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1906 - Celebrating a Century of Achievements - 2006

The Centennial Celebration of ADSA is now a wonderful memory. Many people and sustaining members contributed ideas, financial support, and countless hours of hard work to celebrate and document 100 years of contributions of ADSA to the dairy industry. Our rich heritage was captured in *four* different commemorative memorabilia. Each member of ADSA should have them on hand for their reference and enjoyment.

The *Journal of Dairy Science*, which over the years has become the highest ranked general dairy research journal in the world, is the key component of two of the Centennial commemorative pieces; the others also include valuable reference articles, as well as historic images, detailing the history of ADSA and the dairy industry.

The Centennial commemorative memorabilia are:

- A CD titled *Celebrating a Century of Achievements*, which contains historical essays from all three special issues of *The Journal of Dairy Science*: the 50th, 75th, and 100th anniversary publications (\$10).
- The Centennial Issue (JDS April 2006); a paper copy of the 100th anniversary issue, containing the historical articles as well as the scientific articles which are not included on the CD collection (\$30).
- *One Hundred Years of Inquiry and Innovation: An Illustrated History of the American Dairy Science Association*, a beautiful book providing an amazing collection of pictures, and text detailing significant events in the history of the dairy industry and individual contributions to dairy science by ADSA members and others (\$30, plus S&H).

For more information on ordering any of these items, contact ADSA at (217) 356-5146 (extensions 10 or 25) or e-mail adsa@assoqh.org.

The fourth item created in celebration of the Centennial is a DVD that contains two documentaries highlighting the history of the dairy industry, and of ADSA, and is now available for viewing on the ADSA web site at <http://www.adsa.org/history.asp>. Sit back and enjoy listening to members and industry figures provide commentary on the importance of ADSA as a forum for scientific exchange, training of future leaders, and bringing technological innovations from the lab to the farm and dairy plant.

In addition, as a special contribution to the 2006 Joint Annual Meeting, over 40 university departments, government research groups and sustaining members provided posters that highlighted ADSA's contributions to dairy science. The posters may be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.adsa.org/centennial/posters.asp>.

A Personal Note - My career was in its early stages in 1981, the Diamond Anniversary. My membership in ADSA was selfish-I was only interested in what ADSA could provide for me through professional contacts especially during the annual meetings and the *Journal of Dairy Science*. During the next 25 years, ADSA became all of these and more. Professional contacts became mentors and friends. I was asked to serve on some committees and to have my name entered on the ballot for the Board of Directors and for the President of ADSA. I was asked to serve as Chair of the Centennial Planning Committee. I am now retired (time sure goes fast) but will remain active in ADSA and the dairy industry. What you may wonder is the point of this? ADSA needs full, active participation from all members. Attend the annual meeting. Go to the business and town hall meetings. Let your voice and opinions be known there and to Board members. Get involved in your ADSA. You will develop many friends along the way and ADSA will be better because of your involvement.

Ken McGuffey



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2007 ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Joint Meeting

Greetings from the 2007 Joint Symposium Planning Committee and our FASS support staffers. Just a mere nine months to go before we all meet in San Antonio and already we are well underway in the planning of this extensive and comprehensive meeting of our societies. Below you will find a list of anticipated symposia currently in the process of being finalized by their respective committees. We hope that you will make plans to come to San Antonio (July 8-12) to attend selected symposia, or make an oral or poster presentation, or just network with old and new friends and colleagues. If you have comments or suggestions regarding any aspect of the 2007 Joint Meeting, feel free to contact Jennifer Gavel or me.

Murray R. Bakst
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- ADSA Production Division: Improving Production, Viability, and Reproduction of Dairy Cattle during Periods of Heat Stress
- ADSA Southern Branch: Keeping Dairying Going and Growing
- Alpha Beef Cattle Nutrition Symposium: Manipulation of Nutrient Synchrony
- ARPAS: Current and Future On-Farm Auditing & Assessment
- Animal Behavior & Well-Being: New Methodologies in Animal Well-Being Analysis Theme: The Science of Assessing Animal Behavior and Well-being
- Bioethics: The Ethics of Food Animal Production, Processing & Marketing
- Breeding & Genetics: New challenges and opportunities from automation of animal data recording
- Companion Animals: Pet Food Ingredients - Mining, Dredging, and Extrapolating Effective Nutrient Delivery
- Contemporary & Emerging Issues: Human Health and Economic Ramifications of Livestock and Poultry Diseases
- Contemporary & Emerging Issues: Inclusion of Biofuel Co-Products/By-Products in Animal Diets
- Milk Protein & Enzymes: Proteomics and Milk
- Dairy Foods: The Dairy Management Inc. National Dairy Foods Research Center Program: Responding to Industry Needs for New Technologies, Products & Markets
- Dairy Foods: On the road from analysis and discovery of functional milk bioactives to new products and health outcomes
- Joint ASAS/ADSA/PSA Extension Workshop: Accountability Issues in Extension: Identifying, Measuring and Reporting Impacts and Changing the Future of Food Animal Production
- Food Safety: Current and Future *Salmonella* Challenges
- Forages & Pastures: Understanding Diet Selection in Temperate Biodiverse Pasture Systems
- Forages & Pastures: Tropical forages: Management and Environmental Issues Affecting Use Efficiency
- Goat Species: Nutrient Requirements of Goats
- Growth & Development: Transcriptional factors and cell mechanisms for regulation of growth and development with application to animal agriculture
- Horse: Recent advances in Understanding Metabolic Disorders in Horses
- International Animal Agriculture: Global Livestock and Poultry Issues
- Meat Science & Muscle Biology: Joint ADSA-ASAS-PSA-AMPA Symposia: Packaging and Marinating
- Non-ruminant Nutrition: Lessons and Logistics of Application of Digestible Amino Acids in Diet Formulation
- Non-ruminant Nutrition: Understanding Protein Synthesis and Degradation and Their Pathway Regulations for Improving Monogastric Production Efficiency & Product Quality
- Non-ruminant Nutrition: Natural Phytobiotics for Health of Young Animals and Poultry: Mechanisms and Application
- Physiology & Endocrinology: The role of omega-3 and -6 fatty acids in regulation of reproductive function
- Production, Management & Environment: The Evolving National Animal Identification System
- Ruminant Nutrition: Maintaining Milk Components When Feeding Corn Milling Co-Products
- Ruminant Nutrition: Environmental Concerns with Feeding Corn Milling Co-Products in Feedlot Diets
- Ruminant Nutrition: Opportunities to Improve Forage Utilization and Rumen Function
- Sheep: Biology and Management of Low-input Lambing Management in Easy-Care Systems
- Swine Species: Impact of Season on the Boar and Sow
- Teaching / Undergraduate & Graduate Education: Shaping Animal Science Curricula for 2020
- Enhancing the Undergraduate Learning Experience in Animal Agriculture, Through the Integration of Teaching and Research
- ASAS: From Choosing a Graduate Program to Embarking on a Successful Career: A Guide for Livestock and Poultry Science Students
- Informal Nutrition Symposium: The Impact of Imprinting on Biological and Economic Performance of Animals
- Triennial Growth Symposium: Exploring the interface between growth biology and immunology
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2006 Joint Annual Meeting Statistics

Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 9-13, 2006

Sessions		Presentations	
Symposia	33	Oral	693
Oral	60	Poster	781
Poster	38	Total	1,474

Attendance & Exhibits

Registered attendees . . 2,804
Exhibitors (companies) . . 72
Booth spaces 98

ADSA/ASAS Symposia Recordings

Providing enhanced benefits and quality services to our members are two goals for the professional scientific organizations **American Society of Animal Science** and **American Dairy Science Association**. Each year selected conference symposia presentations are recorded and interactive archives are created. The audio and a transcript of presentations have been synchronized with the video portion. Visit <http://adsa.asas.org/recordings/> to access the recorded symposia from the 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 joint meetings and the 2005 Midwest meeting.

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American Feed Industry Association Award Michael S. Allen	National Milk Producers Federation Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award Laurie Winkelman
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Danisco International Dairy Science Award Karsten Bruun Qvist	Land O'Lakes, Purina Feed LLC Graduate Student Poster Contest Alejandro Relling
DeLaval Dairy Extension Award Kathryn J. Boor	ADSA Food Specialties Award Scott A. Rankin
Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award Dale R. Olver	The Genevieve Christen Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award Lorena Johnson (not present)
International Dairy Foods Association Research Award in Dairy Foods Processing Phillip S. Tong	ADSA Foundation Scholar Award in Dairy Foods Ashraf Hassan
International Dairy Production Award Gerardo Caja	ADSA Foundation Scholar Award in Dairy Production Mary Beth Hall
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National Milk Producers Federation Richard M. Hoyt Award Daniel Z. Caraviello	ADSA Fellows Robert Michael Akers
Nutrition Professionals, Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award Alois (Al) F. Kertz	Edward "Ted" Blair Burnside
Pfizer Animal Health Physiology Award Stephen P. Oliver	W.R. "Reg" Gomes
Pioneer Hi-Bred Forage Award William P. Weiss	Ronald L. Horst
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Do you know a prospective ADSA award winner? If so, it's time to nominate that person for a 2007 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 on line at www.adsa.org/newawards/nominator.asp. You can also visit www.adsa.org/awards.asp to print a nomination form to be faxed to ADSA Headquarters.

Communication with nominators and nominees will be via e-mail; accurate e-mail addresses are necessary.

The nomination process has 2 deadlines:

December 22, 2006: Nominations are due. Nominators will be notified after verification of the nominee.

February 16, 2007: Nominators must supply the biographical and supporting materials for their nominations.

If you need assistance, contact Dianne Wickes (phone: 217-356-5146, ext. 25; fax: 217-398-4119; e mail: diannew@assoqh.org).

2006 ASAS Award Winners

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To contribute an item to the auction or raffle, simply complete the form below and send it to ADSA Headquarters. 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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ASAS Strategic Plan

The ASAS Strategic Plan is progressing. The steering committee consisting of Jim Males, Andrea Cupp, Maynard Hogberg, Denis Petitclerc, Jim Oltjen, Christy Taylor, Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, and consultant Pam Mavrolas is continuing to collect data. The Board participated in a benchmarking survey, which we discussed in detail at the Minneapolis meeting. Results from the benchmarking survey were divided into issues that needed to be dealt with immediately and those that were longer term and will become part of the strategic planning process. Meghan and Paula have and are addressing those issues that were identified as immediate. These involved some financial issues around investments and Board communication.

During the Minneapolis meeting we held 4 focus groups. These were with graduate students, new or nonmembers, members from industry, and international members. We got some very valuable input. We will continue these focus group sessions at the 3 regional meetings during the

winter/spring and possibly at next year's joint meeting in San Antonio.

Thank you to those that have taken the opportunity to complete the member survey at Minneapolis or during the past month. We have met our goal of more than 1/4 of our members completing the survey. If you would like to provide input directly to the steering committee, e-mail me at james.males@oregonstate.edu.

After data are gathered over the next year, a planning retreat involving the Board and additional invited individuals will be held next October. The goal is to have a new strategic plan presented to the Board for their approval at the January 2008 mid-year meeting. The new strategic plan will then be unveiled to the membership during the centennial year of ASAS.

James Males
Chair, ASAS Strategic Plan



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ASAS Member, David Buchanan Receives Award

David Buchanan, Oklahoma State University, received the 2006 Southern Region Teaching Award at the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference, which was held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver this year. The NACTA regional award is a competitive, prestigious award that is presented annually to one recipient in each of the five regions. To be eligible for the award, nominees must have previously received the NACTA Teacher Fellow Award and must continue to show excellence in teaching as well as dedication to students and the educational process.

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In order to enhance our membership services it is important for us to have current and accurate demographic data on our members. Therefore, as part of a joint initiative between ADSA, ASAS, and PSA, please be sure to complete the on-line survey.

This survey will serve two functions. First, it will allow your society or societies to gather valuable demographic data that will be used to enhance our understanding of the memberships, allowing the creation of more member services. Second, the survey will provide an easy mechanism for you to check your personal information on file at FASS headquarters.

Please take a few minutes and update your information.

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Letter from the ASAS President

Maynard Hogberg



The opportunities for involvement of our society in animal agriculture nationally and globally continue to seem boundless. Members of our society provide the research and innovativeness to solve problems or to increase the knowledge that is necessary to advance the animal industries. Members of our society are also charged to educate the next generation of leaders in animal agriculture and all of the related industries as well as provide for continuing education and economic development to animal agriculture. To have the impact on society that is potential, it takes people and organizations working together. Building these partnerships and making them work does create challenges and often takes more time than if we did it ourselves but in the end, the rewards and impacts are generally greater. As a professional society, it is important for us to continue to build stronger relationships with our sister professional societies such as ADSA, the Poultry Science Association, American Meat Science Association, and the Equine Science Society. We must continue to seek ways for us to work together for the well-being of animal agriculture.

