinois at the invitation of W. J. Fraser. At that meeting, an organization, National Association of Dairy Instructors and Investigators was formed with the purpose of addressing the demand for special dairy departments, separate dairy curricula in state universities and, the need for specific training in dairy production and dairy manufacturers. Attendees came from six states, Washington, DC and Canada.

The inauspicious meeting of a few dedicated individuals turned into the American Dairy Science Association. Today, ADSA members numbering over 4500 live in all 50 states, Canada and more than 60 countries on six continents. ADSA serves as the leading scientific organization in the world for the exchange of ideas for the dairy industry. The members of ADSA have provided leadership with discovery and application of science-based principals to the production of milk and the transformation of milk into a variety of safe, wholesome dairy products for all to enjoy.

ADSA celebrates its Centennial in 2006 in Minneapolis with the theme “A Century of Achievements”. Our celebration will look back at the contributions of members and organizations to the success of ADSA and the dairy industry. Every discipline in the Production and Foods divisions will be honored through the Centennial issue of the Journal of Dairy Science. Contributions from universities, government organizations and sustaining members will be captured in posters along the lines of poster sessions for scientific exchange. Finally ADSA and the dairy industry will be featured in two mediums, a film and narrative on DVD and coffee table-styled pictorial.

Members of ADSA will be given an opportunity to contribute financially with the annual renewal of membership to ADSA. Your contributions along with those already received will enable ADSA to benchmark its first 100 years. From an historical prospective, the benchmarks will illustrate where we have been to better show where we are going.

Ken McGuffey

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The 2006 ADSA-ASAS call for abstracts and all of the information you need to submit an abstract is now available on the meeting website at http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/. The submission deadline for abstracts is February 1, 2006, so make sure to mark your calendars. To build an outstanding program, your participation through abstract submission is essential. The foundation of our annual meeting is the science that each one of you brings with your oral and poster abstract submissions.

Thank you!
2006 ADSA-ASAS Program Committee
2006 ADSA-ASAS Joint Meeting

The 2006 ADSA-ASAS Annual Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN on July 9-13. Symposia and programs proposed for the meeting include:

- Advances in cultured dairy foods
- Political, economic, and scientific considerations of milk component utilization
- Production meets processing: a vital link for high quality dairy foods
- Assessment and management of feedstuff variation in dairy nutrition
- Enterprise integration for sustainable beef production
- Teaching animal ethics within today’s Animal Science curriculum
- Ethical and social issues in animal biotechnology
- Reproductive terminology workshop
- Impact of assisted reproduction technologies in swine production: current and future issues
- Connecting rumen microbiology to ruminant nutrition: are we there yet?
- Identifying opportunities for maximizing forage utilization
- Transforming forages to improve nitrogen use by dairy cows and decrease nitrogen emissions
- Student engagement … the classroom and beyond
- Phylogenetics and genetic diversity in livestock
- Profitability of dairy farming in a global economy
- Meeting the needs of the dairy industry during the next 25 years
- Overcoming challenges in managing dairy businesses
- Ruminants as reservoirs for shiga toxin-producing e. coli
- New frontiers in amino acid research in nonruminant nutrition
- What’s new in the new NRC for horses?
- Potential of goats as biological agents to produce meat, control vegetation, and restore land
- Application of genomics to sheep production
- Companion animal research: contributions and conflicts
- Local regulation of mammary function
- Metabolic regulation of food intake
- Conception to consumption: lifetime effects of management and health on cattle performance and meat quality
- Alternatives to antibiotics in feeding ruminants for optimal production and health
- Immunophysiology of host-environment interactions
- 2006 Triennial Reproduction Symposium

Watch the web site for updates: http://adsa.asas.org/2006

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Be a part of the ADSA Centennial Celebration by donating an item to the 13th ADSA Foundation Auction & Raffle during the joint meetings in Minneapolis, July 2006. An ADSA tradition since 1993, the auction generates proceeds that are used to fund foundation activities such as the ADSA Foundation Scholar Awards, the Genevieve Christen Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award, and high quality programs at the annual meetings.

To contribute an item to the auction or raffle, simply contact Molly Kelley at Kelleymt@aol.com. You will be notified later when and where to send the item. You may enjoy a tax deduction for your donation. Consult your tax advisor for specific details.

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Sessions
Symposia .............................................. 29
Oral ..................................................... 76
Poster .................................................. 41

Attendance & Exhibits
Registered Attendees ......................... 2,727
Exhibitors (companies) ..................... 64
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Oral ..................................................... 706
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2005 American Dairy Science Association Awards
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DMI Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Foods Research Award - 3rd Shiva K. Garimella Purna ............................................................. University of Minnesota
Danisco International Dairy Science Award ........................................ Peter Aaron Munro ........................................................ Fonterra Cooperative Group
DeLaval Dairy Extension Award .......................................................... Randy Shaver ............................................................. University of Wisconsin
DSM Food Specialties Award ................................................................. John Lucey ............................................................. University of Wisconsin
The Genevieve Christen Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award ............................................................. Sarah Olson ............................................................. University of Minnesota
International Dairy Production Award ............................................................. Kenji Togashi ............................................................. National Agricultural Research Center for Hokkaido Region
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National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award - 2nd Place ............................................................. Elizabeth Williams ........................................................ Iowa State University
National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award - 3rd Place ............................................................. Gonzalo Ferreira ............................................................. Ohio State University
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CONGRATULATIONS to the 2005 ASAS Award Winners! Thank you to the 2005 ASAS Award Donors for their continued support. Complete citations for the award winners are located on our web site at http://www.asas.org/05awardwinners.htm. Pictures and award citations will also appear in the December 2005 issue of the *Journal of Animal Science*.
2006 ADSA Award Nominations

Do you know a prospective ADSA award winner? If so, it’s time to nominate that person for a 2006 ADSA Award, or nominate yourself and complete the nomination packet. This year, the entire ADSA Awards Program (nomination through selection) will be administered online. Submit your nominations online at www.adsa.org/newawards/nominator.asp. Nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due December 22, 2005. If you need assistance, contact Dianne Wickes (phone: 217-356-2426, ext. 25; fax: 217-398-4119; e-mail: diannew@assochq.org). Communication with nominators and nominees will be primarily by e-mail. Accurate e-mail addresses are necessary. You can also visit www.adsa.org/awards.asp to print a nomination form if you would rather not go through the online process. Nominators will be notified after verification of the nominee so that nominators can supply the biographical and supporting materials by February 16, 2006 (part 2 of the process). Danisco International Dairy Science Award nominations and supporting material are due December 19, 2005.

ADSA Student Affiliation Division Report

More than 130 students and advisors came to Cincinnati for the 2005 ADSA-SAD National Meeting. The 18 clubs represented included University of Alberta, Brigham Young University, California Polytechnic University, University of Georgia, University of Illinois, Iowa State University, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota, North Carolina State University, North Carolina A & T, North Dakota State University, Pennsylvania State University, South Dakota State University, Virginia Tech, Washington State University, and University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The meeting began with a riverboat ride on the Ohio River, followed by a night at the Cincinnati Reds ballpark. A record 12 teams participated in this year’s Dairy Quiz Bowl. In keeping with tradition, Penn State University took home the coveted cow trophy, winning for the fifth consecutive year. On Monday, the students got down to business with an opening business meeting, various competitions, club activities symposium, and much more.

Actions taken at this summer’s SAD business meetings include:

- a move to a single deadline for all SAD competitions. Beginning in 2006, May 1 will be the entry deadline for all competitions except for the paper competition. Deadline for abstract submission will be February 1.
- the addition of a historical poster competition. To help the parent organization celebrate its centennial, SAD voted that chapter displays should have a historical theme in 2006. Instead of the traditional chapter display, clubs are encouraged to prepare a poster that tells the history of their dairy club.
- moving undergraduate membership renewal from the spring to the fall, in line with the parent organization.
- a different kind of Career Symposium in 2006. Plans are underway for the students to meet with company representatives during the 2006 meeting. It was proposed that a time be set aside for the students to have exclusive access to exhibitors and to universities with graduate school opportunities. Students will be asked to come with copies of their resumes, and companies will be asked to have information on job and internship opportunities available.

Students reconvened on Tuesday for officer elections and a unique career symposium where they were able to interact face-to-face with leaders in the dairy industry on topics such as professional opportunities in dairy science, career planning, resume building, and much more.

