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Salt Lake City Hosts 2016 JAM

The 2016 ASAS-ADSA-CSAS-WSASAS Joint Annual Meeting will be held July 19–23, 2016, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please note that this year the meeting will open on Tuesday evening and end Saturday at noon. Make your plans now to attend the 2016

ASAS-ADSA-CSAS-WSASAS Joint Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. You can find more information at the official meeting website: <https://asas.org/meetings/jam-2016/home>.

2016 JAM Abstract Submission Site Now Open

Abstract submission for the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science (WSASAS), and the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) 2016 Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) is now open.

Before you submit an abstract, please note the following:

- Abstracts submitted for JAM will be accepted or rejected. There will be no revisions after the submission deadline. Because of this, the Quality Standards for Abstracts Statement has been revised.
- Authors submitting an abstract for JAM will be charged a \$30 technology fee per abstract at submission. This submission fee is being used to

cover the cost of electronic posters and virtual meetings.

- WSASAS authors submitting an abstract and proceedings manuscript will not be charged the JAM technology fee but will be charged the \$100 page charge for proceedings manuscripts up to four pages in length. If a WSASAS proceedings manuscript is more than four pages, the submitting author will be invoiced an additional \$25 per page, due April 27, 2016.

The deadline for abstract submission is March 23, 2016, 11:59 p.m. (PST). Any questions should be sent to Samantha Walker at samwa@asas.org.

Click here to submit an abstract: <https://asas.confex.com/asas/jam2016/cfp.cgi>.

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Joint Annual Meeting 2016

There is a lot to be excited about for the 2016 Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) in beautiful Salt Lake City. The program committee, representing the myriad groups involved in this year's meeting, were diligent in the process of developing a program that will provide inclusive and thought-provoking science for a truly diverse group of scientists. Thanks to the amazing membership and committee response to the call for symposia in combination with the insightful volunteers that compose the program committee, this will be one of the strongest programs we have ever had the pleasure of learning from.

Please note that this year there will be some changes in the overall schedule of the meeting that will differ from previous years. The meeting will be preceded by several associated meetings that will highlight everything from digestive physiology in humans and animals to grazing systems, and will kick things off on Tuesday evening (July 19) with a series of TED-style talks during a brief opening session that will stimulate the thought processes leading into a wonderful week of learning and discovery that will conclude on Saturday (July 23) with the Triennial Growth Symposium and the ISAG FAANG Symposium.

The science will be very strong at this meeting and will include the following highlights:

- Triennial Growth Symposium
- ASAS-ASN Preconference
- Cell Biology Symposium
- EAAP-ASAS Global Hot Topics Symposium
- ISAG FAANG Symposium

The three main goals for JAM 2016 are (1) to present high quality, relevant science that links animal science and animal agriculture, (2) to return to our roots by having a number of social events that will enhance networking and add a family feel to the meeting, and (3) to set the societies up to have excellent individual meetings in 2017. This program will work well to support these goals and help ensure the quality of learning associated with this meeting.

Although the schedule may have changed slightly from what that in the past, this was done to highlight many of the associated meetings that will be happening immediately before or after JAM 2016. This will allow many who are traveling to potentially expand their annual-meeting exposure in a very frugal manner. In combination with a truly beautiful city that is very easy to access (the \$2.50 light rail transportation from the airport to the meeting area in downtown is very convenient), a plethora of closely situated dining options, convenient hotels and support locations, and a wonderfully designed convention center that will help keep the meeting close together, allowing for attendance at multiple venues, we are positioned to have one of the greatest meetings of all time. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at JAM 2016!

Shawn Archibeque
Overall Program Chair, JAM 2016

ADSA 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 assist in the process of selecting board members for ADSA. Please submit nominations for ADSA vice president and

for ADSA director from the Production division. Please send your nominations via e-mail to carat@assochoq.org or by mail to Cara Tharp, ADSA, 1800 S. Oak St., Ste. 100, Champaign, IL 61820.

