Three programs on Sunday, July 9, kick off the 2006 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. The Triennial Reproduction Symposium, a symposium on “Advances in Cultured Dairy Foods,” and a Biosecurity Risk Assessment Workshop all occur on Sunday. Be sure to visit the meeting web site for a complete listing of all scheduled symposia and scientific sessions.

This year’s program includes 33 symposia or workshops covering the spectrum of animal science. There are a total of 1,437 abstracts with 654 oral and 783 poster presentations plus a number of invited presentations. The ADSA Centennial Committee is planning the opening session keynote speakers as well as invited speakers throughout the entire meeting to focus on scientific advancements throughout the 100-year history of ADSA.

An extended midday break of 1.5 hours will again be scheduled to provide greater opportunity for networking with colleagues and friends. The poster sessions will run from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday to encourage attendance at the posters. This approach seemed to work well in 2005. The schedule for this year’s meeting is set so that there is a 3-hour block of time in the morning and afternoon for scientific oral sessions.

The International Animal Agriculture Committee this year has planned a symposium on “Alternatives to Antibiotics in Feeding Ruminants” that will precede the International Reception Wednesday evening. The Women and Minorities Issues Committee has planned a luncheon for Monday on “Peer Mentoring for Women and Minority Scientists.” As always, graduate student paper competitions occur on Monday and provide a glimpse of future leaders in animal science. New this year will be a Graduate Student Poster Competition for the ADSA Production Division.

Be sure to visit the 2006 Annual Meeting web site for updates as July 9-13 draws closer—this year’s meeting promises another top-notch blend of scientific sessions.

**ADSA Centennial Celebration**

The Centennial Celebration of the American Dairy Science Association is in full swing. The cover of the *Journal of Dairy Science* will feature the Centennial logo on all issues of Volume 89. The first activity for the Centennial occurred with the Centennial Issue of the *Journal of Dairy Science*, published in April. Twenty-two review papers with 52 contributors updated major advances in dairy science since the Diamond Jubilee issue in 1981. A similar issue was published in 1956 when ADSA celebrated its first 50 years.

Several activities are planned for the annual meeting in Minneapolis. At the Opening Ceremony, the program, “Reflecting Back to Envision the Future” will address the accomplishments of the people of ADSA and look ahead to the challenges that members will tackle in the coming years. A special poster session will highlight contributions to dairy science by universities, government institutions, and sustaining members. The exhibit of posters will run throughout the annual meeting. The *Pioneers in Dairy Science* represent a group of distinguished scientists, 18 in total, who have been invited to present a paper as the leadoff to oral sessions in a particular discipline.

Two publications are nearing completion that will feature ADSA and the dairy industry. A coffee table book recognizes, in pictures and text, the past 100 years of ADSA, contributions by members, and advances in dairy production and foods. A DVD captures images and interviews of ADSA and its members.

Plan to come to Minneapolis and revel in our great accomplishments over the past 100 years.

Ken McGuffey
Centennial Planning Committee
2006 Joint Meeting Opening Session

The opening session of the Joint Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2006, in the Auditorium of the Minneapolis Convention Center. The opening session will focus on ADSA and its Centennial. The conversational format will lead off with two ADSA Pioneers looking at the first 100 years of ADSA. Other members will talk about past annual meetings and discuss the role of dairy in the future. A past SAD President will discuss the relationship between dairy students and ADSA in the future. Don’t miss this special historical session on ADSA!

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Check the Centennial web site (www.adsa.org/centennial) often for a complete list of donors and other Centennial activities.
Sunday, July 9
All-Day Symposia
Triennial Reproduction Symposium
Disease Risk Management Tools for Beef and Dairy Producer: Train the Trainer
Dairy Foods: Advances in Cultured Foods

Monday, July 10
Morning Symposia
Food Safety: Ruminants as Reservoirs for Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli
Goat Species: Potential of Goats as Biological Agents to Produce Meat, Control Vegetation, and Restore Land
Physiology and Endocrinology: Metabolic Regulation of Food Intake

Afternoon Symposia
Women and Minority Issues in Animal Agriculture Luncheon
Dairy Foods: Political, Economic, and Scientific Considerations of Milk Component Utilization
Ruminant Nutrition: Connecting Rumen Microbiology to Ruminant Nutrition: Are We There Yet?
Sheep Species: Application of Genomics to Sheep Production
Swine Species: Impact of ART in Swine Production: Current and Future
Companion Animals: Advances in Companion Animals - Biomarkers

Tuesday, July 11
Morning Symposia
Alpharma Beef Cattle Nutrition Symposium
Bioethics: Teaching Animal Ethics Within Today’s Animal Science Curriculum
Companion Animals: Companion Animal Research: Contributions and Conflicts
Extension Education: Profitability of Dairy Farming in a Global Economy
Growth and Development: IGF and IGF Binding Proteins
Nonruminant Nutrition: New Frontiers in Amino Acid Research in Nonruminant Nutrition
ADSA Foundation Scholar Lecture - Dairy Foods
Danisco International Dairy Science Award Lecture

Afternoon Symposia
ADSA Southern Section Symposium: Practical and Applied Approaches to Managing Dairy Businesses in the Future
Animal Health: Immunophysiology of Host-Environment Interactions: Implications for Disease Pathogenesis and Health Management of Production Livestock
Dairy Foods: Production Meets Processing: A Vital Link for High Quality Dairy Foods
Ruminant Nutrition: Identifying Opportunities for Maximizing Forage Utilization
Teaching/Undergraduate and Graduate Education: Student Engagement…The Classroom and Beyond
ADSA Foundation Scholar Lecture - Production

Wednesday, July 12
Morning Symposia
ARPAS: Assessment and Management of Feedstuff Variation in Dairy Nutrition
Bioethics: Ethical and Social Issues in Animal Biotechnology

Afternoon Symposia
ADSA Production Division: Meeting the Research and Educational Needs of the Dairy Industry During the Next 25 Years
Breeding and Genetics: Phylogenetics and Genetic Diversity
Horse Species: What’s New in the New NRC for Horses?
International Animal Agriculture: Alternatives to Antibiotics if Feeding Ruminants for Optimal Production and Health
Lactation Biology: Local Control of Mammary Function

Thursday, July 13
Morning Symposia
Beef Species: Enterprise Integration for Sustainable Beef Production
FASS Environment, Waste Management and Ecosystems: Transforming Forages to Improve Nitrogen Use by Dairy Cows and Decrease Nitrogen Emissions
In celebration of the 100th birthday of ADSA, the April JDS will focus on the past 25 years of scientific advances within the dairy industry, and an historical summary of ADSA history. This issue will be unique not only as a reference document, but as a keepsake. Articles will focus on dairy foods, nutrition, physiology, and genetics advances since 1981.

The Centennial issue is $30. If you wish to order a paper copy of the Centennial issue of the Journal of Dairy Science, please complete this form and return it to ADSA by mail or fax.

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FUTURE ADSA-ASAS Meetings

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This year has flown by with ADSA’s centennial celebration being right around the corner. I am very excited about the upcoming 2006 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, where ADSA will be celebrating 100 years as an organization. A host of members have been working feverishly to make this event one that you do not want to miss. The special Centennial issue of the Journal of Dairy Science that was recently published is just one aspect of commemorating this significant milestone in ADSA’s journey. I encourage you to take time to look at the numerous symposia and other special events that are being planned (http://www.adsa.org/centennial/ and http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/). I look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the many accomplishments in dairy science.

This has been a busy year for the ADSA and its leadership. I want you to know that your association is financially very solid. Ellen Jordan, ADSA Treasurer, has done an outstanding job in providing leadership in this area. Specific details will be shared at the ADSA Town Hall meeting in Minneapolis. The efforts of Jerry Baker, current CEO of the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS), and Normand St-Pierre, FASS Treasurer, were critical in putting FASS back on a sound financial basis, enabling ADSA and the other founding members to focus on other key areas essential to the long-term success of their organizations.