It is real pleasure to work with a great officer team and board. They are a thoughtful group that continues to work hard as they represent you for the society. I also want to recognize Meghan Wolster-Radcliffe and the job that she has done since joining ASAS as Executive Director in March. She is doing an outstanding job of moving the programs and agenda of the society forward with the help of Paula Schultz, our Associate Executive Director. The activities of our society have grown immensely and it takes the efforts of both Meghan and Paula to stay on top of the society's business.

Membership continues to be a concern as we have seen membership drop, especially among our younger members. This past summer, our board approved a new award to encourage

new animal scientists to become active in the society and annual meeting. Under the leadership of Steve Lonergan, an Early Career Achievement Award has been established. Two awards have been approved for this next year and will be funded by the ASAS Foundation. The winners will be invited to speak at a symposium at next years meeting in San Antonio and contribute a paper to the electronic supplement of the *Journal of Animal Science*. They will be provided with registration for the meeting, a travel allowance up to \$1,500, and membership in ASAS for 2 years.

We have also been concerned with a drop in attendance on the last day of the meeting as well as an increasing number of no-shows for posters at the annual meeting. Gary Hartnell, President of ADSA, Drew Giesen, President of PSA, and myself have appointed an ad hoc committee of past program chairs to address the above issues as well as review the program process and to provide recommendations on how to make the meetings more efficient and appealing to our memberships. Dave Anderson and David Beede are co-chairing this committee.

Our strategic planning effort continues to move forward under the leadership of Jim Males. We held a series of focus groups in Minneapolis during the meetings this past summer and currently are surveying the membership for input. We plan to hold additional focus groups at the sectional meetings this coming winter and spring. I would encourage all members to provide your input through the electronic survey. This is *your* society and we need your input as we develop strategies for the next 5 to 7 years.

This year we have invested a considerable amount of time reviewing the ASAS Foundation accounts and Appreciation Clubs. Under the leadership of Jack Britt and Meghan Wolster-Radcliffe, we have reviewed all of the Appreciation Clubs

and reconciled these accounts. In order to better manage the accounts and gain the best return, we have consolidated all accounts into a main account and have guaranteed a minimum annual payout of 5% to each Appreciation Club. This should provide more stability in income to the clubs, allowing them to plan on making the best use of the income. Additionally, we also have appointed an investment committee to oversee the foundation accounts and investments.

Under the leadership of Larry Reynolds, our JAS Editor-in-Chief, we have implemented publish ahead of print for manuscripts submitted to the journal. This will speed up publications for our members.

Lastly, I greatly appreciate the input I have received from some of you. I look forward to visiting with you at the sectional meetings this coming year. If you have suggestions for improving the society in its service to our membership and animal agriculture, please feel free to send me an email at Hogberg@iastate.edu

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Letter from the ADSA President

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ADSA Vision: Science, education and service for the dairy industry

ADSA Mission Statement: The American Dairy Science Association provides leadership in scientific and technical support to sustain and grow the global dairy industry through generation, dissemination, and exchange of information and services.

Celebration of 100 Years of Excellence

What a wonderful opportunity to join in the celebration of ADSA's Centennial at the annual meeting. The contributions of so many of you that volunteered your time, effort, and resources to make this a truly memorable experience are truly appreciated. I want to especially express my gratitude to Ken McGuffey for his leadership in the Centennial committee and Rick Grant for his leadership in the overall program. The involvement of the Dairy Foods and Dairy Production Pioneers to the meetings, centennial posters, coffee table book, and CDs brought a rich historical perspective to the meetings. For the many Pioneers and retired members who attended and participated in the meetings, I express my appreciation to you for your interaction with your colleagues added a stimulating dimension that we need to foster in the future. Based on the contributions of the past, I am excited to see advancements that will be delivered by you now and in the future. Lastly, I want to thank all of the sponsors who financially supported this endeavor.

Leadership

I am blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful people. A sincere thanks to the retiring members of the ADSA Board who served as directors, Jim Linn and MaryAnne Drake; treasurer, Ellen Jordan; and outgoing past president, Mike Hutjens. A special thanks to now-retired executive director, Brenda Carlson, for her many contributions over many years of service to ADSA. Their passion for ADSA was so evident in their service. Joining the Board this year are Eric Bastian and Al Kertz as directors, Bill Aimutis as treasurer, and MaryAnne Drake as vice president. Dave Barbano as past president will provide valuable

contributions as well. I look forward to working with the Board and am excited about their leadership that they bring to the organization. Gary Rogers is also doing an outstanding job as editor-in-chief of our journal. Our new executive director, Peter Studney, has already contributed significantly to ADSA. The amount of work, new initiatives, and relationships that must be successfully managed is complex and voluminous. I appreciate his efforts as well as key support from Dianne Wickes, Vicki Paden and other hardworking ADSA support staff.

Get to know your representatives such as Maurice Eastridge (ADSA program representative), Ron Pearson (Production Division chair), Charles Boeneke (Dairy Foods Division chair), and Les Hansen (ADSA Foundation chair). I want to say thanks to those members who have stepped forward and are taking an active role in the numerous committees and offices within the association (for a complete listing of all of the members involved in offices, committees, and ADSA representatives, I refer you to the ADSA website). For those members that are not currently involved, I challenge you to look within ADSA and consider how you can contribute to the success of ADSA.

The DISCOVER Conferences have been a successful venture for ADSA through Bill Baumgardt's leadership. In a step to take this program to the next level, a DISCOVER Conference charter was recently developed that will provide guidance for the management of this program. I am saddened by the fact that Bill has decided to remove himself from the leadership position. His passion and exuberance will be missed. The Board is in the process of identifying a new director.

Publications

The *Journal of Dairy Science (JDS)* is having another stellar year under the leadership of Gary Rogers (editor-in-chief). Last year was the third year in which 400 manuscripts and 4,000 pages were published. The journal is

one of the top three animal science journals based on impact ratings in its category. The Journal Management Committee, Editorial Board, reviewers, and FASS staff are due our gratitude. I appreciate the efforts of hundreds of ADSA members that continually devote time and energy to enhancing the quality and value of *JDS* to its readership worldwide. The incorporation of both dairy foods and dairy production papers contributes to a truly integrated approach in communicating dairy science to the subscriber.

One of the efforts that should be completed next year is the archiving of all past issues of *JDS* since its first publication. Donations of the early issues by our members made this possible. In the near future we should have the ability to search articles in all issues of *JDS*. Also, more review articles will be published, thereby enhancing the value of *JDS* to an even greater extent.

Searchable Proceedings of Animal Conferences (S-PAC) is growing with more conferences and conference proceedings being added each year. This product is an excellent resource for quickly accessing information on a particular topic of interest. If you haven't done so already, please check it out on the ADSA website. I appreciate Al Kertz's leadership in this endeavor.

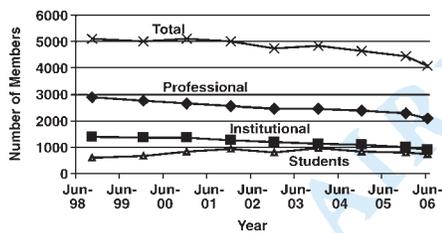
Communication

Communication is paramount in the growth of any relationship. As the leadership of this organization, we want to keep you informed and provide services to you that are of value. The ADSA website is one of those areas that is undergoing enhancement to be more current and user friendly. We also want the membership renewal and meeting registration processes to be easy to navigate and member friendly. Please let us know what you think. I encourage you to contact Peter Studney at headquarters (217-356-5146 x 11), myself (314-694-8521), or any of the Board members. Or, send us an e-mail at adsa@assoq.org.

Membership

Membership is the foundation of the association. Without members the organization cannot be fiscally sound, provide quality meetings, or produce a gold-standard journal. ADSA's membership has declined by almost 1,000 members since 2001 (Figure 1). Half of the decline is from professional members and the remaining decline is split about equally between the institutional and student members. At current membership rates, this equates to a reduction in revenue of ~\$170,000. At the same time, the number of international members continues to grow as is evident by the

Figure 1. ADSA Membership (1998 - 2006)



increasing number of manuscripts being submitted from international authors. Currently, one-third of ADSA members are considered international. We need to continue to look for ways to meet the needs of all of our members and identify ways to retain and recruit new members. The ADSA International committee under the leadership of Sergio Calsamiglia has contributed significantly to focusing on the international segment of our association. We had an outstanding International reception at the annual meetings this year that continues to grow each year. I applaud the committee for their active role and passion for this segment of our membership. There are other segments of the population that I call pre-members. ADSA needs to identify these segments and market our benefits to meet their needs. One of these segments includes industry. With the continuing mergers of companies, the resource pool from corporate sponsors and members continues to decline. However, there are corporations (not corporate members) that have some of their employees as ADSA members. We need to identify what ADSA can provide to these potential industry partners that would result in them joining or increasing their sponsorship and support of ADSA. I challenge the current ADSA members that are in industry to assess the needs of their company and call or send me their ideas and thoughts of how ADSA can be of value to your company or organization.

Financial Situation

ADSA is in sound financial condition. Our cash reserves have met and exceeded

the target set forth by the Board of Directors. Much of this success has been due to our journal, which is the biggest contributor to our revenue (53%), followed by the joint annual meetings (21%) and member services (16%). We also had reduced budgeted expenses because the FASS Scientific Liaison position has not been filled for the last couple of years. Since 1996, journal revenue has grown by 356% due to increased efficiencies and significant increases in the number of pages printed (international authorship has been a significant contributor to the increased pages), whereas member services revenue has declined by 43%. However, expenses are increasing for management services, staff, journal, annual meetings to name a few, the scientific liaison position will be filled, and rate of membership decline may continue. This could lead to a very challenging financial situation in the near future. The Board of Directors is focusing on strategies to keep the association on a solid financial track in the near and long-term.

Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS)

FASS, under the leadership of Jerry Baker and Normand St-Pierre (FASS treasurer), has seen a significant positive turnaround in its financial situation. This is great news for ADSA and the other two founding societies (ASAS and PSA) for which FASS provides management services. Your past president, president, and vice president serve on the FASS Board of Directors. One area of focus has been the filling of the position of Director of Scientific Liaison in Washington, DC. The FASS Board has looked at one option for filling the position; however, the financials required for this option exceeded the approved budget. The Board is now evaluating alternative options that would allow a presence in Washington, DC, to enable dissemination of science-based information.

Student Affiliate Division (SAD)

Our SAD is active and full of energy. The Board and some of the Pioneers had the opportunity to meet and engage in conversation with the SAD students at the SAD luncheon in Minneapolis. This was a rewarding experience for all. We have outstanding students that are already making significant contributions to our society and industry-I am proud of them. A special thanks is extended to Molly Kelley and the national and club advisors for without their guidance and involvement, SAD would not be what it is today.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan has been approved and the Board of Directors and Staff are busy moving forward on developing plans and budgets for each of the 6 core initiatives. These initiatives ranked in order of importance by the membership along with the name of the accountable Board member are as follows:

- 1) Improve and enhance the *Journal of Dairy Science* (Tom Gruetzmacher)
- 2) Provide a world-class annual meeting, workshops, DISCOVER conferences, etc.
(Don Beitz)
- 3) Strengthen ADSA's current membership (Jim Drackley)
- 4) Identify, develop, and foster key relationships between ADSA and allied groups
(Al Kertz)
- 5) Strengthen ADSA's presence in the international scientific community
(Eric Bastian)
- 6) Develop ADSA's current and future leaders (Bob Roberts)

We look forward to the excellent leadership that each board member brings in advancing these initiatives.

The presidents of ADSA, ASAS, and PSA have authorized the formation of an ad hoc committee of past program chairs to be co-chaired by Dave Beede and Dave Anderson. This committee will conduct an in-depth review of the annual meeting process and develop recommendations for improvement. This is another great example of members seeing a way to contribute to the success of our annual meeting.

We have accomplished much already, yet many opportunities still await us. With everyone's involvement, we can accomplish great things and make ADSA an even better association. I leave you with the following quotes to contemplate.

The quality of an organization can never exceed the quality of the minds that make it up. - Harold McAlindon

An empowered organization is one in which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success. - Stephen R. Covey

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Report from the JAS Editor-in-Chief

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I'm not sure where the time goes-it seems I was writing my first report as editor-in-chief just yesterday, and here we are, 13 months and 437 edited papers later. I guess it really is true that time flies when you are having fun.

On the new initiatives front, the first Board-Invited Review was published in the September issue of the *Journal* (Wu et al., Vol. 84:2316-2337); several of the others are accepted or are in the pipeline. These state-of-the-art reviews should add considerable value to the *Journal* and benefit to the readership.