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Zoetis

2015 Joint Annual Meeting Statistics

Orlando, Florida

Presentations

- Symposia 43
- Oral 875
- Poster 1,563
- Total 1,959

Attendees

3,340 scientific attendees from 55 countries

Looking Ahead

ADSA Annual Meeting: Integrating Dairy Science Globally

2017: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 25–28

2018: Knoxville, Tennessee, June 24–27

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2015 ADSA Award Winners

***Alltech Inc. Graduate Student Paper
Publication Award***

Natalia Martinez-Patino

American Feed Industry Association Award

Jan Dijkstra

***Cargill Animal Nutrition Young Scientist
Award***

Jeffrey Bewley

DeLaval Dairy Extension Award

Jan Shearer

Elanco Award for Excellence in Dairy Science

David Barbano

Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award

Bonnie Ayars

***International Dairy Foods Association
Research Award in Dairy Foods Processing***

Harjinder Singh

J. L. Lush Award in Animal Breeding

John Cole

***Purina Animal Nutrition Teaching Award in
Dairy Production***

William Silvia

***International Dairy Foods Association
Teaching Award in Dairy Science***

Carmen Moraru

***National Milk Producers Federation Richard
M. Hoyt Award***

Rafael Bisinotto

***Nutrition Professionals Inc. Applied Dairy
Nutrition Award***

Rick Grant

Zoetis Physiology Award

John McNamara

DuPont Pioneer Forage Award

Richard Muck

West Agro Inc. Award

Christian Burvenich

***Genevieve Christen Distinguished
Undergraduate Student Award***

Logan Worden

***ADSA Foundation Scholar Award in Dairy
Foods***

Kerry Kaylegian

***ADSA Foundation Scholar Award in Dairy
Production***

Jeffrey Bewley

ADSA Award of Honor

Roger Shanks

ADSA Distinguished Service Award

Douglas Wilson

ADSA Fellows

Jim Drackley

MaryAnne Drake

Jeffrey Stevenson

William Weiss

Journal of Dairy Science® Most-Cited Awards

Dairy Foods

Adriano Cruz

Physiology and Management

Sarne de Vliegher

Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves

Qendrim Zebeli

Genetics and Breeding

Ben Hayes

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ABS Global Inc.
(J. L. Lush Award in Animal Breeding)

ADSA
(Award of Honor; Distinguished Service Award;
Fellow)

ADSA Foundation
(ADSA Foundation Scholar Awards in Dairy Pro-
duction and Dairy Foods; Genevieve Christen
Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award)

Alltech, Inc.
(Alltech, Inc. Graduate Student Paper Publication
Award)

American Feed Industry Association
(American Feed Industry Association Award)

Cargill Animal Nutrition
(Cargill Young Scientist Award)

Dairy Research Institute
(Graduate Student Paper Presentation Contest in
Dairy Foods Research Award)

DeLaval Inc.
(DeLaval Dairy Extension Award)

DuPont Pioneer
(DuPont Pioneer Forage Award)

Elanco Animal Health—Eli Lilly & Co.
(Elanco Award for Excellence in Dairy Science)

Elsevier
(JDS Most-Cited Awards)

Hoard's Dairyman
(Hoard's Dairyman Youth Development Award)

International Dairy Foods Association
(Research Award in Dairy Foods Processing; Teach-
ing Award in Dairy Science)

National Milk Producers Federation
(Richard M. Hoyt Award; Graduate Student Paper
Presentation Contest in Dairy Production Award—
MS and PhD Divisions)

Novus International
(ADSA/EAAP Student Travel Award)

Nutrition Professionals Inc.
(Nutrition Professionals Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition
Award)

Purina Animal Nutrition
(Teaching Award in Dairy Production; Graduate
Student Poster Contest—MS and PhD Divisions)

Schreiber Foods
(Graduate Student Poster Presentation Contest in
Dairy Foods Research Award)

West Agro Inc.
(West Agro Inc. Award)

Zoetis Animal Health
(Zoetis Animal Health Physiology Award)

Symposia Available at No Cost to Members

Select symposia have been recorded at each joint annual meeting from 2003 to 2013, and 2015, and now total more than 60. You can access these from the ADSA Meetings page (<http://>

www.adsa.org/Meetings/ADSAMeetings.aspx); you need only enter your unified login and password to access the symposia.