The Journal of Dairy Science continues to maintain one of the highest impact factor ratings for journals in its class with record levels of pages produced. As a result, we are seeing an ever-increasing number of manuscript submissions from many parts of the world. Editor-in-Chief, Gary Rogers, editors, reviewers, authors, and the FASS editorial and production staff are well deserving of our thanks. We are striving to continue to identify and evaluate ways to enhance the impact factor rating, improve the process for manuscript submission and review, as well as the production of the journal to better meet the needs of the authors and subscribers.

Over the past years, the Board has been working on the development of a strategic plan. This year we focused on compiling what we have learned, assessing where we are, determining where we need to be, determining the key initiatives central to the future success of ADSA, and completing the writing of the strategic plan. We look forward to sharing the elements of this plan with you at the ADSA Town Hall meeting in Minneapolis.

It has been a pleasure to work with such committed and dedicated ADSA and FASS staff, Board members, committee members, student advisors, nominators, and others who have volunteered their time to enhance the value of ADSA to its membership and to others that it serves. I want to especially recognize Brenda Carlson, our Executive Director. Her leadership, commitment, and tireless efforts have played a vital role in the success of ADSA. Brenda will be retiring from ADSA the end of May to pursue other interests—we wish her the very best. The Board has been very diligent in searching for our next Executive Director, and on April 15 Peter Studney will be joining ADSA. Peter brings a strong background in finance and administration with broad experience as an executive director managing numerous associations including a scientific association.

I want to express my appreciation to all ADSA sponsors for their generosity, which contributes to the success of our meetings, member recognition via the awards program, and to the advancement of our organization.

I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis.

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Letter from the ADSA President

Dave Barbano

ADSA President Dave Barbano
Recovering From Heart Attack

As many of you may know, I had an unexpected heart attack at home early in the morning of January 4, 2006. I had emergency heart bypass surgery that same day. Due to the tissue damage in my heart and some complications related to nerve damage in my throat from the breathing tube, I was hospitalized for 24 days. I lost 42 pounds during January and was very weak when I returned home. My wife, Phyllis, and daughter, Jill, have been nursing me back to health, but the process is slow. I am participating in an excellent monitored rehabilitation exercise program three days a week to build back my cardiac function. I hope that my recovery stays on course so that I can attend the Centennial ADSA meeting in Minneapolis this summer. I thank ADSA Executive Director Brenda Carlson and her staff, ADSA Vice President Gary Hartnell, and the ADSA Board for keeping all the business of ADSA moving forward for the ADSA Centennial during my illness. They are a great team and I owe them all a huge thank you for what they have done during my illness!
Letter from the ASAS President

David Buchanan

It has been an exciting year for the American Society of Animal Science. I am even more appreciative of the opportunity to serve as your President. It is, like many things, one of those experiences that is wonderful to have had. One year as President is enough, but it has been very enjoyable and educational. I have the privilege of serving alongside a wonderful Board of Directors and a dedicated and highly productive staff. Paula Schultz has served far above and beyond the call of duty as our Executive Director for eight days. Jerry Baker has been the on-site Executive Director for eight days. I look for great things from Meghan and am excited for the chance to work with her during the remainder of my term. I am also very appreciative for the time spent with my two immediate predecessors (Terry Etherton and Jim Males). Their leadership has been very important to me. The chance to spend the past year working with my successor (Maynard Hogberg) has also been extremely rewarding. ASAS will have a great President when he takes the gavel.

I hope that every ASAS member is looking forward to a great meeting in Minneapolis with the American Dairy Science Association. It is the Centennial meeting of ADSA and we have the good fortune of being able to join in their party. There will be many events devoted to the celebration of the Centennial as well as the usual outstanding set of symposia, invited speakers, and contributed abstracts. The 2007 meeting, along with ADSA, the Poultry Science Association and the Mexican Association of Animal Production, will be in San Antonio. We are also planning our own Centennial in 2008 and will meet with ADSA in Indianapolis. Len Bull and David Ames are chairing the planning committee for the Centennial and it shows promise of being an unforgettable event.

The *Journal of Animal Science* continues to be our most prominent face to the scientific community. It is in good hands with Dr. Larry Reynolds from North Dakota State University as the Editor-in-Chief. There is progress on the project to scan all past issues and place them in searchable format on the Internet. This should, among other things, bring opportunities to bring into clear focus and understand some of the older research. We have also decided to go ahead with Publish Ahead of Print, which will get the new research results into the hands of scientists more quickly.

ASAS is sound financially. We have been able to build a reserve equal to 50% of our operating budget so we are not worrying about whether the bills are being paid. During my previous tenure on the Board of Directors, much time was spent trying to decide whether to increase the price of membership, page charges, or subscriptions. It is pleasant to not have to invest much time deciding which service needs a price increase. Two of the reasons for our sound financial status are our ongoing cooperation with ADSA in an annual meeting and our involvement in FASS. FASS has experienced a difficult couple of years but I feel very good about its current situation. Jerry Baker has been on the job as Chief Executive Officer since last fall. He has been able to establish an open budgeting policy. He has been assisted in this endeavor by Normand St-Pierre as FASS Treasurer. Their efforts resulted in FASS having a realistic budget for 2006. FASS has also attracted new business. The opportunity to be involved with FASS has illustrated clearly the effectiveness of the FASS staff. Their daily productivity is amazing and Jerry has already accomplished much in helping staff members be happy in their jobs and anxious to make positive contributions to the future of the organization.

One of the more enjoyable parts of being President is the chance to attend the sectional meetings. I have been to Orlando, Florida, for the Southern meeting and to Des Moines, Iowa, for the Midwest meeting. I look forward to my first attendance at a Western Section meeting in Logan, Utah, in June. ASAS is fortunate to have an outstanding national meeting but is equally fortunate to have three regional meetings with their own emphasis and flavor. Past-President Jim Males has agreed to chair a new Strategic Planning effort. He is leading this effort with the assistance of a committee and a facilitator. I urge you, when requested, to provide information for the Strategic Planning Committee. We look forward to their report upon completion of their activities.

Jerry Baker and I were able to represent ASAS at the European Association for Animal Production (EAAP) meeting in Uppsala, Sweden, and the Asociacion Mexicana de Produccion Animal (AMPA) meeting in Tampico, Mexico. These were very enjoyable trips. Maximino Bravo, President of AMPA, gave us a tour of the ruins at El Tajin, which made that trip even more memorable. Both meetings were noteworthy for the outstanding scientific presentations and the opportunity to make new friends who share our interests in the improvement of animal agriculture.

Being President of this wonderful organization has brought into clear focus the dedication of the many volunteers who serve our society. ASAS could not function without you, the members, and the hard work you provide. As I visit with so many of you, I realize the deep interest in the success of the organization that is shared by so many. I look forward to seeing you again in Minneapolis. Thank you for the confidence and trust you have given me to be able to serve as your President.

David Buchanan

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New Executive Director of ASAS

On March 20, Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe joined the ASAS staff in Savoy, IL, as the new ASAS Executive Director. Meghan began her career in animal science as an undergrad at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she received her BS in Meat and Animal Science in 1995. Following her undergraduate work, on the advice of Dr. Dave Thomas, Meghan opted to earn her MS (1997) and PhD (2000) in reproductive physiology working under Dr. Greg Lewis at Virginia Tech. On several occasions throughout her undergraduate and graduate education, Meghan had the opportunity to work at the USDA Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, ID, and following her graduate work, she returned to the sheep station as a category 3 scientist. After a year at the sheep station, Meghan accepted a position with Fort Dodge Animal Health, a division of Wyeth, where she was involved in discovery and new product development. Meghan left her position at Wyeth and moved to Indiana in order to be closer to her husband. While in Indiana, Meghan most notably worked at Purdue as a visiting scientist and at Eli Lilly and Company. At Lilly, Meghan was primarily involved in determining the scientific data disclosure policy for a global product. Currently, Meghan and Scott reside on a small hobby farm in Veedersburg, IN. Meghan has been actively involved in ASAS throughout much of her career, and is enjoying her new position with ASAS.