A special thank you to the panelists, including Larry Fox, Washington State University; Christopher Horstkamp, US Food and Drug Administration; Mike Hutjens, University of Illinois; Josh Hushon, Hoards Dairyman; Rafael Jimenez, Cal Poly; Ken McGufey, McGufey Consulting Services; Christy Stanley, Louisiana State University; Steve Washburn, North Carolina State University; and Clay Zimmerman, Blue Seal Feeds.

The meeting ended on a high note with the student luncheon, which included a very lively dairy quiz bowl in which the student officers took on the ADSA Board. It was a close match up, but in the end, the adults proved no match for the whiz kids from SAD.

Also at the luncheon, award winners were announced. The Outstanding Chapter Award was presented to Penn State University. Outstanding Student was Justin Roberts, Louisiana State University. Outstanding Advisor for SAD was awarded to Dave Winston, Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech took home the honors in Chapter Yearbook, Chapter Scrapbook, and Chapter Web Site competitions. In the paper competitions, first-place Dairy Foods went to Brian House, Virginia Tech. Winner of the Production Division paper competition was Darryl Maulfair, Penn State University. Original Research Paper winner was Lori Lee Schultz, Iowa State University.

Officers for the 2005-2006 year are Emily Yeiser, Penn State University, President; Bridget Lyons, Louisiana State University, first Vice President; Rena Johnson, Virginia Tech, second Vice President; Katie Zumbach, Iowa State University, third Vice President; Julie Drendel, University of Illinois, Secretary-Treasurer; Jon Schefers, University of Minnesota, Officer at Large; Dr. Steven Kelm, University of Wisconsin - River Falls, First-Year Advisor; Dr. Cathy Williams, Louisiana State University, Second-Year Advisor; and Dr. Ed Jaster, Cal Poly, Third-Year Advisor.

The new officer team has already had a conference call meeting and is very much at work with projects including a hurricane relief fundraiser among the dairy clubs. Proceeds will be sent to DFA, who will direct the funds to southern dairy farmers in need. Officers are also busy with meeting plans for 2006. Check the ADSA-SAD Web site for more details as the year progresses.

The ADSA-SAD is a division of the parent organization that works to develop leadership and promote scholarship among students interested in the dairy industry and to encourage students toward careers in dairy science.
Letter from the ASAS President

David Buchanan

I bring you greetings from “OSU-South.” It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve ASAS as president this year. I am humbled by the confidence the members have placed in me. I am glad to say that I found the society in good shape when I came to the presidency. We are financially stable and are coming off another very successful annual meeting. The scientific program, under the direction of Dr. Joe Ford, was outstanding, and the chances to network, meet with old friends, and make new friends was, as always, extremely important to the success of the meeting. We appreciate the continuing partnership with the American Dairy Science Association in our joint annual meeting and also the participation of the Canadian Society of Animal Science during the 2005 meeting.

The President-Elect has the honor of serving as emcee for the awards session at the meeting, and I was greatly impressed, yet again, by the high caliber of individuals who are members of ASAS. Our award winners constituted an extremely impressive group. This is a year of some change in personnel for ASAS. Dr. Jerry Baker, after a brief but highly distinguished time as our Executive Director, has assumed responsibility as the CEO of FASS. Since ASAS is one of the three owner societies in FASS, this means that Jerry is still working for us, at least in part, and we look forward to a continuing fruitful relationship with him in his new role. In addition, Dr. Mike Galyean completed his three-year term as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Animal Science. We thank Mike for his dedication and professionalism in the manner in which he executed those responsibilities. The journal remains one of the premier scientific journals in all of agriculture. Dr. Larry Reynolds has assumed his duties as the new Editor-in-Chief, and there are many reasons to be confident that he will be a highly effective leader for the Journal of Animal Science. Thanks to Larry for assuming this important task.

We have already been working to secure a new executive director and will distribute that information as it becomes available. In the meantime, Paula Schultz is serving as the interim executive director, and her presence in Savoy is extremely valuable. ASAS is fortunate to have an outstanding, dedicated person like Paula in its employ. I enjoyed the opportunity to represent ASAS, along with Jerry Baker, at the European Association of Animal Production in Uppsala, Sweden, in June and to attend the Mexican Association of Animal Production meeting in Tampico in October. Our partnerships with these organizations are very important, especially as we see more international participation in our annual meeting and, especially, in the Journal of Animal Science.

ASAS continues its relationship with the American Dairy Science Association and the Poultry Science Association as co-owners of the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS). FASS, as mentioned earlier, has new leadership with Jerry Baker taking the reins as CEO and Normand St. Pierre as Treasurer. My first FASS board meeting provided an opportunity to see the ways that Jerry and Normand have worked to improve the stability and transparency of the FASS finances.

Organizations like ASAS depend upon the dedicated services of many volunteers. I am so privileged to have the chance to work with many top-flight individuals on the ASAS board and on the many ASAS committees. In addition, we have superb paid employees with Paula Schultz and the FASS staff who work directly with ASAS. We continue to produce an excellent set of meetings each year along with an outstanding scientific journal. We need to look to a future with additional services to our members and to animal agriculture in general. If you have ideas or questions, please e-mail me at david.buchanan@okstate.edu. Thank you again for the honor of serving as your president.

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### ADSA/ASAS “Symposia Recordings”

Providing enhanced benefits and quality services to our members are key goals of ASAS and ADSA. Interactive archives of some of the conference symposia presentations are now available in several formats: audio only, audio with PDF, audio synchronized, and audio synchronized with symposia transcript. Visit [http://adsa.asas.org/recordings/](http://adsa.asas.org/recordings/) to access the recorded symposia from the 2003-2005 Joint and 2005 Midwest meetings.
Letter from the ADSA President

Dave Barbano

Dairy Science continues to experience growth in the number of papers submitted and published. The journal production staff, editors, and volunteer reviewers working together have maintained the high quality and impact factor of JDS. The unique blend of both dairy foods and dairy production papers is an important strength of JDS and our association.

The Journal of Dairy Science is accessible electronically from 1990 to the current issue. The ADSA Board has approved making all back issues of the Journal of Dairy Science accessible electronically with a goal to have that completed by mid-year 2006. The journal production staff at FASS headquarters deserves special thanks for their dedicated efforts in the production of our journal. We welcome Gary Rogers as the new Editor-in-Chief of JDS. We thank Steve Nickerson for his outstanding service as past Editor-in-Chief of JDS.

Federation of Animal Science Societies

FASS provides management services and support to the three founding societies (ADSA, ASAS, and PSA) and other client societies. Your ADSA Vice President, President, and Past President serve as members of the FASS Board of Directors. The ADSA Board and Executive Committee, along with the American Society of Animal Science and Poultry Science Boards, have spent a significant amount of time during the past 2 years focusing on maximizing the synergy between the three founding societies and FASS. Although the three founding societies have done well financially in the past two years, FASS had financial difficulties. The FASS Board has taken action to resolve this issue.

The FASS treasurer Normand St-Pierre did an outstanding job of analyzing the FASS financial situation for the Board. The FASS Board, under the excellent leadership of FASS president James Lauderdale, evaluated the structure and function of FASS. Based on this evaluation and a review of the financial status, the FASS Board made a change in the management structure of FASS. Previously, FASS had co-leaders: an Executive VP for Administration (based in Savoy) and an Executive VP for Scientific Affairs (based in Washington). The FASS Board consolidated the two Executive VP positions into one CEO position to lead FASS. The CEO reports to the FASS Board of Directors. At the request of the board, Normand St-Pierre served as interim FASS business manager during the transition to the new structure. As announced at the 2005 joint annual meeting, Jerry Baker was hired as CEO of FASS and is based in Savoy. Jerry Baker is the former Executive Director of ASAS and therefore has a first-hand knowledge of animal agriculture, the three founding member societies, and the FASS operations in Savoy. Jerry has already made some adjustments to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the FASS office.