I just received word today that Papers in Press (PIP) is now fully up and running. We will begin posting PIP papers, starting with any that received the new acceptance letter (beginning last Friday, September 22); it may take a week or two before the new link and papers are apparent on the JAS home page. Again, this new service should add real value to the *Journal*.

The PIP initiative required a small change in the way the *Journal* operates. Division Editors (DEs) are now the ones who officially accept a manuscript, and once they do so, the paper is posted to the PIP web site. This is really only a conceptual change because the DEs have been the ones who accept manuscripts since the new editorial structure (DEs and Associate Editors) was implemented several years ago. As in the past, the technical editors and I will still edit each accepted manuscript for scientific usage, journal style and form, and grammatical correctness.

So what else does the editor-in-chief do? First, besides editing every accepted manuscript, I edit, along with the technical editing staff, the final page proof of each issue of the journal before it goes to press. On a daily basis, I handle numerous queries from editors, technical staff, ASAS members, readers of the *Journal*, and others concerning a host of issues, from style and form to types of articles accepted to copyright release requests to appeals of manuscript rejections. I also am involved in

a continuing stream of projects associated with the *Journal*. My list of projects, or goals, for this year is as follows:

1. Establish revised workflow for DE and EiC to coincide with release of PIP;
2. Continue to work on Board-Invited Reviews;
3. Continue, in conjunction with DE Bob Dailey, to work on implementing the Perspectives subhead in the Special Topics division;
4. Continue to work with Program Committee and DE Mark Miranda on Symposia papers for e-supplement reviews;
5. Completely revise Style and Form;
6. Pursue new business model options with Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe and Susan Pollock, with the goal of having a proposal for the Board at the Mid-Year meeting in Atlanta;
7. Continue to work with Paula Schultz and Susan Pollock on archiving the back issues of the *Journal* (Legacy Project); and
8. Work with Mike Galyean (and others?) to update "History of JAS" on the ASAS web site.

I am happy to report that I have made good progress on several of these projects since the summer meetings in Minneapolis. I have yet to address several others, however, and have no doubt that additional issues will surface as the year progresses. One issue of which you should all be aware, and that is driving our desire to pursue a new business model for the *Journal* (item 6, above) is so-called "open access" publishing.

Open access is an issue that surfaced several years ago and continues to threaten society-based, not-for-profit publishers such as the ASAS. I don't want to belabor the pros and cons of this movement here (for more information on the open access movement, go to <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/about/openaccess.html> for the 'pro' side and <http://www.dcpinciples.org/> for the 'con' side; note that ASAS is one of the members of the DC Prin-

ciples group). Rather, I want to make you aware of what this means for not-for-profit publishers. Because subscriptions and reprints provide a fairly large proportion of the income of many journals, and because having immediate, open access to papers as they are published will reduce the value of subscriptions, the income of a journal via this stream will likely be reduced dramatically. Fortunately for the *Journal of Animal Science*, subscriptions and reprints represent less than 10% of the *Journal's* income.

Because someone must pay for the cost of publishing, the open access movement has led to the "author pays" model. The publication fees paid by the author in most open access journals, like those of BioMed Central or the Public Library of Science (PLOS), are approximately \$1,700 to 2,500 per manuscript. This compares with approximately \$550 per manuscript for page charges on an average paper in *JAS*. However, because funding agencies such as the EU and the NIH are in strong support of open access, we are anticipating that the "author pays" model will become the only model available to scientific publishers in the near future. At the very least, this will bring a change in the business model for journals such as *JAS*, and that is why the Board charged Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, Susan Pollock, and me with exploring what that might mean for *JAS*, and to develop a new business model plan for how *JAS* might deal with this change.

As always, there continues to be plenty to work on and 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 always welcome and always appreciated. Cheers to all!

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Report from the JDS Editor-in-Chief

Gary W. Rogers

Fall is upon us but it seems like only yesterday that many of us met in Minneapolis for the ADSA Annual Meeting. Temperatures have cooled off for most of us but the *Journal of Dairy Science* (JDS) continues to move forward at a very fast pace. As of mid September, almost 600 new manuscripts have been submitted to JDS since the beginning of the year. This is about the same pace of submissions as we had in a record-setting 2005 when JDS ended up with 908 new manuscripts submitted.

Almost every year JDS undergoes some changes. This upcoming year, we expect to see some relatively minor changes that include the migration to a new version of Manuscript Central. This new version of Manuscript Central will not be very different for most users but it will have a slightly different look compared to the current version used by JDS. Authors and reviewers will follow a very similar sequence of tasks in the new version compared with the current version. For editors and administrators the new version will be somewhat different and this new version will be more powerful with new features that will enhance the efficiency of the editors and administrators. The new URL will be www.mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jds and users will be made aware of this change once the new version is launched. Users will be automatically redirected to the new URL if they try to login to the current site once the new version is launched.

A second change at JDS is the addition of 2 new section editors. Matt Lucy from the University of Missouri is joining us this fall as a new section editor for the Physiology and Management section. Matt will be replacing retiring senior editor Jeff Stevenson. Lorraine Sordillo will move into the senior editor position for Physiology and Management for this year as well. Keith Cummins from Auburn University is also joining us as a new section editor in the Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves section. Matt will be replacing Wayne Kellogg who has completed his last year

as senior editor. Dave Schingoethe will be the new senior editor for the Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves section for this upcoming year. Please welcome Matt and Keith to their new roles when you get the opportunity and thank them for their willingness to serve in this important role.

A third change that you will see over the next year is an increase in the number of "Invited Reviews" published by JDS. We hope to increase the number of invited reviews to about 10 to 12 per year. The ADSA Board and the Journal Management Committee both support this change for upcoming volumes of JDS. The senior editors and section editors are actively working on ideas for invited reviews and we have several in the writing and review stages currently.

I have more good news about JDS. The journal continues to be very highly rated based on the impact factor from the Institute for Scientific Information. In the most recent rating, the impact factor for JDS increased to 2.24 and now is surpassed in impact factor by only one specialized journal in the category of agriculture, dairy, and animal science, which comprises 43 major journals. *Animal Genetics* has an impact factor of 2.437 and is the only journal in the category with a higher impact factor. The impact factor for JDS is considerably higher than all competitive scientific journals focused on dairy science.

The huge success of JDS is a tribute to the outstanding group of staff members at ADSA headquarters and to the editors and reviewers who work tirelessly to keep JDS moving forward. I would like to extend a special thanks to the following staff members at FASS/ADSA for their hard work and diligence: Susan Pollock, Managing Editor of JDS and FASS Director of Editorial and Production; Louise Adam, Technical Editor of JDS and Assistant Director of Editorial and Production; Lisa Krohn and Susan Krusemark, Technical Editors; Jeremy Holzner, Manuscript Central

Coordinator; and Sharon Frick, JDS Support Coordinator. I would also like to thank Peter Studney, the new ADSA Executive Director, for his strong support of JDS. It is clear to me that Peter is a very strong supporter of JDS.

As mentioned above, Wayne Kellogg and Jeff Stevenson are both retiring from their roles as senior editors for JDS. Wayne has committed a huge amount of time and effort to JDS for the last 6 years. I appreciate what Wayne has done and I hope that others will thank Wayne for his efforts when given the opportunity. Jeff has given great service to JDS for the past 3 years as well. Jeff has set a very high standard for senior editors with his very thorough work and he has provided some unique input into the editorial process for JDS. I wish to thank Jeff for his contributions and I ask others to express their gratitude to Jeff when given the chance. Both these people have been instrumental in raising the quality of JDS and for that we are grateful. Thanks again!

We are always trying to make JDS better so if you have any concerns or comments about JDS, please do not hesitate to contact me, one of the Journal Management Committee members (Rafael Jimenez-Flores, John Bernard, John Lucey, and Jesse Goff), or one of the editors. Tom Gruetzmacher is serving as the ADSA Board liaison to the Journal Management Committee for this upcoming year and he can be contacted as well. The Journal Management Committee, the ADSA/FASS staff, and the editors work very hard to ensure the success of JDS. I hope that you will let these people know how much you appreciate their work when the opportunity arises.

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2007 ASAS Award Nominations

It is time to start planning your ASAS award nominations for 2007. The electronic award submission process is very easy and the award submission web site for 2007 will open in December. If you have any questions on award submissions, contact Paula Schultz at 217-356-9050, extension 21 or e-mail paulas@assochn.org. The award deadline will be February 21, 2006. Plan now to identify deserving ASAS members and be sure they are nominated.

Thank you!

ADSA Student Affiliate Division Report

More than 70 students and advisors came to Minneapolis for the 2006 ADSA-SAD National Meeting. The 12 clubs represented included California Polytechnic University, University of Illinois, Iowa State University, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota, North Carolina State University, Pennsylvania State University, Virginia Tech, Washington State University, and University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The meeting began with a tour of the Transition Management Facility (TMF) in Emerald, WI. The TMF houses approximately 400 cows from the beginning of their dry period until two weeks after calving. It is a unique education and research facility for training veterinary students, providing continuing education for veterinarians and dairy professionals, and for conducting advanced clinical and applied research. On Saturday evening, the students enjoyed an outing to the Mall of America.

The first official event of the SAD meeting was the midday pizza party and mixer at noon on Sunday. The students had a chance to visit friends from past meetings and meet new members. The mixer was followed by the Dairy Quiz Bowl, in which 8 teams participated. Iowa State University took home the coveted cow trophy, winning for their first time after 5 consecutive years with Penn State as champions. The day ended with a picnic in the park at Lake Herriot. On Monday, the students got down to business with an opening business meeting, various competitions, club activities symposium, and much more. On Monday evening, the students enjoyed a dance featuring the Johnny Holm band. The SAD thanked the University of Minnesota Dairy Science Club for their generous donation to sponsor the band.

Students reconvened on Tuesday for officer elections and a career symposium that began with Maggie Kubak, St. Paul Campus Career Center, University of Minnesota, discussing resume preparation, interview skills and tips on approaching the individuals in the exhibit booths. The presentation was followed by a student job fair in which the students vis-

ited with company representatives in the Exhibit Hall to discuss internship and job opportunities. The meeting ended on a high note with the student luncheon, which included a very lively dairy quiz bowl where the SAD Officer Team 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 **Virginia Tech University**. Outstanding Student was **Bridget Lyons**, Louisiana State University. Outstanding Advisor for SAD was awarded to **Kas Ingawa**, North Carolina State University. **Penn State** took home the honors in Chapter Yearbook, Electronic Yearbook, Chapter Scrapbook, and Chapter Web Site competitions. In the paper competitions, first place in Dairy Foods went to **Rachel Kilgore**, Penn State. Winner of the Production Division Paper Competition was **Jeremy Yoder**, Virginia Tech. Original Research Paper winner was **T. J. Hackman**, University of Missouri.

Officers for the 2006-2007 year are **Mark Konzelman**, Louisiana State University, President; **Casey Marstaller**, Virginia Tech, 1st Vice President; Lorilee Shultz, Iowa State University, 2nd Vice President; Leah Johnston, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 3rd Vice President; **Renee Norman**, Penn State University, Secretary-Treasurer; **Becky Wellnitz**, Cal Poly, Officer at Large; Dr. Kas Ingawa, North Carolina State University, 1st year advisor; **Dr. Steven Kelm**, University of Wisconsin - River Falls, 2nd Year Advisor; **Dr. Cathy Williams**; Louisiana State University, 3rd Year Advisor.

The new officer team has already had a conference call meeting and is very much at work planning for the 2007 meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Check the ADSA-SAD website 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 to enter careers in dairy science.

ASAS Foundation Report

The ASAS Foundation provides a tax-deductible method for ASAS members to recognize and honor individuals that have positively influenced animal science personally and professionally. At the same time, funds supplied in honor of exceptional members or groups are used to provide services to the ASAS membership as a whole.

Only a few years ago, financial management of the ASAS Foundation was easy, there was very little money, hence very little to manage. Over the last several years, generous donations from the ASAS membership have spurred the growth of a fiscally healthy Foundation. In order to continue to grow the ASAS Foundation, the Foundation took time this year to evaluate overall management of its assets. The Foundation is audited yearly; however, this year the ASAS Foundation underwent an even more rigorous audit involving a complete reconciliation of ASAS Foundation funds and funds earmarked for the Society. This audit was designed to evaluate our investment policy, in-house accounting methods, and fiscal management while providing strategies designed towards increasing overall revenue. The audit resulted in **no negative findings and yielded ideas designed around increasing overall program oversight while yielding higher revenue.** Foremost amongst the recommendations stemming from the audit was creation of an ASAS Investment Committee. The Investment Committee is a group of fiscally savvy ASAS members charged with monitoring the investments of both the Society and the Foundation to ensure that investments are in line with the Foundation and Society investment policies and yielding the most income possible. The Investment Committee has been impaneled with the previous ASAS Foundation Chair serving as the ASAS Investment Committee Chair and now meets quarterly. Next, the Foundation structure changed a bit to allow the Foundation Chair to serve as Chair for two years allowing better continuity of Foundation fiscal management overtime. Finally, in order to provide a better predictor of income from Foundation investments, the Society has guaranteed a certain percentage return on certain Foundation investments.