JDS/JAS Managing Editor’s Report

Greetings from Savoy! It has been busy and exciting at HQ as the journals continue to grow in numbers of submissions and pages published each year. In 2005, the six journals produced at FASS published approximately 13,500 journal pages, which translates to approximately 40,500 manuscript pages. Journal of Dairy Science (JDS) and Journal of Animal Science (JAS) published 7,760 of those journal pages. Those numbers give me pause each time I see them—how do we possibly read and compose that much? Did I forget to mention that we also edit newsletters, special projects (we have a 450-page book project right now), brochures, letters, biographies of award winners, etc . . . ?

We can do this because we have a great team in the Editorial and Production Department, and they all do a terrific job. It takes the hard work of Louise Adam, Sharon Frick, Jeremy Holzner, Lisa Krohn, Ted Veatch, Gayle Gleichman, Louise Audrieth, and Ron Keller to publish the journals and other projects. And, this month we welcome two new technical editors, Mandy Maiden and Susan Krusemark, to our department. Both have journal publishing experience and bring many talents to our team. We said goodbye to Amy Kemp last month and wish her well in her new position at PDK in Bloomington, IN.

We also have been improving our efficiency to keep the ever-larger journals on schedule. Our editors have been working as a pool for most of the past year. The updates to each journal’s style and form have been helpful in this regard and have provided greater flexibility for us to work across journals. The greater flexibility allows us to take sick leave or vacation without compromising the schedule of one journal.

The author instructions for JAS and JDS journals were extensively revised this year (thank you, Louise Adam!)—especially for figure preparation. We hope that the new guidelines and online references included will be useful to authors. Let us know what works (or doesn’t work) so that we can make appropriate adjustments for next year—we welcome your feedback. Revision checklists have also been posted to the journal web sites and can be used in preparing and revising manuscripts. Well-prepared manuscripts tend to require less editing and thus, move through the production process more quickly.

Other Projects

Publish Ahead of Print. To decrease the time from submission to publication of accepted manuscripts, the ASAS Board has approved funding for Publish Ahead of Print (PAP); HighWire (HW) is in the process of configuring this feature on the JAS web site. Papers that are accepted for publication in JAS will be posted within a couple of weeks on HW with a DOI (digital object identifier) instead of page numbers assigned. When the fully edited and typeset version of an article becomes available in an issue and has page numbers, the PAP version will be archived at HW.

Manuscript Central migration. We are tentatively scheduled to migrate JDS to the new version of Manuscript Central (MC) by the end of September 2006. The new version will be a major upgrade, but we are prepared to answer questions and assist authors, reviewers, and editors in using the new interface during the migration process. Although we had some challenges when JAS and the two PSA journals were moved, there are good reasons for making this move. ScholarOne, the proprietor of MC, is in the process of moving all of its customers to the newer version and phasing out the older version. Our plan allows us to schedule when the migration takes place, rather than waiting for them to schedule us at their convenience. It has been a couple of years since the migrations of the other journals; there have been several upgrades to the system since then, and we anticipate a smooth transition for JDS.

Susan Pollock
FASS Director of Editorial and Production Services
Managing Editor of JAS and JDS
Report from the JAS Editor-in-Chief

Lawrence P. Reynolds

I hope to be a little more brief (‘briefer?’) than I was in my first report last fall.

I want to begin by again acknowledg-ing the excellence of the Editorial/Production staff - Susan Pollock (Managing Editor and Director of Editorial and Production), Louise Adam (Technical Editor and Assistant Director of Editorial and Production), Lisa Krohn (Technical Editor), Jeremy Holzner (Manuscript Central Coordinator and Journals Administrative Assistant), Sharon Frick (Journal Support Coordinator), Judy McClughen (Subscriptions), Ted Veatch (Figure Processing), and the rest of the staff in Savoy. Running the technical aspects of a journal that receives more than 700 manuscripts per year is no small undertaking, but our staff is really excellent and delightful to work with-they make the running of the Journal go smoothly. Part of that involves keeping track of me and making sure I get things done on time-so far, they have been pretty successful, despite my periodic recalcitrance.

The E-supplement for volume 84 of the Journal, which contains 17 review papers from the 2005 annual meeting of the Society is now available on the journal website (http://jas.fass.org/content/vol84/13_suppl/). I believe our readership has found these E-supplement papers to be very useful, and we plan to continue publishing them in the future. In addition, all of the E-supplement papers from 2003 onward are searchable on PubMed. These papers should therefore be easily accessible to readers outside as well as those inside the Society. These E-supplements are available at http://www.asas.org/meetingsymp.asp.

Publication ahead of print of full-length, accepted articles was approved by the Board at the mid-year meeting in late January, and we are in the process of making this a reality. Although this service is costly (approximately $60.00 per paper published), the real plus is that it will reduce the total time from submission to publication from the current 268 days (8.8 mo) to approximately 220 days, or just over 7 mo! We hope to have this up and running by June at the earliest and August at the latest.

In terms of new initiatives, the revision of the Style and Form, which was implemented beginning with the January 2006 issue, has gone well. This change was designed to improve consistency among the 4 journals handled by FASS (JAS, Journal of Dairy Science, Poultry Science, and the Journal of Applied Poultry Research), and we believe it has already helped to reduce the time from acceptance to publication by making the jobs of the Editorial/Production staff easier.

The first of our initial 8 Board-invited review articles, which I mentioned in last fall’s Newsletter, has been received and is now in review. We hope to continue to publish these reviews at approximately monthly intervals beginning with the first one some time this summer. We believe their publication will not only add value to the Journal but also enhance its status.

The Board recently approved a new subheading, entitled Perspectives, which was also mentioned in the last Newsletter. This section will be a subheading under the Special Topics division, and will be modeled after the Perspectives currently published weekly in Science. Thus, Perspectives papers will be short (no more than 2 journal pages, including references) and will be on a current topic of broad interest to the readership; this usually will be related to a paper published in the same or a recent issue of the Journal.

As always, there is never a shortage of things to work on or plan for when it comes to the Journal of Animal Science. Your comments and suggestions as to how JAS can be more effective in serving the needs of our membership are welcomed and appreciated.

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Animal Science Image Gallery

If you could use more images for your teaching or outreach, test the Animal Science Image Gallery (http://anscigallery.nal.usda.gov/). As of January 1, there were nearly 200 peer-reviewed images in the Gallery, and another 1,500 either in review or awaiting review. The images now in the Gallery are mostly in the Reproduction and Nutrition sections. However, responding to suggestions during the 2005 ADSA/ASAS/CSAS meeting, several new sections were added late in 2005 and more are planned.

The section editors may contact you to review submitted images and their descriptions. You can also help by submitting your own images using the instructions on the Gallery web site. We will welcome your comments and suggestions. We will be pleased to respond to your questions and concerns.

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I bring you greetings from the University of Tennessee. I am thrilled to provide great news about the *Journal of Dairy Science* (JDS). This is my first Newsletter report after taking over the Editor-in-Chief responsibilities from Dr. Steve Nickerson (University of Georgia) at the beginning of 2006. In actuality, I was privileged to be able to work in an apprentice fashion alongside Steve for the last half of 2005. Thanks to Steve for serving as Editor-in-Chief for JDS until the end of 2005. Dr. Nickerson has provided outstanding leadership to JDS for the past several years and he witnessed an unequalled growth in JDS during this period. Dr. Nickerson should be very pleased with the position and performance of JDS at the end of his term and at his departure from the position of Editor-in-Chief. The Journal is approaching 90 years of successful publication and JDS reached a new level of performance and position under the oversight and leadership of Steve. Of course, Steve could not have accomplished this alone. Steve has had a wonderful group of staff members at ADSA headquarters handling the “nuts and bolts” for many critical tasks. I would like also to extend special thanks to the staff members at ADSA headquarters who make the job of Senior Editors, Section Editors, and the Editor-in-Chief much easier than it would be without their professional contributions. The staff at ADSA headquarters is extremely efficient and very productive. The staff at headquarters includes: 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; Jeremy Holzner, Manuscript Central Coordinator; and Sharon Frick, JDS Support Coordinator. Of course, the overall leadership of ADSA by Brenda Carlson has been outstanding as well. Brenda has strongly supported JDS during her time as Executive Director and JDS would not have reached its current level without her talents and support.