We have a very exciting year ahead of us as we approach our centennial meeting. The April 2006 issue of the Journal of Dairy Science will be a Special Centennial Issue of invited papers. Members that do not receive a paper copy of the journal will have the opportunity to separately order a paper copy of this special issue. Ken McGuffey is chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee. Some special features of the 2006 meeting will be a centennial DVD that will focus on a history of ADSA and the dairy industry, a coffee table book of the history of dairying, and a special poster section for departments and organizations to highlight their contributions to dairying and involvement in ADSA. The ADSA Production Division plans to initiate a graduate student poster paper competition, in addition to the continuing graduate student oral paper competitions in the Production and Dairy Foods Divisions. The ADSA Foundation will hold its lively benefit auction that always produces surprises and excitement! I encourage all ADSA members to attend and actively participate in the 2006 ADSA centennial meeting in Minneapolis on July 9-13, 2006.

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One Hundred Years of Excellence

The 2005 annual meeting marked the beginning of the year leading to the centennial meeting of the American Dairy Science Association. If the charter members of ADSA could see the achievements that have occurred in dairy science both in the production and processing sectors and the role that the ADSA has played in those achievements, I think they would be very proud.

Unimagined efficiency improvements in both milk production and processing have been achieved and have allowed the dairy industry to continue to produce a wide variety of dairy foods to meet changing consumer needs. Development and marketing of new and improved dairy foods and use of milk components as ingredients in many manufactured foods has delivered the nutritional benefits and convenience of dairy products to consumers. At our 2006 ADSA centennial meeting in Minneapolis, each of us will have a chance to reflect on the achievements of the past. There will be a special poster section at the centennial meeting for posters from individual departments, dairy clubs, and organizations to highlight their involvement and contributions to the dairy industry and ADSA. At the same time, I challenge each ADSA member to continue to develop and share new approaches to deliver high quality dairy research and education programs that will produce the technological advances and leaders for the dairy industry during the next 100 years.

Publications

ADSA is in sound financial condition, and the journal makes an important contribution to both our finances and stability as an association. The Journal of...
Report from the JAS Editor-in-Chief

Lawrence P. Reynolds

As I sit down to write this first report to you, the membership, concerning the various issues related to the *Journal of Animal Science*, I have to wonder where the past 7 weeks have gone. It seems I just started my tenure as Editor-in-Chief (it started on Sept. 1), and here I am 51 days later, 53 papers passed over my desk to the staff in Savoy, and many issues dealt with (so far, I get about 20 journal-related e-mails a day). It has been a real whirlwind and a “steep learning curve,” as they say. I feel like I am just beginning to get a handle on this job and, hopefully, getting at least a little more comfortable with it.

To a large extent, my comfort with the job involves establishing a working relationship with the Division and Associate Editors and also with the Production Staff in Savoy. Fortunately, the editors, many of whom are newly appointed, and the staff at Savoy, have been excellent-helpful, productive, and professional in every way. Trust me, this is the best situation one can have as Editor-in-Chief. Concerning the staff in Savoy, Susan Pollock has been appointed Managing Editor of the *Journal of Animal Science*. Susan brings with her lots of management experience and, in addition, she is the Director of Editorial and Production for FASS, and also is Managing Editor of the *Journal of Dairy Science*, *Poultry Science*, and the *Journal of Applied Poultry Research*. I am very pleased with her appointment.

We are continuing to pursue the various initiatives begun by the previous Editor-in-Chief, Mike Galyean. These initiatives include scanning of all back issues of the journal, online publication ahead of print for accepted manuscripts, and Board-invited reviews. All of these are designed to enhance the value of the journal to the readership, which is critical in the very competitive and rapidly evolving scientific publishing arena. Much to their credit, Mike Galyean, the Publications Committee, and the Board of Directors had the foresight to establish these initiatives. A very successful initiative that I think has already brought added value, and which we plan to continue into the future, is the publication of review articles from various ASAS meeting symposia as E-Supplements to the journal. If you have not been to this Web site, you should check it out (http://www.asas.org/meetingsympp.asp).

The publication ahead of print is not yet a reality primarily because of cost issues related to the purchase of a DOI, or digital object identifier, for each article that would migrate with the article as the final version is published on the *Journal of Animal Science* Web site. As an interim solution, we have begun publishing the titles of accepted manuscripts (go to http://www.asas.org/jasupcoming.asp), and this Web site is updated weekly.

The process of identifying and selecting our first 8 Board-invited review articles is going well, and credit for that goes to Mike Galyean for taking the lead, and to the Division and Associate Editors, who developed the lists of topics and potential authors. I will be working closely with the Publications Committee to make the final selection and to ensure that all 8 are published in 2006. We believe these reviews will not only add value to the journal but also will enhance its status. In addition, we hope that being asked to write a Board-invited review paper will be viewed as a special honor that will be sought after by top scientists within ASAS and outside of ASAS.

We also continue to work on enhancing the value of the *Journal of Animal Science* HighWire Press Web site (http://jas.fass.org). On the left-hand side of the Web site, you will see a series of grey buttons, one of which is brand new and entitled CiteTrack. Clicking on this button will take you to the CiteTrack Alerts page. By following the relatively straightforward instructions on this and subsequent pages, you will receive alerts by e-mail any time a specific article is cited, or any time an article on a particular topic is published, in any of the journals cited by PubMed or any of the many journals hosted by HighWire.

Lastly, we are pursuing some new initiatives, again with the goal of enhancing the value of the journal. The first one involves a revision of the Style and Form, designed to improve consistency among the 4 journals handled by FASS (*JAS*, *JDS*, *PSA*, and *JAPR*). This initiative was requested by the Board of Directors and should streamline the production process and thereby reduce the time from acceptance to publication of articles. We will try to keep you well informed of these Style and Form changes as we begin to implement them sometime after the first of the year. Don’t worry, papers submitted before we officially make the Style and Form changes will be accepted with the old format. I also am pursuing, with advice from many individuals, and working with the Publications Committee, an expanded Editorial Page for the Journal as well as a new subheading entitled Perspectives. This latter will be modeled after the Perspectives section currently published weekly in *Science*.

As you can tell, there is never a shortage of things to work on or plan for when it comes to the *Journal of Animal Science*. Your comments and suggestions as to how JAS can be more effective in serving the needs of our membership are welcomed and appreciated. (Sorry, Mike, I borrowed this last paragraph from you, but could not think how to improve it!)

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Report from the JDS Editor-in-Chief

Stephen C. Nickerson

It seems impossible that I began my official tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Dairy Science just 3 years ago in January of 2002. I certainly have enjoyed this position and serving the journal clientele as well as working with the staff in Savoy, the Journal Management Committee, and Editorial Board. Thanks to all of the above, JDS has continued to serve as a leading medium for professional dairy scientists, and has consistently ranked among the top 1% of all science and technology journals. In addition, our journal continues to be the major source of revenue for ADSA, providing well over 50% of our Association’s gross income. The Journal of Dairy Science continues to grow in volume, and for 3 consecutive years, JDS has published more than 4000 pages! Likewise, the journal is increasingly becoming international, and in recent years, the total number of submissions from outside of North America has been more than 50% of the total received.

As I turn the reins over to Dr. Gary Rogers, I want to recognize those who made my job as Editor-in-Chief a lot easier than it could have been. Appreciation is extended to Jean Rice, who served as Managing Editor from December of 1998 through July of 2004, for her dedicated service to JDS and to our association. Jean was always on the lookout for novel technologies to keep JDS in the forefront of all scientific and technology journals. She saw us through Manuscript Central, which streamlined the manuscript submission and tracking process, and she was instrumental in moving us to HighWire Press, which now hosts the online version of JDS. In addition, Jean convinced us to become a signatory to the ‘DC Principles,’ which advocates a balance of numerous models of mixed sources of revenue and mixed models of free access for covering the costs in publishing scientific literature. Also, at Jean’s urging, JDS joined 16 other scientific societies to form the Nonprofit Journals Group to encourage libraries to include and retain subscriptions to our journals, including JDS, which constitutes an important source of revenue to ADSA and ensures that our research is provided to the widest possible audience.

Thanks also to Amy Kemp, Louise Adam, Sharon Frick, Ted Veatch, and the FASS production staff who have toiled tirelessly this past year to eliminate all backlogged manuscripts. As a result, the time elapsed from manuscript acceptance to publication (referred to as time in production) in recent months is down to an average of 80 days! So, they have really made progress, and I’m sure our contributing authors really appreciate their hard work. Also, special thanks to Jeremy Holzner, and previously Crystal Rothganger, for their excellent management of Manuscript Central. Finally, I am indebted to ADSA Executive Director Brenda Carlson for her solid support of the journal, and for always being available by phone or e-mail to respond to day-to-day problem-solving and for helping me keep JDS on track.