Letter from the ADSA President

Over the past month, my sensory laboratory at Virginia Tech donated more than 100 gallons of milk to the local community foodbank. We actively participated (unofficially) in the Great American Milk Drive. We made a difference to someone out there in our community. ADSA, through you, is making a difference in our communities too. I am proud to be your colleague and a member of our organization, and here's why:

(1) ADSA is among the pre-eminent scientific societies for dairy education and technological advancement. We are realizing the ADSA vision.

(2) Our members are leaders throughout the dairy industry—academic and industry—and are leaders in many of the organizations and agencies that guide the future of agriculture in the United States and globally. We are building the strong bones of our nation and our world.

(3) Our journal is the top-ranked dairy science journal and rated second among agriculture, dairy, and animal science journals. Every day, our journal is advancing scientific understanding and influencing discovery.

(4) We are training the next generations of scientists who learn from our discoveries and our mistakes. Their mistakes will be from the new risks they take. Their discoveries will be because they have a strong, scientific foundation on which to take those risks.



(5) We are collaborating to solve current problems, and we are creating integrated approaches for solving the challenges that lie ahead. We can have confidence that food for our future will be sustained through innovations in agriculture and the integrative discoveries with basic and applied scientific disciplines. We are contributing to feeding the world.

(6) We have exceptional scientific networking within ADSA and among other dairy and animal science organizations. We are excellent colleagues.

Although we are a dynamic and highly respected organization, we are also experiencing the pains and panic of changes in how our organization operates. Among those are the changes in our annual-meeting design. Change is uncomfortable but healthy. ADSA is a dynamic and forward-thinking organization. The opportunity to change our annual meeting is our game-changer! The future of the ADSA is not defined by what has been but what will be.

We are moving forward by designing a new and exciting (2017) annual-meeting format that brings benefit to all of us. New partnerships, new topics, and new discoveries and innovations will abound, but we will also have our familiar friends, faces, and functions. Effective teamwork and a strategy for meeting the objectives of our organization are especially needed during this time of transition. Your contributions are important right now. Your constructive feedback, ideas, and encouragement are instrumental in shaping the new ADSA annual meeting. You can provide your ideas and comments through surveys and by service on committees. You can correspond directly with committee chairs, members of the board of directors, and the executive committee. You have a voice, and I want to hear your ideas for how to move forward. Voicing your ideas also comes with responsibility. You are challenged to serve and to lead! ADSA abounds in training opportunities that enrich your personal and professional skill set, increasing your confidence and your abilities to perform the tasks that achieve the objective and strive toward the goals. We are actively pursuing new strategies for the 2017 annual meeting that enhance your professional skills. One of our organizational strengths is that we contemplate and anticipate the risks associated with change.

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We learn and look for opportunities to grow, enrich our members' skills, and increase the effect of our scientific discoveries beyond our members.

The leadership of ADSA values transparency, open discussion, and truthful disclosures, AND we value you. Each of you, as members of ADSA, is key to realizing the ADSA vision. Your passion and motivation for ful-

filling the ADSA mission is critical. Thank you for being part of the ADSA team.

Sue Duncan
ADSA President, 2015–2016

Letter from the ADSA Foundation Chair

The ADSA Foundation has been active in providing educational and scientific activities for betterment of the dairy industry. First, we thank Alex Hristov, Helene Lapierre, Lou Armentano, Brian Bequette (deceased), Glen Broderick, Mark Hanigan, Larry Miller, and Molly Kelley for putting together the very successful 29th Discover Conference on Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cattle, held May 2015. We had record attendance (188 registrants from 19 countries) at this conference, and scores for the conference (session scores ranged from 4.32 to 4.49, scale: 1 = poor to 5 = excellent) reflected the exception level of information presented.

The 30th Discover Conference on Creating an Enduring US Dairy Production Sector will be held November 2–5, 2015. Program committee organizers include Roger Cady, Ermias Kebreab, Neal Martin, Mark Stephenson, Juan Tricarico, André-Denis Wright, Becky Larson, Larry Miller, and Molly Kelley. This conference will address the various economic, environmental, and social issues facing the dairy industry today.