Let’s consider the current high status and level of prestige for JDS. The Journal continues to be the most outstanding scientific journal that serves several disciplines for dairy scientists from around the world. The impact factor from the most recent Institute for Scientific Information indicates that JDS is surpassed in impact factor by only 2 specialized journals in the category of agriculture, dairy, and animal science, a group that comprises 41 major journals. The impact factor is based primarily on journal citation reports and is an excellent measure of journal quality and the level of journal recognition. The impact factor for JDS is 2.13, which is higher than all other scientific journals in the agriculture, dairy, and animal science category except *Animal Genetics and Domestic Animal Endocrinology*. No scientific journals focused on dairy science approach the high impact factor that we see for JDS. In addition, JDS also ranks very high among food science and technology journals. This is great news for contributors to the Dairy Foods section. Out of 91 journals in the food science and technology category, JDS ranks 8th in impact factor. This ranking is outstanding especially considering the fact that the higher rated journals are very focused on food science (without production disciplines) and food science journals tend to have very high impact factors. The high impact factor for JDS is a result of much dedication from authors, reviewers, editors, and the staff who work on JDS.

Although the quality of JDS is outstanding, JDS has made some recent enhancements. Recently, online-only publications from symposia became available to major search engines. These online-only articles from symposia are now searchable just like traditional articles in JDS. In addition, JDS articles and abstracted articles from January 1990 to the present time are now available online at HighWire (http://jds.fass.org/).

In 2005, JDS published 474 articles and 4,451 pages. This is the third consecutive year in which JDS has published more than 400 manuscripts and more than 4,000 pages. One of the reasons that we have had this high level of interest is because of our outstanding record of publication efficiency. The average total time from submission to publication for an accepted paper was 214 days in 2005. A few papers skew this number somewhat so most accepted papers required fewer than 200 days from submission to publication. Production times averaged 92 days in 2005 (82 days from acceptance to ready for posting and 10 days for posting online and mailing). The average time in review for accepted papers was 122 days. In addition, the average time from submission to the first decision is now below 45 days. Great work on the part of reviewers, editors, and the ADSA staff!

I have often been asked about the acceptance rate for JDS. It is not as easy to quote an acceptance rate as one might first think. Simply using the ratio of published manuscripts to submitted manuscripts is a very crude way to calculate acceptance rates and it can be misleading. I recently looked at papers submitted in 2005 that have a final decision and found the acceptance rate to be about 55 to 60%. The exact rate depends on the exact time window chosen, how papers that are immediately rejected for missing sections or incorrect format are handled, and how withdrawn papers are handled.

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, Ric Grummer, Pete Hansen, MaryAnne Drake, John Bernard, and John Lucey), or one of the editors. I can assure you that JDS has a world-class group of editors and staff that are dedicated to the success of ADSA, JDS, and the dairy industry. I wish you happy reading and writing!

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The Bill Baumgardt DISCOVER Conference Scholarship Fund fundraising phase is in progress. If you reside in the US, you should have received a mailing with information about this program and how to pledge or make payments. As most of you now know, the Bill Baumgardt DISCOVER Conference Scholarship Fund was formed under the auspices of the ADSA Foundation to provide scholarships for worthy graduate students to attend future DISCOVER Conferences. This fund will allow graduate students on limited budgets to participate in these conferences and benefit from the discussions, interactions, and networking opportunities that take place. The major mechanism chosen to raise money for these scholarships is to sell a quilt commemorating the 100th anniversary of ADSA. This quilt was lovingly hand-made by Elaine Baumgardt and has been donated to ADSA. It will be the featured item at the ADSA centennial meeting auction this July in Minneapolis.

To ensure that the quilt remains the property of the ADSA Foundation for ongoing care and display, a buying consortium of Bill’s associates and colleagues from his University, ARPAS, and ADSA years has been initiated to purchase this quilt. Funds raised by the consortium will allow us to bid as a single entity to buy the quilt. Already, early contributors have pledged $6,500. Our fundraising effort, specifically for becoming a member of this consortium, is targeted for achieving the goal of $30,000 by May 1, 2006, and will end June 1, 2006. If you have not received the mailing but wish to contribute, please send your checks, stock certificates, or other legal tender for your pledge payable to the ADSA Foundation. They should be mailed to ADSA at the following address: Bill Baumgardt Consortium, ADSA Foundation, 1111 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874. Let’s see how soon we can reach that goal—or more!

S-PAC (Searchable Proceedings of Animal Conferences) became operational in February 2005, just over a year ago. The initial response to S-PAC is best expressed by one early subscriber who said

“Searchable Proceedings is an awesome idea. Those books just sit on the shelf, unindexed, and you can never find what you need. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

There were 284 S-PAC subscribers by the end of 2005. These were categorized as 39% from a broad range of companies, 26% from universities, 18% from international, 11% from consultants, and the remainder from veterinarians, farms, media companies, and government agencies. Location of subscribers, besides the US, were in 4 Canadian provinces, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, South Korea, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and China. Currently, proceedings are included from 14 conferences—many include multiple years—and ADSA Annual Meeting Symposia and Abstracts since 1998. Additional conferences to be added shortly include Inter Mountain Nutrition, Professional Dairy Heifer Growers Association, Minnesota Nutrition, and National Holstein Steer. See for yourself what is available at www.adsa.org/conference/index.asp

The most recent (eleventh) DISCOVER Conference was held August 28-31, 2005, in Nashville, IN, on “Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cows.” A review of the entire DISCOVER conference program is underway with a changing of the guard when Bill Baumgardt is able to hand the reins off to a successor as Director of this program. The twelfth DISCOVER Conference is now being organized under the title “Integrating Environmental Stewardship into Nutritional Management.”

Plans are well on the way for the 2006 Auction and Raffle in Minneapolis at this summer’s annual meeting. If you have items to donate please contact Molly Kelley at Kelleymt@aol.com. Again this year, efforts have been made to streamline the components in the auction so that you can participate after the awards program, enjoy the ice cream social, and have time for other activities that evening. The usual ebullient crew of Lee Majeskie and Monty Montgomery with the help of Roger Cady, Kenneth Cummings, Mike Fowler, Clair Hicks, George Somkuti, Chris Ashworth, and Amos Zook will bring the event off with flair and fun. Look for some special components in this ADSA Centennial year. But it is also time to seek some new members to lead and support this annual effort in what has become a signal event at the annual meeting. Surely there are some out there who would like to match wits and efforts with this crew. Please let me know (andhil@swbell.net) if you are interested. And feel free to contact current members to get their input on supporting this annual program.

Lastly, we plan to have another Planned Giving Breakfast at Minneapolis as we did last year in Cincinnati. Please watch the program for the time and place, and recognize that this is an informative program, not a solicitation program.

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The vision statement adopted in 2004 clearly explains the role and goals of the foundation. The statement says “The ASAS Foundation was created by the ASAS Board of Directors to identify individual and corporate entities that seek to enhance and perpetuate the activities of the society. The Foundation seeks to create a nucleus of funds and investments from which its Board of Directors and its membership may address critical issues facing the profession. Moreover, we would encourage the funding of ventures into new areas that will assist the society and its members in obtaining excellence in a highly dynamic industry. We visualize a corpus of funds composed of gifts, grants, endowments, and appreciation clubs, each tailored to the needs and wishes of the donor and that are consistent with the mission of the society.”