The past three years have been rewarding ones for me as Editor-in-Chief. I applaud all of our volunteers serving as reviewers, editors, officers, and advisors who are able to find time in their busy schedules to accommodate requests from JDS, which remains a premier science and technology journal. Similarly, I thank the production crew at our headquarters office for assembling a top-notch periodical under conditions of a constrained budget and work force; I appreciate all that you do!

I feel very comfortable turning the editorship over to my successor, Dr. Rogers, who has been in training for the past 6 months, and I am confident that he will outperform my service to the journal membership and to our contributors, thus continuing to push the envelope in maximizing the quality of JDS. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served you.

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Graduate Student Travel Scholarships
Available for 2006 ASAS-ADSA Joint Meeting

Graduate students: watch your e-mail in early December for more information on the opportunities to apply for travel scholarships. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2006.

The Dr. Joseph P. Fontenot Appreciation Club was established to support travel for ASAS or ADSA graduate students to the annual international ASAS/ADSA scientific meeting and the triennial Biology of Lactation Workshop, held in conjunction with the ADSA/ASAS Joint meeting. The 2006 meeting will be the second Joint Meeting that scholarships have been provided by the Tucker Appreciation Club. Graduate students making an oral presentation related to research in physiology, endocrinology, growth, or developmental biology may apply for travel support by submitting an application. Complete guidelines for the Fontenot Student Travel Scholarship can be found on the web: http://www.asas.org/Fontenot_guidelines.htm

The H. Allen Tucker Appreciation Club was established to support travel for ASAS or ADSA graduate students to the annual international ASAS/ADSA scientific meeting and the triennial Biology of Lactation Workshop, held in conjunction with the ADSA/ASAS Joint meeting. The 2006 meeting will be the second Joint Meeting that scholarships have been provided by the Tucker Appreciation Club. Graduate students making an oral presentation related to research in physiology, endocrinology, growth, or developmental biology may apply for travel support by submitting an application. Complete guidelines for the Tucker Student Travel Scholarship can be found on the web: http://www.asas.org/Tucker_Travel.asp.
Over the past few months we have had some changes in the administration at FASS headquarters. As part of those changes, we have a new structure in the editorial and production department. The journals of the founding member societies (JDS, JAS, Poultry Science, and Journal of Applied Poultry Research) are now under a single managing editor, Susan Pollock, who also serves as the department head. Within this structure we also have three technical editors who edit from a pool of accepted manuscripts rather than focusing on a particular journal. This cross-training among editors allows us to work more efficiently and to focus efforts where needed-to be proactive in our work rather than reactive.

Louise Adam, one of our technical editors, has proven to be a valuable member of this team. Largely through her editing efforts, a backlog of JDS papers was eliminated over the past year, and production times of all our journals decreased as a result. Louise was one of the first technical editors cross-trained to work on all the journals, and the resulting flexibility and improved workflow encouraged us to pursue cross-training among all the editors. Louise is also wearing a second hat as assistant director of the department.

Our journals team also includes Lisa Krohn who was hired in May. Her background in medical transcription and library science made a good fit for the department, and she is learning the ropes of technical editing. Amy Kemp, who has served in many roles at FASS, is also one of our technical editors, and she assists with other special projects in the department. Sharon Frick provides expertise as the journal production coordinator, composing your author proofs and e-mailing them to you. Ted Veatch does our figure prep work, adjusting line widths, cleaning up text, and improving overall print quality along the way. Jeremy Holzner is our Manuscript Central expert, he also invoices for page charges, places off-print orders, and collects and files copyright forms. Amanda Kolling, another technical editor, left FASS this spring to pursue opportunities at Rutgers University.

Changes to Style and Form

The editors-in-chief of JAS, JDS, Poultry Science, and Journal of Applied Poultry Research met in Cincinnati this summer to discuss making the style and form of the four journals more alike. Although the changes agreed upon by the group will not affect the scientific content of the journals, they have added flexibility and greater efficiency to our work at HQ. These changes, we hope, will also be helpful to authors who may submit manuscripts to more than one of the founding societies’ journals. Look for details in the author instructions published in the January issues of the journals.

New FASS CEO

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jerome F. Baker has accepted the position as the CEO of the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS). Many of us already know Jerry, either personally or in the context of his most recent position as the Executive Director of the American Society of Animal Science.

Dr. Baker brings more than 25 years of experience as an animal scientist to his new position. He earned both his M.S. and Ph.D. at Texas A & M University in Animal Breeding. Dr. Baker has been on the faculty of the University of Georgia, Texas A & M University, and the University of Nebraska. He has authored numerous publications, served on several editorial boards, and is respected for his leadership skills in the animal science community.

The Federation of Animal Science Societies is pleased to have a leader with such vision and expertise. The knowledge and leadership that Jerry brings to FASS and to our member and client societies will help FASS move forward in the future.

Dr. Baker assumed his new position on September 12, 2005. Jerry will continue to work out of the Savoy, Illinois, headquarters office. Please join me in congratulating Jerry on his new position and in moving forward with our shared vision for FASS and the member societies.

Terry D. Etherton
President
Federation of Animal Science Societies
How Does the Information and Technology Department Facilitate Science?

Abstract Submission System
The abstract system allows FASS to streamline the submission process from the abstract submission phase, through the review process, and finalize with program assembly. This centralization of information allows the internal process to flow efficiently, thereby allowing information to be released to the membership rapidly and concisely.

Central Administration
Central Administration allows for meeting customization. Distinct meeting banners can be assigned to allow the system to integrate into any existing site. Specific meeting deadlines and text can also be incorporated.

Input and Submission
Once registered in the system, users can navigate through intuitive screens to enter their contact and abstract information. The upload function allows for full papers or related files to be uploaded in conjunction to the abstract.

Supporting Document Upload
In 2004, the abstract system spawned yet another use as it was used for the first time to upload speaker PowerPoint presentations for the ADSA/ASAS/PSA Annual Meeting held in St. Louis. Building from this experience, the 2005 annual meetings took technology a step further by using submitted files in a network environment so that presentations could be edited onsite with even greater efficiency.

Submission Review
The Submission Review function allows coordination of peer-review activity. The Overall Meeting Chair, who is given special viewing privileges, can monitor the review process. Every aspect of this process is linked by auto-generated e-mail communication.

Program Assembly
Maintaining all abstract function within one online application translates into greater efficiency through streamlining the entire abstract production process. Now, system administrators and those with production responsibilities can use this online feature to edit submissions online, format final layouts, and produce usable exports within one program. Turn-around time from abstract submission to final program is significantly reduced through this efficient application.

My Program Feature
This feature allows attendees to build a customized program that includes selected talks, convention activities, or even personal meetings and events. A powerful new search function allows registered users to search on a variety of attributes to more quickly and easily find the presentations, events, and activities of interest to them.

Virtual Board Forum
The virtual board forum provides a secure forum for board members to convene, share, discuss, vote, decide, and govern. The Board Application provides board members a medium for information sharing that will assist them in achieving organizational goals. This application provides board members with access to critical information that in turn allows them to make the most informed, effective decisions.

Features of this application include:
- Archival Repository - Where past documentation can be stored and filed.
- Online Voting System - Allows users to create motions, submit online votes, and store results that can be used for later inclusion to permanent recordings.
- Discussion Area - Separated by topic area to allow for easier navigation to critical information.
- Committee Listings - Linked directly into the in-house database to ensure accurate contact information.
- Online Expense Authorization - This newly created module allows for the dissemination of financial information (i.e., weekly authorization requests, monthly financial statements, general expense requests) to be uploaded to a common area for authorization and general board information. Through access levels, specific society representatives, like the Secretary/Treasurer, would be given requests to provide input and authorization for every society expense. The end result is increased communication among all board members on the financial activity of the society as well as streamlining the authorization process for management staff.

Awards System
FASS has automated the system from online nomination to selection of awardees. This system’s greatest attribute is its extreme flexibility, which is demonstrated by its ability to allow for user-defined entry fields. Each award nomination form can be developed and customized online by staff members with little or no HTML experience. The configuration allows each award to conform to society bylaws to most accurately and precisely fulfill organization regulations and procedures.