Work has just begun on the 31st Discover Conference on Big Data Dairy Management. It will be held in the Chicago area in fall 2016 with Jeffrey Bewley, Christina Petersson-Wolfe, Stephen Leblanc, Alan Fahey, Albert DeVries, Mike Overton, Miel Hostens, Juan M. Tricarico, Larry Miller, and Molly Kelley organizing the event. The conference will address processing and analyzing cow and herd data.

Work on the third edition of the Large Dairy Herd Management e-book is well under way. Editor-in-chief David Beede has assembled a tremendous group of section editors, including Jeffery Bew-



ley, Rupert Bruckmaier, Heather Dann, Albert DeVries, Trevor DeVries, Phillip Durst, Richard Grant, Joseph Harner, Joseph Hogan, Robert James, Stanley Moore, Carlos Risco, Normand St-Pierre, William Thatcher, Steven Washburn, Kent Weigel, and Joseph M. Zulovich. All chapter authors are now confirmed.

Coinciding with the e-book, the Large Dairy Herd Management Conference will be held May 1 to 4, 2016, at the Hilton Oakbrook Hills Resort and Conference Center in Oakbrook, Illinois. David Beede, along with his section editors, and Larry Miller and Molly Kelley are organizing the conference.

At the 2015 Joint Annual Meeting, the second symposium on Meeting the Present and Future Demand for Employees with a PhD was held. Issues addressed included anticipated supply of PhD students, funding for PhD programs, industry and academia partnerships for PhD training, graduate perspective on obtaining a PhD, and how we can support dairy and animal science departments at universities. The Foundation thanks Joanne Knapp, Mike Day, Curtis Park, Ken Odde, Steve Ellis, Mark

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Mirando, David McCoy, and Chris Mallett for graciously sharing their wealth of information at the symposium.

Also at the 2015 Joint Annual Meeting, several members of the PhD Accelerator Committee met with leaders of the Graduate Student Division and the Student Affiliate Division to get a better understanding of needs of GSD and SAD. One main concern of members of these two divisions is jobs. If anyone has any new ideas on how the ADSA Foundation can help members of GSD and SAD navigate the waters of finding a job after undergraduate or graduate school, please contact me at [msocha@](mailto:msocha@zinpro.com)

zinpro.com.

Finally, the ADSA Foundation would like to thank ADSA and FASS staff for the help they have provided over the recent months in helping us to complete projects such as the 29th Discover Conference as well as embark on new projects such as the 30th and 31st Discover Conferences and the Large Dairy Herd Management e-book and conference. The ADSA Foundation also thanks the ADSA members who have supported the ADSA Foundation with both their time and treasure. We do greatly appreciate it.

Mike Socha
ADSA Foundation Chair

Letter from the FASS President

FASS Inc. (FASS) will again look to celebrate another busy and successful year. Our financial position remains strong, and we are expected to end the year well ahead of our financial goals. Our 21 staff members at the headquarters office in Champaign, Illinois, work hard on a daily basis to provide publications support, meeting planning, membership assistance, technology solutions, and accounting. All of these services are what help the programs of ADSA and our other clients to thrive.

In May 2015, ADSA gained 100% of FASS membership interest. In case any of the members missed it, the following is the announcement made this past May.

Subject: ADSA® Acquires 100% Membership Interest in FASS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (May 18, 2015)—The American Society of Animal Science's (ASAS) and the Poultry Science Association's (PSA) Boards of Directors announced today that they have sold their founding membership interest in the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) to the American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®).

FASS is headquartered in Champaign, Ill., and provides policy and management services to ASAS, PSA and ADSA, as well as other animal



agriculture clients. As the primary user of shared services, ADSA approached ASAS and PSA about acquiring their founding membership interests.

Effective May 15, 2015, ADSA holds 100% of FASS membership interest. ASAS and PSA had recorded one-third of FASS total net assets on their respective statements of financial position since FASS was formed in 1998.

FASS was originally formed for the mutual benefit of three founding member societies: the American Dairy Science Association, the Ameri-

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can Society of Animal Science, and the Poultry Science Association. Before FASS was created, ASAS and PSA depended on ADSA to provide many of the services FASS provides today.

“In recent years, ASAS and PSA have opted to use staff at their individual societies for services, while ADSA has become an increasingly larger user of FASS services. The shift in business models suggests that a sole FASS-ADSA partnership is ideal,” said Al Kertz PhD, ADSA president and principal, ANDHIL, LLC.