Eleven members of the Society serve as trustees for the Foundation. The trustees are engaged in seeking funds, providing advice to the Society’s Board of Directors, and working with donors. The trustees also monitor the Foundation’s funds and work with the officers of the Society to ensure that the funds are managed beneficially.

The ASAS Foundation is currently working with several individuals to assist in establishment of new Appreciation Clubs. You can learn more about the existing Appreciation Clubs and their purposes at the website. Appreciation Clubs provide funds for a number of efforts including provision of travel scholarships for graduate students, support of symposia and invited speakers at regional and national meetings and support of ASAS/FASS interns. When you contribute to an Appreciation Club, your tax-deductible gift supports programs of ASAS.

If you have not yet helped charter an Appreciation Club by donating to it during the establishment phase, I encourage you to do so. Contribute to a club being established in honor of one of your contemporary colleagues or someone that you admire within your discipline or someone that you want to honor for their leadership in ASAS. There are plenty of members of ASAS that deserve this sort of recognition.

I encourage you to visit the ASAS Foundation website to learn more about its role in supporting the society’s programs.

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Congratulations to the following ADSA members for the recent honors bestowed upon them.

Dr. Pamela Ruegg (Associate Professor, Dairy Science Department, University of Wisconsin - Madison) was awarded the Veterinarian of the Year Award by the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA). This award is presented annually to a WVMA member that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the veterinary medical profession.

Dr. Marshall D. Stern (Professor, Animal Science Department, University of Minnesota) was awarded the University of Minnesota Distinguished Teaching Award. This prestigious award is to honor distinguished teachers for their contributions to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education. Recipients of this award are inducted into the University’s Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Academy members provide important leadership to the University community, serving as mentors, advisers, and spokespersons for the University’s teaching mission. For additional information visit http://www.alumni.umn.edu/7Apr20069.html or http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching.html.

Northeast Section/Branch of ASAS/ADSA

The Northeast Section/Branch of ASAS/ADSA will meet in conjunction with the Joint National meeting in Minneapolis in July. Our graduate student paper competition, under the direction of competition chairman Steve Zinn, will be held early in the week. A total of about $2,000 in prize money and travel stipends will be awarded to the participants at our annual business meeting later in the week. Please check the meeting schedule and join us for these two important events.

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This year’s Southern Section Annual meeting was held February 3-7, 2006, in Orlando, FL, in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS). Attendance included 121 regular members and 52 graduate students along with approximately 40 undergraduates. During the two days of oral presentations, 130 abstracts were presented in the following concurrent sessions, symposia and special programs: Undergraduate Student Competition (8 abstracts), Graduate Student Competition (16 abstracts), Breeding and Genetics (5 abstracts), Extension (10 abstracts), Meat Science (6 abstracts), Pastures and Forages (8 abstracts), Physiology (2 sessions, 23 abstracts), Ruminant Animal Production (2 sessions, 29 abstracts), Small Ruminant Production (17 abstracts), Physiology symposium “Heat Stress” (6 abstracts), Meat Science symposium “Pre-Harvest Food Safety” (2 abstracts), and Extension/NCBA special program “Meeting the Media.” We also welcomed the following groups that convened during our annual meeting: IEG-72 Enhancing Reproductive Efficiency, IEG-75 Strategies for Utilizing Southern Forages, IEG Small Ruminant Production, Southern Regional Extension Specialists, and Small Ruminant Subcommittee of the NAGP.

Under the direction of Joel Yelich, the University of Florida hosted this year’s Southern Section Academic Quadrathlon at the Gainesville campus (lab practical and written exam) and Orlando (oral presentations and quiz bowl). The top three teams were: Texas A&M (1st place), Virginia Tech (2nd place), and University of Florida (3rd place).

At the conclusion of the annual business meeting, the following awards were presented: Undergraduate Research Abstract Competition: Daniel Sykes, Mississippi State (1st place), Sarah Wheeler, Morehead State (2nd place), and Andrea Lunsford, University of Kentucky (3rd place); Graduate Student Awards Competition: Leon Legleiter, N.C. State (1st place), Reinaldo Cooke, University of Florida (2nd place), Clay Cavinder, Texas A&M (3rd place); Joe Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship (sponsored by the Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club): Rachel Zinner, University of Kentucky; Young Animal Scientist-Education Award: Michael Looper, USDA-ARS Booneville, AR; Young Animal Scientist-Research Award (sponsored by Elanco Animal Health): Scott Willard, Mississippi State; National Pork Board Innovative Research Award (sponsored by the National Pork Board): Jeff Carroll, USDA-ARS, Lubbock, TX; Extension Award (sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.): Allen Harper, Virginia Tech; and Distinguished Service Award: Gary Hill, University of Georgia.

The awards program ended with the passing of the President’s gavel from outgoing President Ron Randel to incoming President, Dale Coleman. On behalf of the members of the Southern Section, I had the honor of presenting Ron with a plaque in recognition of his dedicated service as President of the Southern Section.

Southern Section officers for 2006-2007 will be: Dale Coleman, President; Chad Chase, President-Elect; Beth Kegley, Secretary/Treasurer; David Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer-Elect; and Ron Randel, Immediate Past-President. The next annual meeting of the Southern Section will be held February 3-7, 2007, in Mobile, AL, hosted by Auburn University.

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ADSA Southern Branch News

This summer at the joint national meeting in Minneapolis, our symposium is entitled “Practical and Applied Approaches to Managing Dairy Businesses in the Future” and is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, at 2 p.m. As always, this symposium will approach the topic from an applied viewpoint with information that is directly applicable to research, teaching, and extension programs as we move into the next decade. The program is as follows:

- Labor Management Strategies in the Next Decade-David Grusenmeyer
- Challenges of Feeding Dairy Cows in the Next Decade-Mike Hutjens
- Future Challenges for Reproductive Management-Paul Fricke
- Dairy Facilities and Cow Comfort for the Next Decade-John Smith
- Why Am I Investing in the Future of the Dairy Industry?-David Sumrall, Dairy Producer in Florida
- Panel discussion

During the symposium we will also announce the S-ADSA Honor award and winners of the graduate student paper contest. S-ADSA members, please take a few minutes to nominate a colleague for their distinguished service to the southern dairy industry if you have not already done so.

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The annual meeting of the Midwestern Section of the American Society of Animal Science and the Midwest Branch of American Dairy Science Association was held March 20-22 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. There was a substantial increase in participation as evidenced by 335 oral and poster presentations and over 1,000 registrations. The technical program featured 34 invited papers in 10 symposia. Thirty-eight graduate and undergraduate students competed in oral competition papers marking an all-time high in student competition presentations. The Midwest Branch of ADSA unveiled its new Invited Young Scholars program, which showcased the research of Robin Rastani, University of Wisconsin, Noah Litherland, University of Illinois, William Miller, Kansas State University, and Barry Bradford, Michigan State University.

Sixteen students competed in 2 divisions in the Undergraduate Student Paper competition sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Those placing in division 1 were L. Holmes, Southern Illinois University (1st place); C. Benz, Kansas State University and K. A. Cook, North Dakota State University (joint 2nd place). Those placing in division 2 were R. Schnobrich, University of Minnesota (1st place); M. D. Vieson, The Ohio State University (2nd place); and S. Julius, North Dakota State University (3rd place).

Ten students competed in the MS Student Paper competition (sponsored by DeKalb Feeds, Inc. Those placing in this division were: D. Larson, North Dakota State University (1st place); M. Luebbe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2nd place); and M. Corrigan, Kansas State University (3rd place).

Twelve students competed in the PhD Student Paper competition (sponsored by Akey). Those placing in this division were: M. Gorocica-Buenfil, The Ohio State University (1st place); D. B. Edwards, Michigan State University (2nd place); and K. R. Brown, Kansas State University (3rd place).

Additional opportunities for student competitions will be available next year in the form of poster competitions. Please watch for more information about the student research competitions in the call for abstracts next fall.