Appreciation Clubs

Currently, seven ASAS members are recognized through chartered Appreciation Clubs in their honor. Generous donations by individuals, companies, agencies, and organizations provided funds to establish each of these Appreciation Clubs. The earnings from these contributions are being used to sponsor a variety of membership services including but not limited to symposia sponsorship, travel scholarships, and legislative internships in Washington. The most recent club designed to honor the contributions of James W. Lauderdale to both the field of Reproductive Physiology and to the American Society of Animal Science achieved charter status in August. The Lauderdale Appreciation Club will provide funds to support the Triennial Reproduction Symposium.

To date there are four more Appreciation Clubs seeking charter status. Establishment of these four clubs are set to honor Fuller Bazer and Bill Thatcher, Gary Cromwell, Harlan Ritchie, and Rodney Preston.

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. New guidelines guarantee the Appreciation Clubs a minimum income after reaching \$25,000. Individuals who contribute a minimum of \$500 during the initial solicitation phase become charter members of that Appreciation Club. The goal of the ASAS Foundation is to have four new clubs achieve charter status this year.

Tributes and Memorials

Last year the ASAS Foundation established a new program to recognize friends and colleagues, either living or deceased: 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. Like all Foundation programs, money from this program will be used to support a variety of membership activities. Look for this program to become more and more active this year.

American Society of Animal Science Early Career Achievement Award

The Foundation is honored to announce that it will be the sponsor of a new award. Beginning in 2007, the Foundation will provide sponsorship for two Early Career Achievement Awards to be given at the Annual Meetings. Acceptance of these awards will require the award winners to give invited symposia highlighting their current research. Look for the inaugural presentation of these awards at the 2007 meetings in San Antonio.

Marketing Associated with the ASAS Centennial Celebration

The ASAS Foundation has volunteered to help in the marketing of the ASAS Centennial Celebration for the 2008 meetings in Indianapolis. Foundation involvement will include marketing of Centennial Memorabilia and help in design of a marketing strategy.

To learn more about the ASAS Foundation and how you can become involved or make a donation please visit the ASAS Foundation website at www.asas.org/foundation.asp.

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Letter from the ADSA Foundation Chair



First fundraising effort for the Bill Baumgardt DISCOVER Conference Scholarship Fund was a major success. As of the Annual Meeting, more than \$13,000 had been raised to launch the DISCOVER Conference Scholarship Fund! As part of the ADSA Foundation's DISCOVER Conference enrichment activities, the Bill Baumgardt Fund was formed under the auspices of the ADSA Foundation to provide scholarships for worthy graduate students to attend future DISCOVER Conferences.

This first fundraising effort gave friends and colleagues of the Bill and Elaine Baumgardt an opportunity to join a syndicate that purchased a quilt commemorating the 100th anniversary of ADSA. This quilt was lovingly handmade by Elaine Baumgardt and was donated to ADSA. The quilt was the featured item at this year's ADSA Auction during the ADSA/ASAS joint meeting in Minneapolis. The quilt was "purchased" by the syndicate, and then donated to the ADSA Foundation for ongoing care and display. The Foundation offers a very special "thank you" to all the individuals who have contributed to the Baumgardt fund.

A recent donation of \$2,500 has been contributed to the Bill Baumgardt DISCOVER Conference Scholarship Fund, which brings the Foundation halfway to the goal of \$5,000 needed to receive a matching grant of \$5,000. Please consider a donation to the Scholarship Fund so the matching funds can be received.

The 2006 ADSA Foundation Auction and Raffle in Minneapolis was once again a major success. Total auction receipts of \$13,881 (excluding the \$13,100 from the Baumgardt quilt) along with raffle receipts of \$5,625 provided for a net gain for the ADSA Foundation of \$19,506, making this year's auction/raffle one of the most lucrative in recent history! The 2005-2006 auction committee was chaired by Lee Majeskie, and included Roger Cady, Ken Cummings, Mike Fowler, Clair Hicks, Monty Montgomery, George Somkuti, and Amos Zook. Of course, how can the Foundation adequately express its heartfelt appreciation to our two enthusiastic auctioneers—Lee Majeskie and Monty Montgomery. The duo has provided enthusiasm, creativity, and fun (as well as a few surprises, too) at the Foundation auctions for many years. Majeskie and Montgomery announced that the 2006 Foundation Auction will be their last at the gavel; however, they will pass those gavels to Mike Hutjens and Dave Fischer for the 2007 ADSA Foundation Auction. Hutjens and Fischer will have a tough act to follow, but I'm sure everyone will be anxious to see their debut in San Antonio next July!

12th Discover Conference involves "Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship", and will be held April 15-18, 2007, Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, Indiana. This conference in the series should be of special interest to nutrition professionals, including consultants, members of

the research community, and employees of governmental and regulatory agencies. Please check the ADSA website for more details.

S-PAC (Searchable Proceedings of Animal Conferences) has been operational since February 2005 and has proven to be an important source of practical information to those who subscribe to this web-based source of papers from animal conferences. The number of animal conferences who provide their proceedings papers to S-PAC grows monthly! Al Kertz, previous Chair of the ADSA Foundation Board of Trustees, provided much of the leadership for the launching of S-PAC, and comments from subscribers continue to be uniformly positive. Subscribing to S-PAC has never been easier because you can now subscribe at any time for the next 365 days. Both institutional and corporate memberships are now available. Members of ASAS, PSA, and ARPAS may subscribe to S-PAC at the ADSA member rate.

New members of the Foundation Board of Trustees serving 3-year terms are Peter Hansen from the Production Division and Jim Moran from the Dairy Food Division. Continuing members of the Board of Trustees are Les Hansen, Chair; Al Schultz, Vice-Chair; Al Kertz, Secretary; Bill Aimutis, Treasurer; Lloyd Metzger, and Dave Henning.

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JDS and JAS Archive Project Moves Ahead!

ADSA and ASAS have been working toward making every issue of JDS (since 1917) and JAS (since 1908) available on the HighWire journal sites. We solicited donations of journals from the membership for scanning and online posting; we hope to see articles posted online next year.

We owe sincere thanks to John Campbell, R. W. Touchberry, and Herb Head for their donations to the JDS project; and to Billy Day, Dean Hodge, J. H. McLeod, J. W. Cole, Roscoe Snaffe, E. T. Kornegay, Kenneth Olson, Norris Stenguest, Jack Butterbaugh, Jr., Virgil Hays, Oregon State University, E. L. "Dad" Potter, and Tilford Cline for donations to the JAS project. Thank you!

FASS CEO VISION

Jerry Baker

Who is responsible for farm animal well-being? I ask this question in a broader context than just farm animals involved in research programs. The answer of course is relatively easy. Professional animal scientists have an obligation and responsibility to conduct research trials using only the minimum number of animals required, follow IACUC approved protocols (which are guided by federal regulations), and consider appropriate species and alternative models to live animals. Professionals in numerous occupations take an oath, such as veterinarians and physicians. Although professional animal scientists do not have an oath nor need a license to practice their profession, they still have the obligation to follow ethical standards of humane care for animals. Professional animal scientists also serve the animal industries through teaching students and transferring knowledge with public outreach programs.

Animal research programs have seen an increase in attacks by animal rights activists/activists. They continue to seek small accomplishments and are being successful because in some ways we make the task easier for them. Every time videos or stories of animal abuse appear on television or in print, the general public has greater incentive to write or call their representatives in Washington, DC, and demand that something be done to correct the problem. We, as professionals, realize that the abuses are a very small percentage of the interactions between humans and the animals we use for food, fiber, work, and companionship. However small

the number of abuses, though, we as professional animal scientists must work to eliminate any and all such incidents. We must stand up and make a difference in the well being of animals.

The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) has several opportunities for concerned professionals to assist in this effort to improve animal care. There are four scientific advisory committees associated with FASS, one being the Animal Care, Use, and Standards Committee. This committee has been involved in developing and producing farm animal training modules. These modules can be useful as aids to help train employees working with animals in research programs. The essential point is that all of those who work directly with animals should be trained in the proper care of animals. Extension and teaching programs also should provide materials to help inform human-animal interactions. Second, FASS has produced the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching. This guide will be revised in the near future. The writing and review committees will be formed in the next few months. If you have an interest in being involved and making a difference in the care and use of animals, please consider volunteering to serve on one of these committees.



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Membership Services at FASS

The Department of Membership Services at FASS supports the day-to-day operations of the societies. This department processes membership renewals, fulfills subscriptions and missing journal issues, resolves billing queries, and helps with the details of the annual meetings. This department at FASS has the most direct and frequent interactions with the members of each society. Each person in the department has written a short description of her regular duties to give you an idea of the work the membership department does at FASS.

Lisa Hamilton, Administrative Assistant to ARPAS, FeedAC, and NCFAR/Accounting Assistant

While finishing my degree, I did freelance work here at FASS. I assisted with mailing and filing and entered renewals and meeting registrations. I began working for FASS full time in June 2004 as the administrative assistant for the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS). I also assisted the accounting department. Shortly thereafter, I also began working with the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR). In June 2006, I became the administrative assistant for the Feed Analysis Consortium (FeedAC), a new organization that was joining FASS. I work with all 3 societies every day. I field member questions through phone and e-mail. I am responsible for processing membership dues payments for ARPAS, FeedAC, and NCFAR and I work with the boards and directors of all 3 groups. I help to organize the newsletter for ARPAS and coordinate the mailing of the *Professional Animal Scientist* journal every other month. In addition to my roles in the Membership department, I also continue to work in the Accounting department. I serve as the accounts payable clerk for 12 different societies here at FASS. I am responsible for routing invoices to the correct societies for coding and payment. I assist in other tasks as needed.

Judy McClughen, Administrative Assistant to ASAS

As an administrative assistant, I respond to much of the incoming ASAS communication received via phone,

fax, mail, and e-mail. Duties and priorities vary at different times during the year. The beginning of a new year is a busy time at Association Headquarters. Membership/subscription renewal processing continues to be a priority to assure uninterrupted access to the *Journal of Animal Science*. During January, information regarding the ADSA/ASAS Midwest Meeting is communicated to the members and early registration for that meeting begins. During February, information is sent to department heads regarding Undergraduate Scholar Recognition. Certificates are mailed upon request and a list of names is compiled, by institution, of nominated students. This list is then published in the July issue of the. March is devoted to finalizing the Midwest Meeting registration and various activities attending that large, sectional meeting in mid-March. Upon returning from the Midwest Meeting, much of my time and attention is then devoted to the ADSA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting registration and related activities held in the summer. Throughout this flurry of activity, we round out our duties with invoicing and processing payments for journal production page charges, processing new member applications as well as current membership and subscription renewals as they are received, providing assistance to members when necessary to access the online *Journal of Animal Science* and Membership Directory, and processing claims for missing issues of the journal. We communicate throughout the year with subscription agencies regarding journal subscription rates, and help our mutual customers with their online access to e-JAS. Sectional information is communicated at various times throughout the year announcing sectional meeting information, awards nominations, and so on.

The latter part of the year is devoted to ASAS membership renewals and JAS subscription renewals. The renewal process involves reviewing the previous year's forms and making necessary adjustments to them as well as communicating the new year's rates to subscription agencies, whose requests we begin receiving in late July. The coordination of printing, mailing, and processing of these renewals becomes the focus of our attention through the end of the year.

Vicki Paden, Administrative Assistant to ADSA and AETA

I have been with FASS since 1988. My role has changed many times over the years, but one of my most important tasks is answering incoming calls as the operator. I began in the accounting department, writing checks for all the societies and I was the IETS Administrative Assistant for 8 years. I also assisted in manuscript processing for *Poultry Science* at that time. I then served as the ARPAS administrative assistant for 5 years. I worked with the FASS Job Resource Center for 3 years, posting job ads, making sure they appeared in the journals, invoicing and processing payments. I also processed and shipped FASS publications. I currently serve as the ADSA Membership Services administrative assistant. Last year I also became the AETA administrative assistant. I am responsible for taking care of the AETA and ADSA membership database, updating members' current information, and processing renewals, meeting registrations, orders, claims, subscriptions, online access to the journals as well as responding to members' concerns and questions received via e-mail, phone, fax, and mail.

Mary Swenson, Administrative Assistant to ENPS and PSA

I have been with FASS for 20 years. I am the administrative assistant for the Poultry Science Association, the Equine Science Society, and liaison for the World's Poultry Science Association-USA Branch.