Online Survey
The Online Survey Application was developed from the need for quick member surveys and data collection. This application allows administrators to determine the format of each question: multiple-choice, rankings, rate, and free responses. This application allows societies see what is on the minds of their members and to adjust their focus to meet those expectations.

The latest development in this application includes a results tabulation function. Throughout the submission process, administrators can view the results through an easy-to-use online Web site. Interpretation of results is easy using classification variables, which allow you to select specific groups for responses. Now, societies are able to gain valuable member insight at their fingertips.

Archival Services
Technology makes scientific information immediate through online postings. We are also able to publish in advance of print materials, resulting in the most efficient distribution of information. Technology makes it affordable by providing cost-management opportunities through the use of equipment that produces CD-ROMs in mass quantities. This efficiency translates to great savings to our members, who rely on this information.
Louise Audrieth, Production Assistant
Louise first started with ADSA (before FASS was formed) as a graphic artist in journal layout in 1983. She now works with several client publications, a journal, and a magazine. Her day-to-day tasks include formatting articles, preparing and correcting author proofs, preparing the journal for printing, and handling the PDF and HTML files for the Web sites. She also works with other publications such as abstract books, meeting programs, and society newsletters.

Mark Budden, Web Developer
Mark originally joined FASS in 1999 as an intern in the IT Department. Upon graduation, he started his full-time position with us in January of 2003. In addition to Web application development and maintaining and supporting society Web pages, Mark has taken the lead on CD development and replication, document scanning, format conversion, and archiving.

Keely Roy, Director of Information and Technology/Client Services Coordinator
Keely began her career at FASS in 1998. As Director of Information and Technology, she is responsible for the Web services, network services, and database services. She is also responsible for prioritizing departmental projects and coordinating resources within FASS. Keely also serves as a liaison between FASS and its client societies to ensure that society needs are being met.

Ted Veatch, Graphic Design
An unofficial member of the Information and Technologies Department, Ted is instrumental in the design of many of the websites that FASS produces. He also assists in the development of CD products that move through the department. Ted’s progressive site designs are a vital factor in the success of the services that we promote in the department.

Derek Wade, Database Administrator
As the Database Administrator, Derek is responsible for all activities relating to the membership-tracking program (iMIS). This includes preparing membership renewals, meeting registrations, and maintaining and updating membership records. He also works closely with the Accounting Department to ensure that the E-commerce system balances with bank statements and the accounting software.

Kevin Wolter, Network Administrator
Kevin joined FASS in July of this year. His first day, he traveled with staff to the Joint Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH. On a day-to-day basis, Kevin is responsible for maintaining and upgrading the computer network and all related equipment in the headquarters office. He has very quickly established his value within the organization by bringing a forward-thinking attitude to network administration.

Association Management Software
Contact information, billing information, and purchase history are stored within IMIS Association Software, the artery of our business. Through data manipulation and exporting, this system can be used to generate meaningful information to track valuable member activity. Through this software, we are able to offer secure e-commerce capabilities to society members. Members are able to renew their memberships, pay for meeting registration, and purchase products on-line.

Network Resources
Even those behind the scenes are responsible for facilitating science. Without a solid infrastructure to support these applications, society Web sites, and e-mail systems, information could not be shared and disseminated. It is a continual effort to not only keep up with technology, but also stay ahead of technology. This dedication ensures that ADSA and ASAS are able to provide their members with the most current member benefits. We invite you, the members, to assist us in this monumental effort. If you see a need, or if you would like additional information on the services that we can offer, please contact us at fass@assochq.org.
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ASAS and ADSA Appointments to FASS Board

The following current and past ASAS Board members are the 2005-2006 ASAS representatives to the FASS Board: David Buchanan, President; James R. Males, Past President; and Terry D. Etherton, Past Past President. Terry Etherton is the current FASS Board President. James W. Lauderdale, as Past President of FASS, remains on the board as an ex-officio member.

The 2005-2006 ADSA representatives to the FASS Board are Gary Hartnell (2008), ADSA Vice President; Dave Barbano (2007), ADSA President; and Mike Hutjens (2006) ADSA Past President.

Thank You to Jerry Baker

As you read earlier in this newsletter, Jerry Baker has assumed responsibility as the CEO of FASS. His leadership and service as ASAS Executive Director to ASAS and ADSA will be missed. We look forward to working with Jerry in his new position. Jerry, we know you will be successful as you lead FASS in its goal to facilitate science.

Thank you,
ASAS and ADSA
All of us have been influenced positively in our professional and personal lives by mentors, colleagues, society officers, and students. Fortunately, the ASAS Foundation provides an easy way for us to recognize and honor those individuals who have had such positive influences on our lives. Through an increasing array of programs, the ASAS Foundation gives all of us a tax-deductible way of honoring our friends and colleagues while also supporting various programs and activities of the American Society of Animal Science.

Six ASAS members have been recognized already through chartered Appreciation Clubs in their honor. Generous donations by individuals, companies, agencies, and organizations provided the funds to establish each Appreciation Club. The earnings from these contributions are being used to sponsor symposia at sectional and national meetings, provide travel scholarships for graduate students to attend these meetings, and sponsor legislative internships in Washington. ASAS Foundation guidelines require that each club accumulate contributions or pledges of $12,500 within 5 years after initial solicitation in order to become a Chartered Appreciation Club, and the total contributions must reach $25,000 within 4 years after chartering for a club to be funded in perpetuity. Individuals who contribute a minimum of $500 during the initial solicitation phase become charter members of that Appreciation Club. Such individuals can be charter members of any club to which they contribute at least $500 during the initial 5-year solicitation phase.

A new program that the ASAS Foundation has established to recognize friends and colleagues, either living or deceased, is the Tributes and Memorial Fund. Donations to the Tributes and Memorial Fund can be made in any amount, with a minimum contribution of $50. Once each year, the names of those being honored through the Tributes and Memorial Fund will be published in a specific location in the Journal of Animal Science, and donors will be acknowledged in the annual list of donors published by the ASAS Foundation. Donors that contribute $50 to $999 can request that their donation be used for general activities and programs sponsored by the ASAS Foundation or that the donation be assigned to one of the existing Appreciation Clubs. Donors that contribute $1,000 or more will be given an opportunity to request a 1-time activity in the name of the honoree. Activities include support of a specific symposium or specified topic at a national or sectional meeting, support of graduate student travel to a national or sectional meeting, contribution toward an internship in the FASS Washington, DC, office, or other ASAS programs or events suggested by the donor.

The Trustees of the ASAS Foundation will soon be distributing more information about how you can contribute to the Tribute and Memorial Fund this year. Also, the trustees are currently seeking to establish new Appreciation Clubs, and you are encouraged to contact me or other trustees if you would like to help establish a new club to honor a mentor, colleague, student, or friend who was an active member of ASAS.

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ASAS Foundation Appreciation Clubs

Members of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) are indebted to each other. Many have been students of ASAS members or have benefited from the work of ASAS members. Thus, the ASAS Foundation supports the formation of Appreciation Clubs to honor outstanding members of ASAS. Formation of Appreciation Clubs will allow those who have benefitted from the work of a particular member of ASAS to make a gift either in perpetuity or for special activities in the name of the honored person.

Yes, I would like to make a contribution to the following Appreciation Club:

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S-PAC (Searchable-Proceedings of Animal Conferences) became operational in early February thanks to the concerted efforts of Ken Olson, Brenda Carlson, Keely Roy, Vicki Paden, and others. The number of conferences with proceedings posted has increased to 11 along with ADSA Annual Meeting Abstracts in 1998 and 1999, and joint ADSA/ASAS Annual Meeting Abstracts from 2000 through 2005. A number of conferences have also contributed back issues of proceedings into the 1990s. Keep in mind that this entire database is searchable. You can get an overview of this subscribable service by going to http://www.adsa.org and clicking on the “What’s New” announcement. We are continuing to work with more conferences to bring them on board. And we are looking for other conferences or proceedings for posting and searching through this service in order to broaden the current database of proceedings. These may even be one-time special conferences. If a conference you would like to see is not there yet, let us know and contact them as well. A calendar of events plus the Web site link for each conference posted is already available in the database. We are quite flexible about what this service can be, so feel free to nominate conferences or proceedings for posting and to provide other comments to me as chair (andhil@swbell.net) of the advisory committee, along with members Roger Cady, Les Hansen, Jim Linn, Rick Lundquist, and John Smith. The initial response to S-PAC is best expressed by one early subscriber who said, “Searchable Proceedings is an awesome idea. Those books just sit on the shelf, unindexed, and you can never find what you need. Thank you, thank you, thank you.” There were 200 S-PAC subscribers as of mid-October. These were categorized as 39% from a broad range of companies, 26% from universities, 18% international, 11% from consultants, and the remainder from veterinarians, farms, media companies, and government agencies. Locations of subscribers, besides the USA, were in four Canadian provinces, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, South Korea, Colombia, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and China. For those who subscribe new this fall, when you renew ADSA, ASAS, ARPAS, or PSA membership, the S-PAC subscription will begin then rather than wait until the beginning of January 2006.