Fifteen teams competed in the Academic Quadrathlon, and the team from Michigan State University took top honors. The top 4 teams in each division are shown below:

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The Midwest ASAS/ADSA awards program was held on Wednesday, March 22. Following is a list of awards presented at the Midwest ASAS/ADSA meeting:

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ASAS Western Section Report

The major Western Section activity planned for spring 2006 is the Academic Quadrathlon to be held April 7 and 8 in Laramie, Wyoming. Seven teams will participate in this year's event including the University of Wyoming, Montana State University, Utah State University, New Mexico State University, Oregon State University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, and Colorado State University.

Faculty and staff members at Utah State University are making plans for the annual meeting to be held in Logan, Utah, on June 21-23, 2006. The meeting will begin on June 21 with a symposium dealing with the topic “What Do We Do With All These OMICS (Genomics, Proteomics, etc.)?” Terry Engle and the Symposium committee are planning an excellent program that will consist of five to six individuals who will speak on how these “omics” affect the livestock industry with emphasis on beef cattle.

The Extension Committee chaired by Dale Zobell is also planning a symposium to be held on Thursday afternoon, June 22, 2006. Six speakers are scheduled to discuss various aspects of “Collaborative Efforts in Research and Extension.” Topics will range from carcass evaluation to range management to interagency cooperation (ARS, Forest Service, County Agents, etc.). The actual topics and speakers for both symposia will be available on the WSASAS web page in May.

The remainder of the annual meeting will consist of research presentations. A preliminary count of abstracts indicates that 107 papers will be presented of which 13 are scheduled in the Graduate Student Competition. Sectional awards will be presented at a banquet on Thursday evening. Secretary-Treasurer Ken Olson and the USU staff have planned an excellent meeting and all ASAS members are invited to attend.

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American Society of Animal Science
Strategic Planning

The ASAS Board of Directors has authorized moving ahead with a strategic planning process. The last Strategic Plan was developed in 1994. It has served us well, but as we look to the second century of ASAS, many things have changed. FASS is a reality, our Journal is electronic, membership is more international, and there are fewer Animal Science professionals from our traditional base. As we approach our centennial the Board felt that it was appropriate that ASAS do strategic planning.

ASAS has contracted with The Institute for Conservation Leadership (ICL) to provide technical support for the strategic planning process. A steering committee consisting of Jim Males, Andrea Cupp, Maynard Hogberg, Denis Petitclerc, Jim Oltjen, Christy Taylor, and Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe will lead the planning process. The ICL consultant working with the steering committee is Pam Mavrolas.

During the summer you will have the opportunity to complete a member survey to provide input to the planning process. At the 2006 annual meeting in Minneapolis and at the 2007 regional meetings there will be listening sessions where steering committee members will receive input. In addition, there will be a planning retreat involving the Board and additional invited individuals. 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.

Please take advantage of the member survey or of providing input directly to any of the steering committee members. You are welcome to provide input directly to me at James.Males@oregonstate.edu. The Society has contributed significantly during our first 100 years and it is important that we face our challenges and strengthen the American Society of Animal Science for our next century.

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DISCOVER Conference Update

Tentative plans are underway for the 12th DISCOVER Conference on Food Animal Agriculture likely to be held in Spring 2007. “Integrating Nutritional Management into Environmental Stewardship” will challenge nutrition professionals (consulting, company, and academic) to critically assess the future of animal agriculture. The conference will look at the future challenges of environmental issues and the role of nutrition in meeting environmental objectives. Attendees will brainstorm on future directions of research needed to move beyond current approaches and meet these anticipated challenges. Lastly, nutrition professionals will put their training into practice through demonstration of tools available and sharing of information of resulting impacts on excretion, air emissions, and animal performance. Watch the DISCOVER web site at www.adsa.org/discover/ for more details. The conference will be held at Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, IN.
The ASAS Membership Committee met at 2 p.m. on January 27, 2006, before the ASAS midwinter Board meeting. A number of items relevant to membership issues were discussed.

Membership structure was discussed with respect to the changing demographics of Society members and how that will impact the election of Board members. The committee agreed that this issue should be addressed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

An “alternative membership” subcommittee (Denis Petitclerc, Jim Males, and Tom Hartsock) was appointed to explore such things as corporate memberships as an “umbrella” for individual memberships of corporation employees, discounts for multiple memberships in ASAS’ sister societies, etc. The Executive Director will be asked to explore the economic and legal implications of alternative membership fee structures for corporations, educational institutions, and for members of ASAS “sister” organization members.

The committee discussed asking the appropriate program committee(s) to sponsor workshops at the annual meeting that would be of interest and benefit to graduate students and postdocs, thereby encouraging their attendance and involvement. One suggestion was a half-day workshop on developing teaching skills, which would include some form of recognition or certification that could be included in a resumé or CV.

The committee discussed waiving the registration fee for the first annual meeting attended as a membership incentive for new members.

Finally, the committee proposed the initiation of a special symposium for selected young scientists who are carrying out cutting-edge research. Steve Lonergan agreed to develop this concept and present it at our next meeting.

The next meeting of the ASAS Membership Committee will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting in July.

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Iowa State University Beef Quiz Bowl Team Captures National Title

Iowa State is the 2006 National Collegiate Beef Quiz Bowl Champion. The finals, held in Denver, Colorado, on February 3rd, hosted regional championship teams from Iowa State University, Oregon State University, and North Carolina State University. The teams earn the privilege of competing in the finals by winning their ASAS section’s competition of the Academic Quadrathlon.

The students answer a series of questions about all aspects of beef cattle and the beef industry. The range of questions can include physiology, nutrition, reproduction, meat science, basic production information, and current events affecting the beef industry. The competition is a head-to-head double elimination. An Iowa State team has not participated in the NCBA contest in recent years. However, Iowa State teams have consistently finished among the top teams at the Midwest ASAS/ASAS Quadrathlon competition. In addition to 2005, Iowa State was the Midwest Champion Team in 2003. Iowa State teams have finished first in at least one component of the four parts of the Midwest Quadrathlon in every year beginning in 2000.

The National Collegiate Quiz Bowl is a joint program of the American Society of Animal Science and the National Cattlemen’s Foundation (NCF). The NCF is a charitable institution whose mission is to promote the beef industry through research and education.

Members of the 2006 Iowa State University Quiz Bowl team are Patrick Hoffmann (Walnut, IA), John “Dusty” Loy (Ames, IA), Jennifer Taylor (Hebron, CT), and Conrad Spangler (Hillsboro, IA). Dr. Philip Spike and Dr. Brad Skaar were the team advisors.
ADSA Student Affiliate Division Update

SAD Plans Set for Minneapolis
This year’s national convention is shaping up to be another great one. The dates are Saturday, July 8 through Tuesday, July 11.

Events will begin with a tour of the Transition Management Facility (TMF) in Emerald, WI. TMF is a unique education and research facility for training veterinary students, for providing continuing education of veterinarians and education programs for dairy professionals, and for conducting advanced clinical and applied research. A joint venture between the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and the owners of Baldwin and Emerald Dairies in western Wisconsin, TMF houses approximately 400 cows through their dry period (the time from the end of lactation until the next calving) and through the two weeks after calving. The tour will also include a stop at a nearby cow operation. On Saturday evening, students will hit the largest mall in the United States—the Mall of America.

Sunday will start with a mixer and the always-competitive dairy quiz bowl. So far, Penn State has won every event. Be sure to stop by during the competition to see if this powerhouse can be unseated in 2006. On Sunday evening, the students will enjoy a picnic and a band at nearby Lake Harriet.

Monday will be busy with a business meeting followed by the paper contests as well as yearbook, scrapbook, and other judging contests. The Gopher Dairy Club is treating everyone (all meeting attendees!) to the Johnny Holm band on Monday night.

The student events will conclude with a career symposium and the banquet on Tuesday, and the rest of time is open so that you can attend the scientific sessions. So mark your calendars and make plans to be part of all the festivities in Minneapolis!