I maintain the membership records for all these groups, processes renewals, accounts payable and receivable. I set up a monthly report and print labels for *Poultry Science* (PS), *Journal of Applied Poultry Research* (JAPR), and WPSA's journal. I answer all e-mails, calls, and mail inquiries and do the ordering and invoicing for the membership. I am also the board of directors' liaison. I set up (and sit in on) the board meetings and conference calls, and I attend the International Poultry Expo in Atlanta each year. I do the planning/coordinating of the annual meeting working with the program chair on all the events, menus, exhibits, business meeting, program

book, registration book, sponsors and room set. I order the awards and set up the awards banquet, photographer and set the menus. I work on claims for missing issues, journal subscriptions and assist with web changes and corrections. I also write and email the monthly "Mary Says" newsletter to the PSA membership; it contains announcements from the society and the table of contents of the journal.

Cara Tharp, Meeting Planner

I left the hotel side of meetings to come to FASS in June 2005. My job at FASS combines my previous knowledge with new experiences every day. Meetings coordinated by FASS can be anything from a board meeting for 12 people to a national meeting for 3500 people. Speaking generally, a few of my duties include: comparing hotels and locations for meetings, reviewing and negotiating hotel contracts, securing arrangements for food and beverage at meetings, and planning all of the behind the scenes aspects of our member societies meetings. For our larger meetings, site visits and contracting are the first step in planning a meeting.

I am responsible for housing for all attendees, from creating the forms and web pages, to answering attendees' questions regarding hotel choices. I order the signage, choose menus for every meal or snack consumed at a meeting, make arrangements for all room set ups, decide where, when and what audiovisual equipment is needed, order internet and telephone lines, make travel arrangements for FASS staff to attend the meeting, assist in coordinating staff time on site, to name a few typical meeting tasks! When the meeting arrives, I am on site to set up, trouble shoot, and tear down the meeting. Then it is on to the next meeting! I am very happy to have the opportunity to use past experience and continue learning at FASS.

Dianne Wickes, Administrative Assistant to ADSA

I began work at FASS as a temp, and became a full-time employee in July 2005. I provide administrative assistance to the ADSA Executive Director, Peter Studney. My duties include sending and responding to e-mails and other correspondence; reports and documents; and maintaining board, committee, representative, and officer

rosters. Other responsibilities include logging and collection of delinquent ADSA invoices; sending broadcast e-mails; working with the SAD liaison; and collecting materials for the ADSA ASAS newsletters. I am the content manager for the membership, board, and S PAC web sites.

Other responsibilities include scheduling the monthly conference calls and taking minutes during those calls and at board meetings; and compiling documents for the ADSA Board and committee members; researching, compiling, and distributing Board documents, and making them available to the Board on their website; and coordinating elections.

As ADSA awards coordinator, I draft and send e-mails and other awards correspondence; maintain awards committee rosters; identify committee chairs, recruit committee members; and coordinate award nominations and the selection process by managing the ADSA Awards online management website, assisting nominators and nominees, chairs, and committees in reviewing them and using the online selection tools. I also plan and coordinate the attendance and presentations at the annual ADSA Awards Dinner and Ceremony.

Jennifer Gavel, Administrative Assistant to IETS

I am married and have three boys, ages 13, 11, and 3. My evenings and weekends are filled with school and sporting events. I joined FASS in October 1998 as the PSA administrative assistant. In 2000 I started working with the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) as their executive secretary. Because IETS does not have an executive director, I serve as the main point of contact for the IETS Board of Governors and members. I work directly with the Board to facilitate communication, arrange meetings, take minutes, and keep a record of Board actions. My main responsibility is communication with the IETS members, which is done via e-mail, phone, and fax. I process dues payments, membership applications, and annual conference registrations. I help keep the membership informed of IETS activities through a quarterly newsletter and regular e-mail communications. I work with the Program Chair to develop the program for the annual conference, coordinate

the abstract submissions, reviews, and final program setup. I also work with the local organizing committee and the FASS meeting planner on site selection, overall planning, and onsite coordination of the annual conference.

In addition to my IETS duties, in 2001, I started working with the joint ADSA-ASAS (and sometimes PSA) annual meeting. I help coordinate and oversee the abstract submission, review, and acceptance process. I attend the joint meeting to assist with the registration desk and make sure the scientific program is a success.

Debi Seymour, Director of Membership Services/Administrative Assistant to AMSA

In 1998 I began work in the accounting department. In 1999, when AMSA joined FASS, I became their administrative assistant. I work directly with Thomas Powell, the AMSA Executive Director, as well as the board. I handle all publications, memberships, mailings, site visits, annual meetings, abstract submission, programs, Pork 101 meetings, invoicing, and board meetings. I handle the sales of all AMSA publications, inventory, the processing of invoices, payments, and shipping. I work with the student board on special activities; the career fair, silent auction, quiz bowl, and Taste of RMC. I coordinate the abstract submission site and the editing and production of the abstract book. I oversee the poster competition, the awards nominations, and assist the committees on procedures. I set up the meeting sites, onsite registration, meeting rooms, and menus and coordinate all onsite activities as well as hotel rooms for speakers, the board, and anyone who forgot to make reservations.

In October 2003, I became Director of the Membership Department. As director I work closely with all the administrative assistants to oversee renewals, meetings, memberships, and mailings, and coordinate the process for each association. I also coordinate the abstracts for the International Poultry Scientific Forum. I have the best membership department in the history of FASS, due to the remarkable staff and their dedication and hard work!



Graduate Student Travel Scholarships Available for the 2007 Annual 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 will be February 21, 2007.

The Dr. Joseph P. Fontenot Appreciation Club was established to support ASAS graduate student travel and participation in annual and ASAS Southern Section (deadline October 18, 2006) meetings. The 2007 Annual Meeting will be the 4th National Meeting for which scholarships have been provided by the Fontenot Appreciation Club. Graduate students presenting research papers may apply for travel support by submitting an application.

The Dr. 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 annual meeting. The 2007 meeting will be the 3rd meeting for which scholarships have been provided by the Tucker Appreciation Club. Graduate students presenting 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 travel scholarships can be found on the web: <http://www.asas.org/foundation.asp>.

JDS/JAS Journal Update

It's been another busy year for *Journal of Animal Science* (JAS) and *Journal of Dairy Science* (JDS), and it's hard to believe that we're already starting to assemble the December issues of the journals!

It looks like it will be another record-setting year for JDS—we have published 470 articles and 4,472 pages through the November issue and are on track to publish more than 500 articles and 5,000 pages by the end of the year. The JAS has also had a busy year with 351 articles and 3175 pages published through November. Of course, publishing this quantity of high-quality journal articles takes a dedicated and hard-working staff. The Editorial and Production Department at FASS includes Susan Pollock, Louise Adam, Jeremy Holzner, Sharon Frick, Gayle Gleichman, Louise Audrieth, Ron Keller, Lisa Krohn, Susan Krusemark, Mandy Maiden, and Ted Veatch. This group works not only on JDS and JAS but also on the other journals published at FASS (*Poultry Science*, *Journal of Applied Poultry Research*, *Professional Animal Scientist*, and *UFFC Transactions*), and on various other publication projects including proceedings, newsletters, book projects, and award citations.

In addition to the day-to-day journal work, the department has been working hard in other areas this year. The *Journal of Animal Science* hopes to “go live” with Papers in Press (PIP) in the next few weeks. With PIP, papers accepted for publication in JAS will be posted within a couple of weeks of acceptance on HighWire with a digital object identifier (DOI) instead of a page range. Once the fully edited and typeset article is published in an issue, the PIP version will be archived on HighWire. As well as identifying an article, the DOI also functions as a URL that will take you to the article in question. Simply type the DOI (e.g., 10.2527/jas.2005-646) into your browser with the <http://dx.doi.org/> prefix (i.e., <http://dx.doi.org/10.2527/jas.2005-646>) and click to be taken

directly to the article. DOIs have been appearing in JAS articles since the July issue in preparation for launch of PIP, and we'll be adding DOIs to JDS articles in 2007. One benefit of the DOI system is that it permits long-term linking to an article, even if the article moves to a different location on the Web.

The JDS Manuscript Central (MC) site underwent a major upgrade on September 28. The new version of MC will allow greater functionality for reviewers, editors, and headquarters staff working within the system. JAS has been working in the newer version for a couple of years and we anticipate a smooth transition for JDS. As always, Jeremy Holzner (jeremyh@assochoq.org) will be available to assist authors, reviewers, and editors in using the new interface and can answer any other questions relating to MC for both journals.

Another exciting project is moving forward this fall. The societies have been working toward making every issue of JDS and JAS available on the HighWire journal sites. To accomplish this, we requested donations of back issues from the ADSA and ASAS membership. Thanks to several very generous contributions (see the sidebar), we have completed the first part of this process. The next step is to ship the journals to a scanning vendor; the scanned articles will then be sent to HighWire for posting online. We hope to have all articles available online sometime in 2007. We are sure this will be a valuable resource for researchers as well as an unparalleled historical record of the two societies in their first one hundred years.

Louise Adam
Assistant Director of Editorial and
Production Services at FASS

Council of Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)

CAST is making great strides in reaching policymakers, government officials, and the press in the furtherance of agricultural issues from a scientific basis. Our new leadership, with John Bonner as Executive Vice President, has invigorated the organization. This year one of our own, Don Beitz, is President of CAST. Already this year several issue papers have been rolled out in Washington with press and government officials present. Also, several publications have been translated into Spanish with excellent reception from South and Central American countries. CAST has initiated a new publication, CAST Commentaries, that has gained much popularity because of its rapid response to critical issues. Increasingly, CAST publications are being cited in government policy discussions.

CAST is making considerable effort to interact with all of its stakeholders. At the past board meeting, 6 stakeholders representing industry, government, universities, and scientific societies spoke at a breakfast meeting. Also, stakeholders were present in the Work Group Breakout sessions to discuss their concerns about issues facing them. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, also spoke at a breakfast and acknowledged the importance of agricultural research to US competitiveness and the importance of CAST in providing a synopsis to policymakers.

Recent publications of possible interest to ADSA members include:

1. Safety of Meat, Milk and Eggs from Animals Fed Crops Derived from Modern Biotechnology
2. Biotechnological Approaches to Manure Nutrient Management
3. Using Risk Analysis to Inform Microbial Food Safety Decisions
4. Acrylamide in Food

5. Avian Influenza: Trade Issues
6. Avian Influenza: Human Pandemic Concerns
7. Crop Biotechnology and the Future of Food: A Scientific Assessment
8. Metabolic Modifiers for Use in Animal Production
9. Adventitious Presence: Inadvertent Commingling and Coexistence Among Farming Methods
10. Agricultural Ethics.

Some forthcoming publications of possible interest to ADSA members are:

1. Animal Productivity and Genetic Diversity: Transgenic and Cloned Animals
2. Nondietary Exposure to Organophosphate and Carbamate Pesticides: Reporting and Estimation of Exposure and Risk
3. Probiotics in Food: Their Potential to Impact Human Health
4. Role of Transgenic Animals in Development of New Medications
5. Ruminant Carcass Disposal Options (for Routine and Catastrophic Mortality).

Please visit the CAST website at www.cast-science.org

If not already, you should become individual members of CAST. Although ADSA is a society member, individual members are extremely important for the bean counters in government as well as for the financial support necessary to speak for you in providing good science on important issues to policymakers, government officials, the press, and the public.

Harold E. Swaisgood
ADSA Representative to CAST

ASAS Early Career Achievement Award

The ASAS and ASAS Foundation will present awards to recognize achievement of young scholars working toward the mission of the ASAS:

"To discover, disseminate and apply knowledge for sustainable use of animals for food and other human needs."

ASAS will accept nominations for the 2007 ASAS Early Career Achievement Awards until November 15, 2006. Up to 2 recipients will be selected. Recipients will receive membership in ASAS for 2 years, registration for the 2007 Joint Annual Meeting in San Antonio, a travel allowance up to \$1,500 for the 2007 Joint Annual Meeting, and recognition during the ASAS Awards Ceremony at the Joint Annual Meeting.

Recipients will be required to present a 30-minute presentation that summarizes their work at the Joint Annual

Meeting, submit an abstract for that presentation by the abstract submission deadline, submit a manuscript highlighting the material presented for publication in the electronic issue of the *Journal of Animal Science*, and serve on the Early Career Research Award Committee in the following year.

To be eligible, the candidate must have completed their most recent degree within the past 10 years at the time of nomination. There are no restrictions on country of residence. Candidates do not have to be current members of ASAS, but their programs must serve the mission of ASAS.

Current ASAS members are urged to nominate worthy candidates. The nomination materials are due on November 15, 2006, and can be submitted on the ASAS web site (<http://www.asas.org/awards.asp>).