The tenth DISCOVER Conference was held April 10-13 at Stone Mountain, GA, on the topic of “Improving Health Through Dairy Foods: New Technologies, New Research, New Directions” and the 11th DISCOVER Conference August 28-31 at Nashville, IN, on “Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cows.” A review of the entire DISCOVER conference program is underway with a changing of the guard when Bill Baumgardt is able to hand the reins off to a successor as director of this program. Thus, the establishment of the Bill Baumgardt Discover Conference Scholarship Fund is most timely. The objective of this fund will center on providing funding for selected graduate students to attend future DISCOVER Conferences. Bill has been most responsible for the origin and success of that program. Kenneth Cummings has agreed to head this Fund Project. He is teaming with Monty Montgomery in this effort. Ken and Monty have developed some ideas and a plan to build a fund. This will be formalized later this fall with an anticipated launch earlier next year. Stay tuned. If you have ideas about this project, feel a desire to honor Bill in so doing, and would like to help in the genesis of this program, please contact Kenneth at ken.cummings@churchd wight.com or (609) 497-7111.

The 2005 Auction and Raffle in Cincinnati was another enjoyable success this summer. Further efforts were made this year to streamline the components in this auction to allow participation after the awards program, to enjoy the ice cream social, and to have time for other activities that evening. The usual ebullient crew of Lee Majeskie and Monty Montgomery with the help of Roger Cady, Kenneth Cummings, Mike Fowler, Clair Hicks, George Somkuti, and new members Chris Ashworth and Amos Zook brought the event off with flair and fun. Lee and Monty have served notice that 2006 will likely be their last year at the helm of the auction. And we would like to rotate some more new members on the committee to lead and support this annual effort in what has become a signal event at the annual meeting. If you have nominees or would like to volunteer yourself, please let me know at andhil@swbell.net. And feel free to contact current members to get their reading on supporting this annual program.

Last, but not least, thanks are extended to Ken McGuffey for his service on the Foundation Board of Trustees, and we welcome new trustee member Al Schultz.

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Letter from the ADSA Foundation Chair

2005 S-ADSA Symposium

The 2005 Southern Branch Symposium, entitled “Innovative Approaches to Address the Changing Needs of Our Dairy Industry,” was held on Tuesday afternoon, July 26. This program addressed the changing dynamics in staffing to enhance extension educational programs (V. Ishler), providing meaningful undergraduate student internships (D. Kenealy), and addressing the changing needs of the industry from the viewpoints of dairy production (D. Bennink), industry (M. Faust), and nutritional consulting (N. Ohanesian). All of the speakers did an excellent job of addressing these issues from a practical and applied standpoint.

Graduate Student Paper Contest

The Southern Branch sponsors a graduate student paper contest. The winners of the 2005 Graduate Student Paper Contest are as follows:

First place: J. V. Ware (University of Kentucky). Evaluation of immunological differences among Jersey, Holstein, and crossbred calves.

Second place: P. J. Myers (Clemson University). Use of formaldehyde-treated protein capsules as a means to protect conjugated linoleic acid from ruminal biohydrogenation.

Third place: J. L. Fain (University of Georgia). Effect of combining GnRH and ECP with a CIDR-PGF$_{2\alpha}$ protocol on pregnancy rates in Holstein heifers submitted to timed AI.

2006 S-ADSA Symposium

Planning is currently underway for the 2006 Southern Branch symposium to be held during the national meeting in Minneapolis next summer. Topics for this symposium will center around “Practical and Applied Ways of Overcoming the Challenges in Managing Dairy Businesses in the Next 10 to 20 Years” as they relate to labor management, reproduction, cow comfort, and feeding programs. A dairy producer will round out the symposium by discussing why they are investing in the future of the dairy industry.

2005-2006 Officers

The newly elected officers of the ADSA Southern Branch are as follows:

President: Donna Amaral-Phillips (Kentucky)
Vice-President: Bill Graves (Georgia)
Secretary-Treasurer: Cathy Williams (Louisiana)
Directors: Teresa Dove (Elanco Animal Health-Virginia) and Jodie Pennington (Arkansas)

Honor Award

The 2005 Honor Award was presented to Wayne Kellogg from the University of Arkansas for his many years of outstanding service to the Southern Branch of ADSA and to the entire dairy industry.

2006 ASAS Committee Volunteers Sought

It is not too late to volunteer or nominate ASAS members for a committee.

You are urged to submit nominations or self-volunteer for service on one of the ASAS committees. Terms will begin in July 2006. Current committee membership can be found on the ASAS Web site (http://www.asas.org/committees.asp). You may nominate to more than one committee. Send names and suggested committees to paulas@assochq.org or by mail to ASAS, 1111 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874. Thank you.

ADSA Executive Director Search

The ADSA Board has begun a search for a new Executive Director because Brenda Carlson has indicated her intent to retire in May 2006 as ADSA’s Executive Director. Brenda gave the ADSA Board advance notice to enable us to move forward with this search and allow for overlap during the transition period for the new Executive Director. Complete details of this position can be found on the ADSA web page at www.adsa.org under “What’s New”. If you or someone you know would like to discuss this position, please don’t hesitate to contact Dave Barbano, Brenda Carlson, or any of the ADSA Board members.
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The annual meeting of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science was held June 22-24, 2005, at New Mexico State University. The first day included a beef symposium titled “Your Beef Industry in 2025,” which was attended by 117 individuals. The morning session of the second day showcased the Graduate Paper Competition, which included 12 presentations. First place was awarded to Tonya Thelen from New Mexico State University, and second and third places were awarded to Chuck Murietta and Rebecca Atkinson, respectively, both of whom represented the University of Wyoming. The second and third finishes earned Wyoming the Institutional Award of $2,000, which is sponsored each year by Zinpro Corp. and was presented by Dr. Connie Larson. The remainder of the 2004 meeting included platform and poster sessions in which 116 papers were presented and subsequently published in the proceedings. The Applied Animal Science Award (sponsored by Alltech) went to a paper authored by R. R. Salverson, H. H. Patterson, G. A. Perry, and M. L. Gibson from South Dakota State University. A total of 215 individuals registered for the meeting.

Other awards presented at the 2005 Meeting were:

**Distinguished Service Award**
Dr. Mark Petersen, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces (Sponsor: DSM Nutritional Practices)

**Distinguished Teacher Award**
Dr. Chris Calvert, University of California - Davis (Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health)

**Extension Award**
Dr. Clay Mathis, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces (Sponsor: Fort Dodge Animal Health)

**Young Scientist Award**
Dr. David Bohnert, Oregon State University and Eastern Oregon Agriculture Research Center, Burns (Sponsor: Ridley Block Operations)

The 2005 Regional Academic Quadrathlon was sponsored by Monsanto and hosted by Utah State University in March. Oregon State University finished first overall.

Western Section Officers for 2005-2006 are: President - James Thompson (Oregon State University), President-Elect - Tim Ross (New Mexico State University), Secretary-Treasurer - Ken Olson (Utah State University), Industry Representative - Bret Christensen (Virtus Nutrition), Past-President - Elaine Grings (USDA - ARS, Miles City, MT), and Western Section ASAS Director - Dennis Hallford (New Mexico State University).

The 2006 Western Section Annual Meeting will be hosted by Utah State University during June in Logan, UT.