Emily Yeiser  
SAD President

SAD Housing Note
Doubletree Guest Suites is the Student Affiliate Division Headquarter Hotel for the 2006 meetings in Minneapolis. In order to get as many students as possible in one hotel, it is up to the clubs to make their reservations early—go to http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/

Make your reservations using either the printable housing form or the online reservations service. Rooms are $134.00 for 2, $154.00 for 3, or $174.00 for 4. Talk about in the center of it all! 50 restaurants are within easy walking distance. Also nearby are the Minneapolis Convention Center and the fabulous Nicollet Avenue Eat Street with dozens of ethnic restaurants, cafes, and grocers. As a special treat, the Doubletree presents the best local jazz artists performing live in their own Café Luxx Lounge 2 or 3 nights a week.

See the Future of ADSA, Learn about the Past
Curious about where ADSA will be in 10 years? Wonder where it was 50+ years ago? Get a glimpse of both by attending this year’s Student Affiliate Division Awards Luncheon planned for Tuesday, July 11, during the ADSA Annual Meeting. In honor of ADSA’s Centennial, the SAD has invited ADSA Pioneers to share their memories from the past with those who are shaping our future. The luncheon is open all ADSA members, not just students. Tickets can be reserved on your meeting registration form.

Join the Dance!
Party with the Johnny Holm Band on Monday, July 10, from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Hilton Minneapolis, the ADSA Headquarters Hotel. Rock the night away with old and new friends to one of the most requested bands in the upper Midwest. The Johnny Holm Band dedicates each show to the fans, and they do the most of the entertaining. There’s never a dull moment when this band hits the stage and rocks, picks, and thunders along nonstop from the first song to the last laugh. This event is open to all meeting attendees, including students, advisors, and anyone else looking for a fun evening. Get your ticket to the dance on your ADSA/ASAS Meeting registration form. Sponsored by the University of Minnesota Gopher Dairy Club, ADSA, and ASAS.
Join us as we honor ADSA in its Centennial Year. Be a part of the 13th ADSA Foundation Auction & Raffle during the joint meetings in Minneapolis, July 2006. Proceeds are used to fund foundation activities such as the ADSA Foundation Scholar Awards, the Genevieve Christen Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award, and high quality programs at the annual meetings.

To contribute an item to the auction or raffle, simply 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.

Among the items donated are dairy primitives and collectibles, industry memorabilia, antiques, handmade art, crafts, tickets to sporting events, and use of vacation time-shares.

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The ADSA Foundation Auction Committee is pleased to announce the fourth annual FOUNDATION RAFFLE. An extravagant array of prizes is being assembled including vacations, computer equipment and much more. Raffle tickets are only $25 or five for $100. Only 400 tickets will be sold, so get yours today!

There are many ways to get your tickets:
- complete the form below
- order them with your meeting registration
- go online to http://www.adsa.org/foundation auction/
- contact ADSA headquarters at adsa@assochq.org or 217/356-5146
- contact an ADSA Auction Committee Member, Board Member, or Foundation Trustee.

Any remaining raffle tickets will be available for sale onsite at the meeting registration desk at the ADSA-ASAS Joint Meetings in Minneapolis. You need not be an ADSA member to enter, and you need not be present to win. If you are attending the annual meeting, your tickets will be included in your meeting registration materials. Be sure to bring these tickets to the auction display to place in the drawing drum. If you are not attending the meeting, your tickets will automatically be placed in the drawing drum for you. Ticket sales will end at the start of the Foundation Auction on Tuesday, July 11 or when 400 tickets have been sold, whichever comes first. Winning tickets will be pulled on Tuesday evening during the Foundation Auction event. Proceeds are used to fund activities such as the ADSA Foundation Scholar Awards, the Genevieve Christen Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award, the Dairy Quiz Bowl, and high quality programs at the annual meetings. Prizes are being added regularly. For the latest list of items, go to the ADSA Web site at www.adsa.org.

You may enjoy a tax deduction for your ticket purchase. Consult your tax advisor for specific details.

2006 ADSA Foundation Raffle Ticket Order

Please print this form and fax or mail by June 15, 2006. Please note, only 400 tickets will be sold and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining tickets will be available for sale at the meeting registration desk through Tuesday, July 11 during regular meeting registration hours.

_____ # of raffle tickets requested. Tickets are $25.00 each or five for $100.00

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Activities in Preparation for the 2008 ASAS Centennial

We have a new Centennial logo and slogan! Be watching for them on materials from the society. In December, the membership was asked to select the new logo and slogan by voting for one of three options for each of these. Over 700 of you voted, the winning slogan is a “Century of Service through Animal Agriculture”, and the winning logo is shown left. We should thank the subcommittee consisting of Bob Short (chair), Dick Willham, Bob Zimbelman, Gary Potter, Eric Bradford, Noelle Muggli-Cockett, Len Bull, and Ron Randel, who developed the three proposed logos and slogans. Ted Veatch, on the FASS staff, and Dick Willham translated the ideas generated by the committee into images, and deserve special thanks. This group will continue working until 2008 on an exciting publication reflecting on the first 100 years of the society.

Be watching for a survey in your e-mail. You are going to be polled on your opinion of what have been the most significant accomplishments by the ASAS and its members over the last 100 years. Volunteers, including Bob Wettemann, Clint Krehbiel, Tom Troxel, Jim Oltjen, and Deb Aaron, have been putting together preliminary lists of milestones, but there will also be write-in slots, so that all opinions can be stated. This survey should come out soon via e-mail.

Then, you will be given the opportunity to share pictures from the past with the society. They may be used in promotions for the Centennial, in exhibits about the Centennial, or in the Centennial publication. You will be able to submit pictures electronically, or you can mail the photos—the society will scan them, making an electronic image, and the original pictures will be returned.

Your ideas of other fun ways to observe the Centennial would always be appreciated. You can contact me at ekegley@uark.edu or University of Arkansas Dept. of Animal Sciences, B114 AFLS, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Be watching your e-mail for further opportunities to be involved.

Beth Kegley
Chair of the Promotion Subcommittee for the 2008 Centennial

Scientific Liaison and Congressional Science Fellow Update

Scientific liaison in Washington, DC has been a part of the mission for the Federation of Animal Science Societies from its inception. The American Society of Animal Science led the effort for science policy advocacy when they created the position of Executive Vice President for Dr. Bob Zimbelman in 1989. The FASFAS organization, which preceded FASS, further developed the role of scientific liaison. FASS and its founding members are classified as 501(c)(3) organizations and are therefore not permitted to lobby. However, FASS and the members can help educate policy makers. In this way, FASS has made significant contributions through coalitions and networking with other societies, trade associations, and individuals.

FASS had an active scientific liaison presence in Washington, DC until the summer of 2004. In July 2004 the FASS Board of Directors made the decision to postpone filling the open Scientific Liaison (SL) position until further review of the management structure of FASS was completed. With the reorganization of FASS finished, the FASS leadership has begun the process of actively participating in Washington, DC again.

The Executive Committee of the FASS Board has been busy reviewing applications and interviewing candidates for the SL position. It is anticipated that the interview process will be completed by early May and the position will be filled soon thereafter.

In addition to the SL position, FASFAS and FASS have supported Congressional Science Fellows (CSF) since 1990. FASS did not have a CSF this past year but we will have one beginning in the fall of 2006. The number of applications and the quality of the applicants was excellent. The Executive Committee of the Board is conducting interviews for this position as well. Although FASS provides the salary for this position, there are no further expectations or directives from FASS. A list of previous FASS CSF is available on the website under the tab “About FASS” and the subfolder “Our History and Mission” (www.fass.org/page.asp?pageID=41).

The professional staff at FASS understands that their purpose is to facilitate science. However, they can’t do it alone. Each member of ASAS and ADSA can contribute by learning and participating in the process. Advocacy for sound science policy related to animal agriculture, and active encouragement of increased federal funding for research, education, and outreach is a responsibility for each professional member.