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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 benefited 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.

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FASS Congressional Science Fellowship 2007-2008 Invitation for Applications

The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) invites applications for its 2007-2008 Congressional Science Fellowship Program

Are you interested in working in a Congressional office in Washington, DC? Do you want the challenge of bringing scientific information on to Capitol Hill? We invite all interested scientists to apply.

FASS announces our position for the 2007 FASS Congressional Science Fellowship, with a deadline of January 15, 2007, for submission of applications. The purpose of the fellowship is to make practical contributions to the more effective use of scientific and technical knowledge in government, to demonstrate the value of science-government interaction and to provide a unique learning experience for the recipient. A PhD degree in an area of animal sciences is required. Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States. Proof of applicant's legal right to work in the United States may be requested before being hired.

Who would be a likely candidate? This experience is valuable to a junior member of ADSA, ASAS, or PSA with rele-

vant career objectives and interests. Perhaps an established faculty member would want to combine this program with a sabbatical leave to gain experience in public issues and governmental processes. An administrator in the Land-Grant system or an industry organization might find this sort of opportunity rewarding and useful.

The fellow selected will spend one year working as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or of a Congressional committee, advising on a wide range of scientific issues as they pertain to public policy. The program includes an orientation on congressional and executive branch operations and a yearlong seminar program on issues involving science and public policy.

The position will begin September 1, 2007 and will continue through August 31, 2008. FASS requires your attendance at the AAAS orientation session in September. For further information and application materials, see <http://www.fass.org/positions.asp> or e-mail fassosl@AssocHQ.org.

Application deadline is January 15, 2007.

ASAS Volunteers and Nominations Needed

You are urged to submit nominations or self-volunteer for service on one of the ASAS Committees. Terms will begin in July 2007 and are usually for 3 years. Program committee members usually rotate up to be a vice chair or a chair.

Current committee membership can be found on the ASAS web site (<http://www.asas.org/committees.asp>). You are encouraged to make 1, 2, 3, or more nominations. Send names and suggested committee by e-mail to paulas@assoqh.org; by mail to ASAS, 1111 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874, or on the web at <http://www.asas.org/nomrequest.asp>. Nominations should be received by November 1, 2006.

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Report of the Southern Branch of the American Dairy Science Association

The Southern Branch of ADSA (S-ADSA) met in Minneapolis in association with the joint annual meeting of ADSA and ASAS.

The 2006 Honor Award was presented during the Southern Branch Symposium. This year's recipient was Dr. John Bernard from the University of Georgia. John's service for over three decades to S-ADSA, extension, and the dairy industry is greatly appreciated.

The winners for the Southern Branch ADSA graduate student paper competition were:

- 1st place: **L. M. Pacetti** (University of Georgia) "Using dietary heat increment to alter energy use in dairy cows during hot weather."
2nd place: **M. C. Scott** (Virginia Tech) "Waste milk supply and pasteurizer performance on three North Carolina dairy farms."
3rd place: **J. Stroud** (North Carolina State) "Effect of feed additives on aflatoxin in milk of dairy cows fed aflatoxin-contaminated diets."
4th place: **C. M. Williams** (North Carolina State): "Breed differences in postpartum cyclicity of pasture-based dairy cows."

Next year's symposium will be titled "Keeping Dairying Going and Growing." Topics will include marketing and industry shifts, adopting management focuses, custom rearing heifers, and attracting and expanding dairies to your market.

The 2006 Southern ADSA Student Affiliate Division Meeting was held on March 2-5 in Blacksburg, VA. The Virginia Tech Dairy Club hosted the meeting. 2006 Southern ADSA-SAD Annual Meeting Award Winners this year were:

Outstanding student: **Abigail Nelkie**, NCSU

Dairy Quiz Bowl

1st Place - Virginia Tech
2nd Place - NCSU
3rd Place - LSU

Chapter Display

1st Place - Virginia Tech
2nd Place - LSU
3rd Place - NCSU

Chapter Scrapbook

1st Place - Virginia Tech
2nd Place - LSU
3rd Place - NCSU

Dairy Foods Paper Presentation

1st Place - Melissa Brown, LSU
2nd Place - Sarah Brauning, Virginia Tech

Production Paper Presentation

1st Place - Mark Konzelman, LSU
2nd Place - Jeremy Yoder, Virginia Tech

Outstanding Chapter

1st Place - Virginia Tech
2nd Place - LSU
3rd Place - NCSU

The newly elected ADSA Southern Branch officers are:

President:	Bill Graves (GA)
Vice-President:	Cathy Williams (LA)
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dave Winston (VA)
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Thank you for serving your society!

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The following current and past ASAS Board members are the 2006-2007 ASAS representatives to the FASS Board: Maynard G. Hogberg, President; David S. Buchanan, Past President; and James R. Males, Past Past President. Terry D. Etherton is the current FASS Board Past President and remains on the board as an ex-officio member.

The 2006-2007 ADSA representatives to the FASS Board are Gary Hartnell, ADSA President; Dave Barbano, ADSA Past President; and MaryAnne Drake, ADSA Vice President.

ASAS WESTERN SECTION REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Western Section was held on June 21-23, 2006, at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Dr. Ken Olson handled arrangements for a successful meeting, which began on June 21 with a symposium titled "What to do with all the omics - genomics, proteomics, etc.?" that included 5 presentations and attracted 90 attendees. The Graduate Student Competition Papers occupied the morning of June 22 with 13 students competing. Scientific platform and poster sessions were held for the remainder of the meeting including an Extension Symposium in which 6 presentations addressed the topic of collaboration among agencies in applied research studies or extension activities. A total of 160 individuals registered for the meeting with 98 manuscripts published in the proceedings.

Sectional awards were presented at a banquet on Thursday evening.
Award recipients were:

Distinguished Teaching Award

(sponsored by Elanco Animal Health)

Dr. Anita Oberbauer, University of California-Davis

Young Scientist Award

(sponsored by Ridley Block Operations)

Dr. Terry Engle, Colorado State University

Extension Award

(sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health)

Dr. Jim Sprinkle, University of Arizona

First Place in the Graduate Student Competition

Justin Waggoner, New Mexico State University

Institutional Graduate Student Paper Competition

(sponsored by Zinpro Corp.)

University of Wyoming

First Place Academic Quadrathlon

Utah State University

Officers of the Western Section for 2006-2007

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Northeast Section/Branch of ASAS/ADSA

The Northeast Section/Branch continues to meet annually in conjunction with the national annual meeting. Our Graduate Student Competition was held as one of the oral presentation sessions. 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 3 placings received \$500, \$350, and \$250, respectively. First prize went to **Jorge Elizondo**, Penn State, second prize to **Neal Brown**, also from Penn State and third prize to **Devin Berthiaume**, from the University of Vermont. 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. **Dr. Matt Wilson**, West Virginia University, was this year's outstanding young scientist.

Dr. Rex Powell, retired USDA-Beltsville scientist, received the Distinguished Service Award. **Tony Capuco**, outgoing president, was acknowledged for his 3 years of service on the NE Executive Board by incoming president **Tad Sonstegard**, USDA-Beltsville. **Rich Erdman**, University of Maryland, advanced to the Vice Presidential position and **Mike Van Amburgh**, Cornell University, was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. **Tom Hartsock** began the last year of his 3-year term as the Northeast Director on the ASAS Board.

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2007 Officer Nominations for ASAS

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 submit nominations by e-mail to paulas@asochq.org, by mail to ASAS, 1111 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874, or on the web at <http://www.asas.org/nomrequests.asp>. Nominations should be returned by November 1, 2006.

Thank you!

Midwest Report

The annual meeting of the Midwest Branch of the American Dairy Science Association and The Midwestern Section American Society of Animal Science will be held March 19-21, 2007 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The technical program will feature 9 symposia:

- Facility Design and Management for Finishing Beef Cattle
- Cow-Calf Management Effects on Water Quality
- Continuing to Make Advancements in Applied Dairy Cattle Nutrition
- Pork Quality and Marbling: Integrating Biology To Carcass Value and Consumer Demand
- Recent Advances in Our Understanding of Oocyte Quality
- Metabolism of Lipids
- Assessment of Student Learning
- Optimizing Reproduction and Introduction of Gilts Into the Breeding Herd (Billy Day)
- David Baker Amino Acid Symposium

Organizers of the meeting continue to strive to make this meeting an excellent opportunity for professional development of undergraduate and graduate student animal scientists. A Career Fair will once again be provided as a venue for those seeking employment and internship opportunities as well as those recruiting some of the best animal and dairy scientists in the country. If your company is interested in participating in the career fair, please look for additional information about this event within this newsletter.

Undergraduate students will compete in the academic quadrathlon on March 18-19. The final round of the quiz bowl will follow the opening reception on the evening of March 19. An undergraduate research paper competition is another opportunity for young animal scientists to participate. Graduate students will have the opportunity to participate in the oral presentation and poster presentation competition.

Note that we have the opportunity to recognize achievement by our colleagues as well. Please nominate deserving candidates for the Young Animal Scientist Award for Teaching, Extension, or Research; the Agribusiness Award; the Innovation in Dairy Research Award; and the National Pork Board Innovation Awards.

Please visit the web page (<http://www.asas.org/midwestern>) for additional information and updates about this meeting, the student events and the awards program.

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Announcing ASAS and ADSA Midwest Meeting Career Fair

At the 2007 ASAS-ADSA Midwestern Section meeting, a Career Fair will be held in the reception hall on Monday evening. This is an exciting event that we believe will encourage undergraduate and graduate student involvement with ASAS and ADSA and affiliated industries. We further anticipate that this will encourage sustained membership of students after graduation as a source of networking to the industry. The primary focus of this career fair is to offer a casual environment where sponsoring companies can host students and attendees of the meetings and discuss the diverse opportunities in the field of animal sciences.

The Career Fair Committee feels it is important for students to be informed about the many career paths available with a degree in animal science beyond the study of veterinary medicine and research. We are asking allied industries in animal nutrition, health, genetics, food processing and manufacturing, and academic institutions to name a few to come and participate as sponsors of the career fair. If you would like to know more about the Career Fair at the 2007 ASAS-ADSA Midwestern Section meetings or how you can be a sponsor, please contact Emily Otto-Tice at 317-872-7500 or by e-mail etice@inpork.org.

ADSA 2007 Committee Volunteers Sought

ADSA looks to its members for service on the various committees that make it possible for the organization to function. Every member has the opportunity and responsibility to volunteer for the committee(s) of your choice. A list of ADSA committees can be found at www.adsa.org. If you would like to serve on a committee, please e-mail diannew@assochq.org, or mail Dianne Wickes, ADSA, 1111 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874.

Thank you.

ASAS Southern Section Report

This year's upcoming Southern Section Annual Meeting will be held February 3-7, 2007, in Mobile, Alabama, in conjunction with the 104th meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) at the Riverview Plaza Hotel (formerly the Adam's Mark) and the Mobile Convention Center (see the SAAS website for details and contacts; <http://www.saasinc.org/>). The deadline for abstract submission, award nominations, and new officer elections is **October 18**--less than a month away. With the meeting in Alabama, my home institution, Auburn University, will be hosting the regional Academic Quadrathlon. We have several new livestock facilities we're pretty proud of, and we look forward to highlighting them during the practical contest. Now, all we need is YOU! We had a large turnout last year for a great meeting in Orlando, so get those abstracts in and start making plans to attend this year's Southern Section meeting in Mobile. 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. The nominees for the new Secretary/Treasurer-Elect for the Southern Section are Matt Poore of North Carolina State University and Tom Welsh of Texas A&M University. If you're a member of the Southern Section, and you haven't already done so, please go to the ASAS Southern Section website and cast your vote. And while you're there, check out the rest of the new Southern Section website (<http://www.asas.org/southern/>). The folks in Savoy continue to keep us "lookin' good."

So when February rolls around and it's cold and blowing up North, be thinking of us in Mobile along the sunny Gulf Coast. Despite a few hurricanes every now and then, being a member of the Southern Section does have its advantages

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2007 ASAS Foundation Trustee Nominations Requested

The ASAS Executive Committee is seeking nominations for the ASAS Foundation Board of Trustees. The ASAS Foundation will have three vacancies following the 2007 Annual Meetings in July. The requirements to serve as a Foundation Trustee include:

1. Maintaining ASAS membership with a commitment to serve the 3-year term;
2. A strong desire to make a difference in the animal agriculture industry;
3. Willingness to work toward strengthening the financial position of the ASAS Foundation.

The ASAS Foundation meets once a year at the ASAS Annual Meeting. Foundation activities during the year are handled through conference calls and e-mail.