Dennis Hallford
Midwest Report

The annual meeting of the Midwestern Section of the American Dairy Science Association and The American Society of Animal Science will be held March 20-22 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The technical program will feature 10 symposia:

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Student events continue to highlight student academic and scholarly achievement. Undergraduate students will compete in the academic quadrathlon and have the opportunity to compete in the undergraduate student research paper competition. Graduate students will compete in 2 research paper competitions. A poster presentation competition has been added to the already very successful oral presentation competition.

This meeting is an important meeting place for those seeking employment as well as those recruiting young animal and dairy science professionals. The career fair is a designated time for employers and students to visit about career positions in animal and dairy industries. Please visit the web page (http://www.asas.org/midwestern) for additional information and updates about this meeting.

Northeast Section/Branch of ASAS/ADSA

The Northeast Section/Branch continues to meet annually in conjunction with the national annual meeting. As part of the oral presentation sessions, we hold our Graduate Student Competition. Each of the student presenters received a travel stipend, which helped them attend the national meeting and network with fellow professionals. In addition, the top three placings received $500, $350, and $250, respectively. First prize went to Rachael Teller, University of Delaware, second prize to Neil Brown, Penn State, and third prize to Ashley Peterson, University of Maryland. The graduate competitors were presented checks and certificates at the business meeting. Our NE Young Scientist Award for Research and Distinguished Service Awards were also presented at the business meeting. Douglas D. Bannerman, Research Biologist at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, was this year’s outstanding young scientist. W. Ray Stricklin, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, received the Distinguished Service Award. Richard Barczewski, outgoing president, was acknowledged for his three years of service on the NE Executive Board by incoming President Anthony Capuco. Tad Sonstegard advanced to the Vice Presidential position, and Richard Erdman was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Tom Hartsock began the second year of his three-year term as the Northeast Director on the ASAS Board.

2006 Officer Nominations for ASAS Requested

You are invited to submit nominations for ASAS Officers. Every ASAS member has the opportunity and responsibility to select officers for the society. You are urged to submit nominations for ASAS President-Elect (1-year term, then President and Past President), ASAS Director-at-Large (3-year term) and ASAS Graduate Director (2-year term).

You may nominate by e-mail to paulas@assochq.org, by letter to ASAS, 1111 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874 or on the web at http://www.asas.org/officernom.html. Thank you!
ASAS Southern Section Report

This year’s Southern Section Annual meeting will be held February 4-8, 2006, in Orlando, FL, in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). The Wyndham Orlando Resort will host the meeting and provide on-site lodging accommodations [see the SAAS website (http://www.asas.org/southern/2006/) for details and contacts]. We have 134 abstracts submitted, and the Program Committee is hard at work reviewing the abstracts and organizing the sessions. We’ve also had many deserving candidates nominated for awards again this year, and the various awards committees are already at work sorting out the most deserving nominee for each. The University of Florida will be hosting the regional Academic Quadrathlon. They’ve always done a great job in the past of challenging and entertaining the contestants, and we look forward to another great contest this year. Now, all we need is YOU! We had a large turnout last year for a great meeting in Little Rock, so make your plans early to attend this year’s Southern Section meeting in Orlando. I know budgets are tight, but please make a special effort to bring your new graduate students, whether they are presenting or not, to give them a good taste of what a professional meeting is all about.

Now for a little new business. First, Dr. David Morrison of LSU has been elected to serve as the new Secretary/Treasurer-Elect for the Southern Section. We look forward to working with Dave over the coming years and appreciate his willingness to serve the Society. Also, be looking for a new and improved @Southern Section Web site with primary credit going to the FASS staff. They keep working hard to make us look good.

When it’s cold and blowing snow up north in February, be thinking of us in Orlando. Despite all the hurricanes, there are some real advantages to being a member of the Southern Section...:)  

Dale Coleman

ADSA 2006 Officer Nominations Requested

You are invited to submit nominations for ADSA officers. Every member has the opportunity and responsibility to select officers for ADSA. You are urged to submit nominations for ADSA Vice President from the Dairy Foods Division, ADSA Director from the Dairy Foods Division, and ADSA Director from the Production Division. Please send your nomination(s) by e-mail to diannew@assochq.org or by mail to Dianne Wickes, ADSA, 1111 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874. Thank you.

ADSA 2006 Committee Volunteers Sought

ADSA looks to its members for service on the various committees that enable the organization to function. Members have the opportunity and responsibility to volunteer for the committee(s) of their choice. A list of ADSA committees can be found at http://www.adsa.org/committees.asp. If you would like to serve on a committee, please send e-mail to diannew@assochq.org or mail to Dianne Wickes, ADSA, 1111 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874. Thank you.

A Special Thanks to Our Volunteers at the World Dairy Expo

ADSA would like to thank the members who volunteered their time to work in the membership booth at the World Dairy Expo. A special offer was made to those stopping by the booth: join ADSA or ASAS for 15 months for the price of 12, or sign up for a free 3-month trial membership.

With the help of our volunteers, we signed up 9 individuals for the 15-month membership and 29 individuals for the 3-month trial membership. We also sold 5 books and a Dairy Cattle Training video.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Jim Oltjen, Bill Baumgardt, Dave Beede, Bill Bramer, Archie Devore, Spence Driver, R. L. Goings, Steve Heath, Jeff Hurst, Mike Hutjens, Kasim Ingawa, David Jones, J. W. Jones, Al Kertz, Roy Leach, Sam Leadley, Larry Satter, Leon Spicer, Charlie Stallings, and Jim Woodford for taking time out of their busy lives to assist us in the membership booth.
DISCOVER Conferences Update: 
11th DISCOVER Conference on Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cows

Researchers and Industry Professionals Meet to Discuss
Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cows

More than 125 dairy industry professionals gathered in late August to discuss and debate the nutritional requirements of dairy cows as they relate to amino acid usage. The conference was the 11th in a series presented by the ADSA DISCOVER Conference Series.

Five overall themes emerged from the conference: our current knowledge of amino acid requirements, metabolic and mammary considerations, ruminal and postruminal considerations regarding amino acid nutrition, industry perspectives, and future research and applications.

The conference highlighted the importance of amino acids in ration balancing. These aspects relate to increased milk production, efficiency of use of absorbed amino acids for milk protein synthesis, reduced need for supplemental protein, reduction in urinary nitrogen excretion, and overall enhanced herd profitability.

Amino acid requirements for growth were shown to be a function of the amino acid content of tissues, were affected by the amino acid requirements for maintenance and energy allowable gain, and can be altered by the balance/supply of other amino acids and nutrients. However, considerable information is required for amino acid requirements of growing animals. This includes which amino acid(s) is/are most limiting growth. Specifically, will there be a benefit(s) to supplementing amino acids to calves, (i.e. histidine), and can young calves synthesize sufficient quantities of arginine to meet requirements for growth? What are the effects on long-term nitrogen utilization and efficiency?

The use of fixed requirements for maintenance was questioned, and new ideas were advanced. Endogenous losses were shown to vary with nutrient supply. Variable recycling and removal of amino acids questions the assumption of fixed maintenance requirements.

Rumen microbial growth and protein synthesis were shown not to be limited by a single amino acid or group of amino acids. It was demonstrated that bacterial growth rate by amino acids depends on the growth rate supported by the energy source and that the incorporation of amino acids vs. ammonia is concentration-dependent.

Postruminal considerations regarding amino acids were discussed. Extensive essential amino acids metabolism by the portal drained viscera was shown to be largely from arterial pools. Liver removal and catabolism of essential amino acids were shown to reflect the balance between supply and demand; however, more data is needed under conditions of limiting supply. Data was provided showing that splanchnic amino acid metabolism changed with increasing protein intake in lactating cows. Clearly, as discussions continued, it was agreed that future research should focus on how level of feeding, starch fermentability, fiber level, physiological state, etc. affect these patterns.

As far as mammary use of amino acids was concerned, it was concluded that transfer efficiency from absorption to milk varies between amino acids and decreases with metabolizable protein intake. All amino acids are not created equal, and fractional use varies. Mammary uptake of most amino acids is influenced more by metabolic demand than by arterial supply. Questions revolved around the transport of amino acids being limiting for mammary amino acid supply, and it was determined that minimal information is available for dairy cattle. Several hormones are known to directly or indirectly regulate mammary uptake and utilization of amino acids; however, specific roles and mechanisms remain to be elucidated.