Jerome F. Baker
FASS CEO
Joint Letter from the ASAS Associate Executive Director and ADSA Executive Director

We want to take this opportunity to thank the FASS Staff for their superb support. Without their diligent assistance, we would not be able to provide our members with quality journals, exceptional meetings, and excellent customer service.

We also want to thank Rick Grant, 2006 Joint Meeting Overall Program Chair, and his committee-Jim Oltjen and Maurice Eastridge-for all their efforts to help organize another successful meeting. Our volunteers are the core of our societies and we would not be able to achieve all that we do without their support and encouragement.

In another section of this newsletter are announcements recognizing the two new executive directors: Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, ASAS Executive Director, and Peter Studney, ADSA Executive Director. We want to officially welcome Meghan and Peter to the “family.” We look forward to working with them on the many joint ASAS and ADSA projects and activities.

Our journals continue to rank in the top five journals in the agriculture, dairy and animal science journals category. The joint meetings continue to run seamlessly and member requests are handled with a smile. Please visit the FASS web page (http://www.fass.org/staff.asp) to meet those who provide ADSA and ASAS outstanding support every day.

To better understand the needs of our members, we are in the process of developing a demographic profile form for members to complete. The information from this form will be used to update the member’s profile in our database. Your survey will arrive in late spring; please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

ASAS and ADSA continue to work together on joint activities and projects. To enhance that partnership, PSA will be joining ASAS and ADSA in 2007 and 2010 for our joint meetings in San Antonio, Texas, and Denver, Colorado. The 2007 Overall Program Planning Committee has already begun appointing program chairs and vice chairs to each of the section committees. This joint effort will provide our members with another excellent meeting.

The ADSA, ASAS, and CSAS Boards have selected Montreal, Quebec, Canada, as the site for the 2009 Joint ADSA ASAS CSAS Meeting. This meeting is scheduled for July 12-16, 2009. The 2010 Joint Meeting is set for Denver, Colorado in July.

The 2006 Joint Meeting has been highlighted throughout this newsletter, but here are a few more meeting activities of interest: the societies’ awards programs; a dance party featuring the Johnny Holm Band; the Joint ADSA-ASAS Business Meeting; the special Spouses Event-an English high tea which replaces the Spouse’s lunch; the Closing/International Reception; the joint ice cream social; the ADSA Auction and Raffle; and don’t forget the 5K Run on Tuesday morning.

We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis.

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Spouses and children are not required to register. To receive a name badge(s), please provide name(s) below.

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number______________________________

REGISTRATION FEES

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*Attention Nonmember Students and Post Docs - Become a member of ADSA or ASAS and save on meeting registration fees. Simply mark the society that you would like to join. Then, in a single payment, include the “Student Membership Fee” with the appropriate “Student Member Registration Fee” for the 2006 Joint Annual Meeting. Membership will be valid thru 12/31/07.

REGISTRATION FORM CONTINUED

ABSTRACTS

You will receive one abstract book or CD per registration. Please indicate your format choice.

☐ Book   ☐ CD

☐ Additional Book Copies $25 ______

☐ Additional CD Copies  $25 ______

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Pre-registered certificates of attendance will be available for pick up onsite with your name badge packet. Please request a certificate of attendance by checking the box below.

☐ Certificate of Attendance

REGISTER ONLINE HTTP://ADSA.ASAS.ORG/2006
## ADDITIONAL EVENTS Fee Quantity

### Saturday, July 8
- **SAD Tour: Emerald, WI** $11 __
- **SAD Undergraduate Evening:** Mall of America $0 __

### Sunday, July 9
- **SAD Midday Mixer and Pizza Party** $0 __
- **SAD Picnic in the Park** $4 __
- **Triennial Reproduction Symposium**
  - Professional $100 __
  - Student $30 __
- **Opening Session & Reception** $0 __

### Monday, July 10
- **ADSA Production Division** $24 __
  - Extension Specialists Breakfast
- **Women & Minority Issues Luncheon** $15 __
- **ASAS Awards Program** $0 __
- **Dance Party with Johnny Holm Band** $5 __

### Tuesday, July 11
- **5K Fun Run (t-shirt: M L XL)** $15 __
- **University of Illinois Breakfast** $24 __
- **Virginia Tech Breakfast** $24 __
- **Kentucky Breakfast** $29 __
- **PSU Breakfast** $24 __
- **ADSA Dairy Foods Division** $24 __
- **Extension Specialists Breakfast**
  - Professional $29 __
  - Student $20 __
- **NE Section Business Meeting & Luncheon** $19 __
- **Spouses Event - High Tea at Brit’s** $25 __
- **MSU Dept. of Animal Science - 100th Anniversary Reception** $0 __
- **ADSA Awards Program and Auction** $0 __
- **ADSA-ASAS Ice Cream Social** $0 __
- **ADSA Foundation Raffle Ticket** $25 __
- **ADSA Foundation Raffle Tickets - 5 for** $100 __

### Wednesday, July 12
- **Purdue Breakfast** $19 __
- **Minnesota Faculty & Alumni Reception** $15 __
- **Closing/International Reception** $0 __

## ADA Compliance
ADSA and ASAS choose facilities that are ADA compliant. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office.

## PAYMENT

**Total Amount Due $__________**
- Check Enclosed (drawn on US bank in US funds)
- Please charge $__________ to my credit card
  - American Express
  - MasterCard
  - VISA

**Card Number_________________________**

**Expiration Date________________________**

**Signature______________________________**

## CANCELLATION POLICY
To be eligible for a refund of meeting registration fees, requests must be received in writing before the following dates:

- **On or Before June 7, 2006** 90% Refund
- **After June 7, 2006** NO REFUND

The cancellation dates apply only to the meeting registration fees. Ticketed events may be cancelled due to minimum attendance requirements. Refunds will be issued for CANCELLED ticketed events. There will be NO REFUNDS for non-cancelled ticketed events. All approved refunds will be issued after the meeting.

## PLEASE NOTE
Please be sure to pre-register for non-program ticketed events; they will not be available for purchase onsite.

## NOTICE TO ORAL PRESENTERS AND INVITED SPEAKERS
Please note that all session rooms will be equipped with a computer and LCD projector. All oral presentations and invited speaker presentations will be pre-loaded one week prior to the meeting. You will be contacted with the pre-loading instructions and deadlines which can also be found online at [http://adsa.asas.org/2006](http://adsa.asas.org/2006).

## SUBMIT THIS REGISTRATION FORM
Complete and mail or fax this form with your check, money order, or credit card information to

**2006 Joint Meeting**
**1111 North Dunlap Avenue**
**Savoy, IL 61874**

phone: 217.356.3182; fax: 217.398.4119
e-mail: adsa@assochq.org or asas@assochq.org
July 9 – 13, 2006

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

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

HOTEL:

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A 13% tax will be added to the room rate. Taxes are subject to change.

HOTEL PREFERENCE: If preferred hotel is not available and other choices are not provided, Housing Bureau will select closest available property.

1. _____________________________________________________________
2. _____________________________________________________________
3. _____________________________________________________________
4. __________________________________________________________________

ARRIVAL DATE: ________________________________

DEPARTURE DATE: ________________________________

CONFIRM RESERVATION TO:
(Only one acknowledgment will be sent).

Name:__________________________________________

Company:______________________________________

Address:_______________________________________

City:__________________________________________

State:________ Zip:__________ Country:____________

Phone:________________________________________

Fax:__________________________________________

E-mail address:________________________________

Please print clearly

LIST NAMES OF ALL OCCUPIANTS:
(List all occupants’ arrival and departure dates, if different).

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ROOM PREFERENCE: (please circle choices)

King Bed 2 Double Beds Wheelchair accessible

Non-Smoking Other: ______________________________________________

Number of persons in room: 1 2 3 4

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

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

______ American Express ______ MasterCard ______ VISA

______ Discover ______ Diner’s Club

Card No.____________________________________ Exp.____________

Name:______________________________________

Signature:____________________________________

Check No.________________________ Amount:________________

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