Nominations may be for yourself or for another individual that you believe would meet the requirements stated above. Nomination materials should include contact information for the nominee along with a brief statement describing why the nominee would like to serve on the Foundation Board. You may nominate by e-mail to MeghanWR@assochq.org, by mail to ASAS, 1111 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874, or on the web at <http://www.asas.org/nomrequests.asp>. Nominations should be returned by March 1, 2007.

Those interested are encouraged to visit <http://www.asas.org/foundation.asp> and review the Foundation Bylaws and vision statements. If you have additional questions please contact Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, Executive Director of ASAS and Foundation Treasurer.

ADSA 2007 Vice President and Director Nominations Requested

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

Thank you.

DISCOVER Conferences Update:

12th DISCOVER Conference on Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship

April 15-18, 2007

Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County National Park, Nashville, Indiana
Consultants, Researchers, and Industry Professionals Meet to Discuss
Future Challenges of Environmental Issues

The animal agriculture industry recognizes its responsibility to act as a steward for the environment. “**Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship**” will provide an opportunity for nutrition professionals (consultants, industry professionals, academic researchers and others) to critically assess the future of animal agriculture, looking at the future challenges of environmental issues and the role of nutrition in meeting environmental objectives.

Planned for April 15-18, 2007, this 12th ADSA DISCOVER Conference will brainstorm on future directions of research needed to move beyond current approaches and meet these anticipated challenges. Nutrition professionals will put their training into practice through demonstration of tools

available and sharing of information of resulting impact on excretion, air emissions and animal performance.

The program committee has and continues to build this program to be interactive and thought provoking. Watch your inbox and the DISCOVER web site at www.adsa.org/discover/ for more details. The conference will be held at Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park near Nashville, Indiana.

The Program Committee includes Wendy Powers, Program Committee Chair, Iowa State University; Roselina Angel, University of Maryland; David K Beede, Michigan State University; N Andy Cole, USDA-ARS-CPRL; Kenneth Eng, Jr, Eng, Inc; Stephanie D Frankenhach, JBS United, Inc; Scott Radcliffe, Purdue University; Mary Ann Rozum,

USDA/CSREES; and Michael Wattiaux, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For more information about the DISCOVER Conference Series, contact Bill R Baumgardt, DISCOVER Opportunities at bbaum@gte.net or Molly Kelley, DISCOVER Conference Series at kelleymt@aol.com

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

Several topics are currently being considered for fall 2007 and the 2008 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.

2006 EAAP Meetings

On September 15, 2006, ASAS President Maynard Hogberg and Executive Director, Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe traveled to Anatolia, Turkey to attend the European Association of Animal Production (EAAP) meetings. Our goals in attending were to be present at the EAAP and World Association of Animal Production (WAAP) board meetings and support the 8 ASAS members and 2 ADSA members that attended the meetings as invited speakers funded by the exchange programs between ASAS, ADSA, and EAAP. In exchange, 9 EAAP members as invited speakers, the President of EAAP, Jim Flanagan, and the Secretary General of EAAP, Andre Rosati, attended the 2006 Joint Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. The exchange allows economical import of foreign expertise for each society, and allows open communication between sister societies. ASAS and ADSA would like to take this opportunity to thank our speakers that traveled to EAAP and the EAAP members that traveled to our Joint Annual Meetings.

During the EAAP meetings, the WAAP board met to discuss membership issues, financial issues, their mission and planning for the 2008 World Congress on Animal Production (WCAP) in South Africa. As a means of advertisement for the

2008 WCAP and information exchange, WAAP has committed to presenting a symposium designed as a preview of the 2008 WCAP at the 2008 Joint Annual Meetings. We look forward to the addition of this symposium that will cover current issues in international animal production.

At the EAAP board meetings much attention was placed on the establishment and launch of the new European animal science journal - *Animal*. The creation of this journal and their unique publishing strategy will provide the *Journal of Animal Science* Editorial Board with some “food for thought” and an interesting new model of journal publication in animal science. We wish our colleagues in EAAP the best of luck with their new venture. In addition to journal discussions, the EAAP board covered many of the same issues facing all animal science societies today, giving those of us in attendance new insight.

We would like to take a moment to congratulate EAAP on another successful meeting and to thank our hosts in Turkey for providing a beautiful and hospitable site for the meetings.

ASAS Membership Committee Report

The ASAS Membership Committee met in Minneapolis on July 7, 2006. The meeting produced several motions and recommendations that were brought before the Board of Directors in meetings held before and during the annual meeting.

A motion to establish a new national award that would encourage early career animal science professionals to become involved with the Society was presented to the Board. The motion passed and the award, to be known as the American Society of Animal Science Early Career Achievement Award, was established, with funding coming from the ASAS Foundation. An article about the new award, which will be presented for the first time in 2007, appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

A motion to give free registration to new members for their first annual meeting, in an effort to encourage initial and continuing meeting participation, failed before the Board. It was

determined that the cost of providing this benefit to new members would be too high for the proposal to be viable.

The Membership Committee recommended to the Board that the Publications Committee consider requiring that both the first author and the corresponding author of papers to be published in the Journal be required to be regular members of the Society. This recommendation was rejected by the Board.

A third motion, to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate “Corporate Memberships” that would give company employees access to the Journal via Highwire using the company’s IP address, was passed by the Board. This action will give Corporate Members the equivalent of the Institutional Membership sold to university libraries.

The Committee discussed the “bundling” of memberships (discounts for membership in multiple societies)

within the FASS founding and client society group. We are awaiting updated demographic data on members before putting together a proposal. We also discussed how program committees are constructed to look at ways to get more members involved in annual meeting program planning. It is especially important to involve ASAS members, who are also members of other FASS societies, in program planning so that there is coordination among the societies in their meeting plans and program offerings.

The Membership Committee will have its next meeting on the evening of January 26, before the mid-year Board meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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Animal Science Image Gallery

At the January 2006 ASAS Board Meeting, the ASAS Board voted to couple with National Agriculture Library (NAL) to support the Animal Science Image Gallery. The creation of the Animal Science Image Gallery was funded by a USDA Higher Education Challenge grant. The goal was to develop a digital image database at NAL to assist instructors and their students initially in animal nutrition and animal reproduction. Animations, videos, data sets, and other teaching tools are solicited, particularly when single images are inadequate for difficult concepts. The NAL indexing system ensures that adequate metadata are included for each image. NAL will make the images available in perpetuity without charge to those who submit or use the images. Using the sections on reproduction and nutrition as templates, sections have been added recently for beef cattle, companion animals, dairy cattle, ethology, horses, pork industry, poultry, and sheep and goats; other sections are under discussion.

Although NAL will maintain the Image Gallery in perpetuity, they were not prepared to assess new images arising out of new discoveries or technical advances, whereas ASAS has members with the appropriate expertise and already has a review system in place. Hence, near the end of the present USDA HEC grant period (September 30, 2007), ASAS will take over and maintain the Animal Science Image Gallery Editorial Board.

The site is designed to provide agriculture and life science faculty throughout the world with images, animations, and video that they can use in their classroom teaching. Each of the files includes extensive information about the image so you can be sure of exactly what the image is depicting. Please take a moment to visit the Image Gallery at <http://anscigallery.nal.usda.gov/>.

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

The last 6 months have been a time of marked change in the ADSA and ASAS Executive Directors' offices. After 20 years of service, Brenda Carlson retired as ADSA ED and ADSA welcomed Peter Studney. At the same time, Jerry Baker completed his transition from ASAS ED to FASS CEO and Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe joined the ASAS office. Although we will certainly miss Brenda and Jerry, change within the two offices is not all bad, as with new people come new approaches and perspectives.

ADSA Perspective

As ADSA embarks on the 2006 Strategic Plan, we will be working hard to protect our strengths and address our weaknesses. To start, ADSA is fortunate to have the support of many dedicated volunteers and authors—both members and nonmembers—working together to produce the top-ranked dairy science journal in the world. Beyond this critically important foundation piece, ADSA has developed products and services of a somewhat broader scope as a means of diversification that will serve it well into the future. S-PAC is an example of visionary thinking that holds enormous potential for ADSA. The DISCOVER conference series is another example of creative solutions that address a need and provide real value to member participants and others. Taken together, ADSA's intellectual capital is our most valuable resource, and our challenge is to manage it responsibly to provide the greatest return to the association and its members. Our other major challenge, concurrent with the first, is finding ways to ensure that the world is aware of this incredible store of knowledge and how to access it. Doing so successfully will provide the means to explore and create new member benefits. Continuous examination of our current offerings, along with exploration for new ways to provide value to our members is the surest way to ensure that ADSA will be alive and well one hundred years from now.

ASAS Perspective

ASAS is strong with a bright future in a period when many professional societies are struggling. Of course, this is not to say that we are immune from the hurdles facing other societies, but rather that we are in a

good position to address many of these issues, including increased competition for members, changing member demographic profiles, decreased membership, escalating costs, technological changes in publication, and increasing meeting competition. Luckily we have an excellent membership and financial base to help us combat these trends. In particular, in this time of increased competitiveness, it is important for societies to enhance and highlight their membership services, create innovative membership services, and seek out alternative income sources. To that end, we have initiated the process of strategic planning, begun collecting up-to-date and accurate membership demographics, instituted *Papers in Press* for JAS, initiated trademarking of ASAS and all related logos and symbols, increased membership services geared directly towards graduate students, partnered with other organizations to allow us to offer their services to our members at reduced costs, evaluated internal practices to ensure that they can be deemed "best business practices," and increased our marketing efforts to ensure members are aware of the full benefits of membership.

Updates from the ED Offices

2006 Joint Annual Meetings: ADSA and ASAS met together at the Joint Annual Meetings in July in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A hallmark of the meeting was the ADSA Centennial Celebration, which ASAS was honored to attend. In fact, the ASAS Centennial Committee was on hand, taking notes to ensure that the ASAS 2008 Centennial Celebration will be just as successful. The ADSA Centennial Celebration highlighted the history and membership of ADSA.

In total, approximately 2,900 people attended the 2006 Joint Annual Meetings, more than 1,400 papers were presented, and over 33 symposia occurred. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors, our members, and the FASS staff, for ensuring that the 2006 Joint Annual Meeting was a resounding success.

2007 Joint Annual Meetings: The 2007 Joint Annual Meetings will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on July 8-12. In 2007 both PSA and AMPA will be join-

ing us for the meetings, so that the 2007 meeting will be the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting. The combined meeting of these 4 societies should provide something for everyone, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Joint Annual Meeting Review: As we mentioned previously, the founding member societies of FASS continue to join efforts in several areas to better serve our members. This year the founding societies have decided to focus efforts on meeting improvement and have formed an ad hoc committee of previous overall program chairs from each society charged with examining all aspects of the Joint Annual Meeting and report comments, concerns, and recommendations back to the boards.

Membership Services: The FASS membership department is in the midst of a software upgrade that will directly impact the quality of our membership services. The upgrade in software will aid in the renewal process, allow us to keep timely and accurate membership records, allow us to truly understand the demographics of our membership, and may eventually allow us to create a searchable "experts" database for membership use. At the same time as the software upgrade, the 3 societies have combined efforts to gather demographic data about our individual members that will be used later to aid in strategic planning and to explore opportunities for joint membership programs.

Journals: Our journals continue to rank in the top 10 journals in agriculture, dairy and animal science journals category.

Thank you for your continued support of our societies.

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ASAS Graduate Director's Report

The ASAS Graduate Directors have been busy over the last several years creating opportunities for the ASAS graduate student membership and representing graduate students in ASAS. For those who are not aware, Graduate Directors are elected each year by the ASAS membership and serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. Since the inception of the position in 2000, the Graduate Directors have added much to ASAS. Previous directors Matt Wilson, Heather Dann, David Edwards, Susanna (Beth) Kitts, and Jennifer Hernandez have built a firm foundation for the Graduate Director position, and instituted a number of items that are now part of mainstream life as an ASAS graduate student.

The institution of the ASAS/ADSA Graduate Student Mixer, traditionally held on Monday night of the Joint ASAS/ADSA National Meeting, is going strong—we will be holding this event for the fifth time in San Antonio. It is a great time to meet undergraduate and graduate students from across the globe and to mix, mingle, and have fun. This event has been extremely popular and we hope to improve upon it each year. The 2006 Mixer in Minneapolis was part of a larger party, with attendees from ADSA and ASAS, and was a fantastic time with the Johnny Holm Band providing a night of great tunes and entertainment. Be sure to check out pictures of this mixer, as well as previous mixers, on our website: <http://www.asas.org/gradinfo/>.

This website was another important item created by previous Graduate Directors. It is designed specifically to contain information for and about graduate students in ASAS. On it, you can find information about ASAS meetings, jobs and careers, conferences, other

professional societies, and the Graduate Director position. This website is a wealth of information for graduate students either beginning, in the middle, or finishing their time as a student. We would like to continue to add to this website for information that graduate students need and want, so feel free to contact us with suggestions for improvement.