Discussion of industry perspectives highlighted areas of future need such as the development of rapid, accurate, and inexpensive methods for determining rumen undegradable protein and intestinal digestibility and standardization of these techniques.

Future needs regarding amino acid nutrition of dairy cows identified during this conference included: better prediction of milk and milk protein yields in response to amino acid supply; better understanding of the absorption and metabolism of amino acids by the liver and extra-hepatic tissues; better definition of amino acid requirements for maintenance, growth, pregnancy, and lactation; more accurate prediction of rumen degradable protein and rumen degradable protein supplies and synthesis of microbial protein; more accurate prediction of amino acid availability from microbial protein, rumen undegradable protein, soluble amino acids, and endogenous secretions; and improved feed analysis and diet evaluation models.

The DISCOVER Conference was held August 28-31 in Nashville, Indiana. Summaries of speaker presentations are available for viewing at the 11th DISCOVER Web site at [http://www.adsa.org/discover/11th%20discover2005.htm](http://www.adsa.org/discover/11th%20discover2005.htm); click on “Interpretive Summaries.”

The Program Committee included John Shirley, Kansas State University, Program Committee Chair; Alan Bell, Cornell University; Robert A. Patton, Nittany Dairy Nutrition, Inc.; Chris Reynolds, Ohio State University; Charles Schwab, University of New Hampshire, and Gabriella Varga, Penn State University.

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What’s on the horizon for the DISCOVER Conference Series?

Several topics are currently being considered for the 2006 conference year. More details will be coming to your e-mail inbox very soon. Please continue to help us plan our conference schedule by submitted topic ideas. DISCOVER Conferences are designed to provide in-depth discussion on cutting-edge science.
ASAS Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee will meet twice per year, once as part of the national meeting and then also at the ASAS Board’s midyear meeting. At our meeting in Cincinnati, we discussed a number of issues deemed critical to maintaining and increasing membership. These included a corporate membership structure; membership coordination with other societies with which we compete for members; increased effort to service graduate students, post-docs, and young faculty; and making membership easier for undergraduates. The Membership Committee submitted a motion to the ASAS Board to decrease the undergraduate student membership fee to zero, and this motion was passed.

Tom Hartsock, Chairman
ASAS Membership Committee

ASAS Centennial Planning

The Centennial Committee has been active through its subcommittees, following a series of meetings of the Committee and subcommittees during the Annual Meeting in Cincinnati. Those meetings were productive, and a lot of progress was made. We were especially grateful to have the opportunity to meet with a representative of the Indianapolis Convention Center, and from that meeting made significant progress on the logistics of the meeting.

Plans for the Opening Session/Celebration were further developed during the Cincinnati meeting. A truly memorable multimedia event is anticipated.

The most active group since the Cincinnati meetings has been the Logo, Slogan, and Special Publication Subcommittee, chaired by Bob Short, very actively seeking a set of logos and slogans to distribute to the ASAS membership for voting. We anticipate that this voting opportunity on the logo and slogan for the Centennial Celebration will be forthcoming before the end of Fall 2005.

We ask that all ASAS Members keep the Centennial Celebration in mind, and if you have ideas or feedback that the Planning Committee needs to hear, PLEASE send it to either Dave Ames (david.ames@colostate.edu) or Len Bull (leonard_bull@ncsu.edu).

Len Bull and David Ames

Congratulations to David H. Baker, ASAS Member, Elected to the National Academy of Sciences

David H. Baker of the Department of Animal Sciences, University of Illinois, was notified on May 3, 2005, that he had been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. This recognition is considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded a US scientist. Baker had previously received several major awards from ASAS, including the Morrison Award in 1994. In addition he received the Merck Award in 1977 from the Poultry Science Association, the Dannon Mentoring Award in 2003 from the American Society for Nutritional Sciences, and the Distinguished Service Award in 1987 from USDA. He has also received several awards from his university and is a fellow of ASAS, PSA, and ASNS.

Dr. Baker was cited for having developed purified chemically defined diets for nutrition and metabolism studies in pigs, chicks, rats, mice, cats, and dogs. His work has led to new information on the precursor role of amino acids and how vitamins and trace minerals interact with amino acids in the body. He has published more than 480 peer-reviewed papers and has directed the work of 37 Ph.D. students and 20 M.S. students. Currently, Professor Baker holds emeritus appointments in the UI Department of Animal Sciences, Division of Nutritional Sciences, and Internal Medicine in the College of Medicine.

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Joint Letter from the ADSA and ASAS Executive Directors and the ASAS Associate Executive Director

ADSA and ASAS were joined by the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) for the second joint meeting in July 2005 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Close to 3,000 people attended the meeting. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors, our members, and the FASS staff because, without them, the meeting would not have been the success that it was. ASAS and ADSA have accepted an invitation from CSAS to meet in Canada in 2009. The ASAS, CSAS, and ADSA boards will soon be selecting either Montreal or Quebec City.

The 2006 ADSA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 9-13, where ADSA will be celebrating their centennial. If you haven’t attended an annual meeting in a while, this is the meeting to attend. And, mark your calendars to help ASAS celebrate their centennial in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 27-31, 2008.

The FASS editorial and production department saw an upgrade in software and hardware, a shuffling of desks within the building, and still continued to keep the journals on time. Susan Pollock, FASS Editorial and Production Director, has also added the responsibility of Managing Editor for the four founding member society journals. Louise Adam, Technical Editor, will serve as the Assistant Director of Editorial and Production Department.

As we mentioned in previous newsletters, the founding member societies of FASS continue to join efforts in several areas to better serve our members. During the ADSA-ASAS joint meeting in Cincinnati, the editors-in-chief for the four journals met to discuss the commonalities and differences of the journal style and format. A common journal style and form will benefit the authors who submit to more than one journal.

For the fourth year, ADSA and ASAS have again joined PSA, ARPAS, and WPSA in providing joint individual professional membership renewals for 2006. In addition to cost savings, the joint renewal provides members an opportunity to join another society and/or purchase other special publications. In order to receive the printed version of a journal, you must be a member of that particular society. ASAS and ADSA also provide an opportunity for members to save money by registering for the 2006 joint meeting on the renewal form if returned by December 31, 2005.

We would like to hear from you. In some past issues of the newsletter, we featured an article called “Members Speak Out.” This is your opportunity to share your voice with the membership. One way for ASAS and ADSA to improve our services is to know how we are doing. We would also like to know if there are other services our societies could offer to provide a better value for your membership.

Thank you for your continued support of our societies. We look forward to hearing from you.

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FOR CURRENT AVAILABILITY AND IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION VIA THE INTERNET.

June 7: Deadline for special rates
After this date, rooms are based upon availability

INTERNET:
Do not mail and/or fax after submitting online.

MAIL:
ADSA-ASAS Housing
C/O GMCVA
250 Marquette Ave S.
Suite 1300
Minneapolis, MN  55401             1-888-947-2233  code: 3125

PHONE:
612-767-8201
Do not mail after faxing.

FAX:
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Photocopy this form if more than one room is required.
Only one room may be requested under each name.
Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first served-basis.
Allow up to one week for acknowledgment. If it is not received by June 7, please contact the housing bureau.

ROOM PREFERENCE: (please circle choices)
King Bed      2 Double Beds      Wheelchair accessible
Non-Smoking      Other: __________________________

Number of persons in room:  1   2   3   4

NOTE: Room type preferences are requests only and cannot be guaranteed until time of check in.

RESERVATION GUARANTEE:
Reservations must be guaranteed. A deposit of $150 for each room is required before a reservation may be processed. Please include a major credit card number or a check, made payable to GMCVA Housing Bureau. Credit Cards must be valid through July 2006 to be considered a proper guarantee.

American Express      MasterCard      VISA
Discover      Diner’s Club

Card No:_________________ Exp:______

Name:________________________

Signature:____________________

Check No.__________ Amount:__$________

CHANGES / CANCELLATIONS:
Cancellations after June 7 will be charged a $25.00 Event Cancellation Processing Fee. Cancellations within 72 hours prior to the day of arrival will forfeit their entire deposit. Early departures are subject to penalty fees set by the hotel. Credit cards will only be charged if cancelled within the penalty period. A charge of first nights room and tax will be applied and/or forfeited if you do not cancel or do not arrive (no-show). Check deposit cancellations will be refunded after the convention.