ASAS has also begun a graduate student listserv, designed to keep graduate students in ASAS informed as to things that are happening in ASAS that may be important to graduate students. Each department or university should have a contact that receives the information from the Graduate Directors through the listserv and then passes the information along to the graduate students in their department. This listserv is still growing, so if you do not have an ASAS contact in your department or university, contact us so that we may add you to this listserv.

You will also be hearing updates about the ASAS Strategic Plan, due to be finished in 2008. This new Strategic Plan has a strong focus on the role of graduate students in ASAS. For the first time ever, the Strategic Planning Committee has graduate student representation. The Strategic Plan Committee interviewed graduate students at one of four focus groups at the national meeting in Minneapolis and will also do so at the sectional meetings this year. Already many great ideas are being developed from the suggestions of graduate students at these focus groups. Each and every graduate student can also voice his or her opinions and concerns on the membership survey that is being distributed to the membership by the Strategic Planning Committee. Make sure to participate in

this survey so that the new Strategic Plan can reflect the needs of all graduate students in ASAS.

One item suggested by the graduate student focus group was development of programs at the annual meeting targeting graduate student growth and development. Because of this suggestion, ASAS is developing a symposium for the 2007 national meeting that will focus on graduate student career development. This symposium is a valuable addition to the national meeting program and we hope you will attend and benefit from this symposium. We are excited to be able to offer this symposium in response to the needs voiced by ASAS graduate student members and hope to get more great ideas from the membership survey and your feedback.

The graduate students are the future of ASAS, and we want you to feel included and be involved every step of the way. The goal of the Graduate Director position is to represent the wants and needs of every graduate student in ASAS. We have lots of ideas on how to improve ASAS graduate student activities, but always love to hear more! It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Graduate Directors, and we are excited about the things we can do to make being an ASAS graduate student GREAT!

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ASAS Partners with CABI

Beginning this year, ASAS is partnering with CABI to offer the CABI resources to ASAS members at a reduced cost. The partnership between ASAS and CABI will allow ASAS members access to benefits of CABI membership at a 25% reduction in the normal cost of \$125 per person per year rather than \$165 per person per year. To learn more about CABI visit their website at <http://www.cabi.org/index.asp>.

To access the CABI/ ASAS cost savings, visit the ASAS website (<http://www.asas.org/>)

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2007 ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2007 ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS call for abstracts and all of the information you need to submit an abstract will be available in early October on the 2007 meeting website at <http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/meetings/2007/>. The submission deadline for abstracts is February 14, 2007, 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!
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Future Society Meetings

ADSA and ASAS Annual Meeting

July 8-12, 2007 San Antonio, Texas (with PSA, AMPA, ASAS, ASAS Northeast, ADSA Northeast, and ADSA Southern)
July 27-31, 2008 Indianapolis, Indiana (with ASAS Northeast, ADSA Northeast and ADSA Southern)
July 12-16, 2009 Montreal, Canada (with CSAS, ASAS Northeast, ADSA Northeast and ADSA Southern)
July 11-15, 2010 Denver, Colorado (with ASAS Northeast, ADSA Northeast, ADSA Southern and WSASAS)

ASAS Southern Section Meeting Dates and Locations

February 3-7, 2007 Mobile, Alabama (with SAAS)
February 2-6, 2008 Dallas, Texas (with SAAS)
January 30-February 6, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia (with SAAS)
February 7-10, 2010 Orlando, Florida (with SAAS)

ASAS Western Section Meeting Dates and Locations

June 20-22, 2007 University of Idaho, Moscow
2008 University of Wyoming, Laramie
2009 TBA
July 11-15, 2010 Denver, Colorado (with ASAS, ADSA)

ASAS Midwestern Section - ADSA Midwest Branch Meeting

March 19-21, 2007 Des Moines, Iowa
March 17-19, 2008 Des Moines, Iowa
March 16-18, 2009 Des Moines, Iowa
March 15-17, 2010 Des Moines, Iowa

Twelfth DISCOVER Conference on Food Animal Agriculture: Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship

April 15-18, 2007, Nashville, Indiana

Nominations for Danisco International Dairy Science Award

An annual research and development award entitled the “Danisco International Dairy Science Award of American Dairy Science Association,” formerly the Marschall Rhodia International Dairy Science Award, was established in 1980. The recipient, who must be a resident of a country other than United States or Canada, receives an engraved plaque, \$1000 in cash, and travel expenses to the ADSA meeting. Selection will be made by an ADSA committee consisting of a chairperson (nonvoting) and 5 other members (voting). Nominations and supportive materials by ADSA members and the world at large are solicited, and must be postmarked no later than **November 29, 2006**.

Purpose

To recognize outstanding accomplishments in research and development outside the US and Canada in chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, technology, and engineering pertaining to the dairy foods industries. The impact of these contributions on the market place may be a factor in the selection.

Special Requirements for Nomination

1. Nominee must have made an important research and development contribution to chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, technology, or engineering pertaining to the dairy foods industries. The impact of these contributions on the market place may be a factor in the selection.
2. Nominee must have made the contribution within the 20 years immediately preceding nomination.
3. Nominee need not have been a member of ADSA.
4. Nominee must not be a resident of the US or Canada.
5. Nominee will be invited to present a special address at the annual meeting of ADSA.

Nomination form and required supportive materials are on back of this sheet or visit <http://www.adsa.org/newawards/lognom.asp>.

Requirements for Nomination (Must be prepared in English - please type)

1. Remove this tear sheet and complete biographical form listed below.
2. Write a signed letter of endorsement and critical evaluation of nominee describing the nature of his or her contributions and their significance or importance to the dairy foods industries.
3. Prepare a list of scientific publications, patents, and technical books of nominee within the past 20 years, entitled “Publications of Nominee.” Do not include popular or trade journal articles or news releases. In listing, cite authors as they appear on the publication with complete title, journal name, volume, first and last pages, and year.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON NOMINEE (In English)

Name of Nominee _____
Last name First name Middle name

Date and Place of Birth _____

Country of Permanent Residence _____

Present Position _____

Present Address _____

E-mail _____

EDUCATION (University or Technical School Attended)

Name	Dates	Degree	Major Field
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT RECORD (List in Chronological Order)

Date	Employer	Position
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Name of Nominator _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Mailing Instructions

Enclose completed tear sheet with letter of endorsement and publications list typed in English. Send one copy of all materials (retain one for your files) postmarked by **November 29, 2006**, to:

Dianne C. Wickes, ADSA Awards Coordinator, 1111 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, IL 61874.

Or if you wish, go to <http://www.adsa.org/newawards/lognom.asp> to complete this process on line.



HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION AND FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

Housing for the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting will open on October 20, 2006. For best availability and immediate confirmation of hotel assignment, make your reservation via the internet. Faxed or mailed housing requests will take longer to process and your choice of hotels may not be available.

INTERNET: Use the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting web site at <http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/2007>.

FAX: Only completed forms will be accepted by fax. Send one form per request (make copies as needed) to **210-207-6702**

MAIL: Send a fully completed form with either credit card authorization valid through 7/07 or a check deposit for \$200 per room made payable to the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Housing Bureau 203 S. St. Mary's, 2nd Floor, San Antonio, TX 78205

TELEPHONE: Call the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Housing Bureau (must have a credit card), 8:30am-4:30pm CST, Monday-Friday: 210-207-6734 **Note: Phone lines will open Jan. 15, 2007**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Housing Bureau will send you an acknowledgement of your reservations. **Please review all information for accuracy.** E-mail acknowledgements will be sent within 72 hours of reservation being processed. Fax and mailed acknowledgements will be sent within 10-14 days. If you do not receive your acknowledgement within this time frame please contact the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Housing Bureau by fax at 210-207-6702, or e-mail at sahousing@sanantoniovisit.com. **Note: You will not receive a written confirmation from the hotel.**

ROOM RATES/TAXES

To take advantage of the special ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS rates, please book your reservation by June 6, 2007. After June 6, 2007, the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS room blocks will be released and hotels may charge higher rates or may not have availability. All rates are per room and are subject to 16.75% tax (subject to change).

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Special requests for specific room types cannot be guaranteed. Hotels will do their best to honor all requests and will assign specific room types upon check-in, based on availability.

DEPOSITS

A \$200 per room deposit is required with each reservation request. Credit card deposits will be processed on or after June 6, 2007 at the discretion of your confirmed hotel. Deposits by check (Drawn on a US bank) must be received by June 6, 2007.

CHANGES-CANCELLATIONS-REFUNDS

Reservations made with a credit card may be changed or canceled without penalty until June 6, 2007. Cancellations made on or after June 6, 2007 will be assessed a \$50 cancellation fee. This fee will be charged 7 days after cancellation. Please check with your assigned hotel for detailed policy regarding early departure and cancellation.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT YOUR HOTEL DIRECTLY UNTIL AFTER JUNE 20, 2007.

**FOR CURRENT AVAILABILITY MAKE YOUR RESERVATION VIA THE INTERNET AT:
<http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/2007>**

GUEST INFORMATION

Arrival Date _____ **Departure Date** _____

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Daytime Phone* _____ Fax* _____

*If providing international numbers, please include country and city access numbers

Company _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City/State/Province _____

Zip or Postal Code Country _____

HOTEL SELECTION INFORMATION

#Hotel choices in order of preference	Hotels	CODE	Single 1 person	Double 2 people	Triple 3 people	Quad 4 people
	Marriott Rivercenter – ADSA/ASAS HQ	MRC	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00
	Marriott Riverwalk – ADSA/ASAS HQ	MRC	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$166.00
	Hilton Palacio del Rio – PSA HQ	HPR	\$149.00	\$149.00	\$169.00	\$189.00
	Hyatt Regency – Student Hotel H	YR	\$135.00	\$139.00	\$149.00	\$149.00
	Westin Riverwalk – Overflow Hotel	WES	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$139.00

CIRCLE: # of occupants: 1 2 3 4 # of beds requested: ONE TWO

List full names of all room occupants: _____

Check here if you have a disability requiring special services

Special requests: _____

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

A deposit in the amount of \$200 must accompany all reservation requests. Housing Forms received without a valid deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a credit card valid through 7/07. See below for check information. Credit card deposits will be processed on or after June 6, 2007 at the discretion of your confirmed hotel.

American Express Discover
 MasterCard Visa

Card Number* _____ Ex _____piration Date* _____

Name on Credit Card* _____

Cardholder's Signature* _____

* Necessary to process reservation

Attention: Those paying by check will need to send \$200 per room deposit. Check deposits MUST BE MADE PAYABLE to ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Housing Bureau. Mail housing forms with check deposits to: ADSA-PSA-AMPA-ASAS Housing Bureau, 203 S. St. Mary's, 2nd Floor, San Antonio, TX 78205

**PLEASE NOTE:
ONLY ONE FORM PER REQUEST, ONLY ONE FORM OF PAYMENT PER RESERVATION**

2007 Meeting Dates and Deadlines

ASAS Southern Section

February 3-7, 2007, Mobile, Alabama
Abstract submission deadline: October 18, 2006
Award nomination deadline: October 18, 2006
Meeting website: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2007/>

ASAS Midwestern Section and ADSA Midwest Branch

March 19-21, 2007 Des Moines, Iowa
Abstract submission deadline: October 26, 2006
Award nomination deadline: October 26, 2006
Meeting website: <http://www.asas.org/midwest/2007/>

Twelfth DISCOVER Conference on Food Animal Agriculture: Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship

April 15-18, 2007, Nashville, Indiana
Conference website: [http://www.adsa.org/
discover/12th%20discover_2007.htm](http://www.adsa.org/discover/12th%20discover_2007.htm)

ASAS Western Section

June 20-22, 2007, University of Idaho, Moscow
Abstract submission deadline: March 1, 2007
Award nomination deadline: March 1, 2007
Meeting website: <http://www.asas.org/western07/> (coming soon)

ADSA/PSA/AMPA/ASAS Joint Annual Meeting

July 8-12, 2007, San Antonio, Texas
Abstract submission deadline: February 14, 2007
ASAS Award nomination deadline: February 21, 2007
ADSA Award nomination deadline: Part 1, December 22, 2006;
Part 2, February 16, 2007
Meeting website: <http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/meetings/2007/>

ASAS Northeastern Section and ADSA Northeast Branch

July 8-12, 2007, San Antonio, Texas
Abstract submission deadline: February 14, 2007
Award nomination deadline: TBA
Meeting website: <http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/meetings/2007/>

ADSA Southern Branch

July 8-12, 2007, San Antonio, Texas
Abstract submission deadline: February 14, 2007
Award nomination deadline: TBA
Meeting website: <http://adsa.psa.ampa.asas.org/meetings/2007/>

*Note: all deadlines expire at 11:59 PM (central time) on the date shown.



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