“This action allows FASS to better serve the needs of their major client, be more nimble, provides it with greater autonomy, and enhances its ability to serve the needs of many more clients in animal agriculture,” said Debra Aaron PhD, president of the ASAS Board of Directors and professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Kentucky. “FASS has been an invaluable policy and management services tool for our organization and others in the past, and we look forward to continuing to benefit from its

good work on our behalf in the future,” Aaron said. “We are committed to working together to address critical policy issues that affect all of us.”

FASS will cease using the name Federation of Animal Science Societies and become legally known as FASS publicly, as promptly as possible, upon receiving IL Secretary of State approval of the name change to “FASS.”

“The agreement between the three societies ensures that if either ASAS or PSA would like to use FASS services, they can purchase them at fair market value,” said Todd Applegate PhD, PSA President and Professor of Animal Sciences, Purdue University.

The FASS board of directors meets routinely to continue work on goals and budgets for the coming years. FASS is proud of the services we offer and the true partnerships we have with ADSA and our other clients.

Scott Rankin
FASS President, 2015–2016

2016 ASDA Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted

Do you know a prospective ADSA award winner? If so, it is time to nominate that person for a 2016 ADSA award. Self-nominations are always accepted too! The entire ADSA awards program, from nomination through selection, will be administered online. Submit your nomination at <http://www.adsa.org/newawards/lognom.asp>. You can also visit <http://www.adsa.org/Membership/ADSA Awards.aspx> for general information, policies and procedures, award history, and more.

Communication with all involved in the process

will be via e-mail; accurate e-mail addresses are necessary. The nomination process has two deadlines:

- January 22, 2016: Initial nominations are due.
- February 22, 2016: All of the supporting materials for nominations that were cleared through the initial stage are due.

If you need assistance or have questions during the process, contact Cara Tharp at 217-356-5146 ext.141 or by e-mail: carat@assochoq.org.

Letter from the JDS Editor-in-Chief



I appreciate the opportunity to act as the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Dairy Science* (JDS). One of the reasons that I like the job is because I work with so many highly motivated and dedicated people. These people include authors, editors, reviewers, and FASS staff. People make the difference, and people make this job easy to do. Thank you to all those individuals who make JDS a success.

I am writing this newsletter from South Africa, where I am attending the South African Society of Animal Science meetings. People here read JDS and understand the important role that it plays in disseminating new information. In speaking with people about JDS in the United States and elsewhere, I find that the notion that JDS represents excellence is universally held. It is my intent to do whatever possible to continue the excellence that is expected from our journal.

Excellence does not necessarily mean doing things exactly as they have always been done

in the past. And, it is time for a small change in the way we do things. The current sections for the journal were set in place about 25 years ago. Twenty-five years ago, we had not sequenced the human (let alone bovine) genome; we did not have Synch or Resynch or any other synch; and we did not talk about methane or global warming (to name a few examples). The single section in dairy foods and the three sections in dairy production (Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves; Physiology and Management; and Genetics and Breeding) have served us well, but the headings are somewhat outdated and are too broad for the submissions that we receive. We analyzed our submissions and publications and determined that making some slight changes to our section headings would improve the submission and publication process and highlight what we publish. For the first time, we will have specific sections in Dairy Foods. The new Dairy Foods sections are Processing and Engineering, Chemistry and Materials Science, Microbiology and Safety, Sensory, Bioactivity and Human Health, and Resources and Environment. The hope is that these new sections will stimulate additional submissions to the Dairy Foods section. We added two new section editors and two overflow section editors to handle the submissions to dairy foods (see below).

We also developed new sections for dairy production. The old Physiology and Management

section will undergo a three-way split into (1) Physiology; (2) Management and Economics; and (3) Health, Behavior, and Well-being. The old Nutrition, Feeding, and Calves will now be Animal Nutrition. We are definitely interested in submissions on calves, and those submissions should go the appropriate section (for example, calf nutrition should go to Animal Nutrition; calf physiology should go to Physiology; and calf health or behavior should go to Health, Behavior, and Well-being). Breeding and Genetics will undergo a name change to Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics, but otherwise this section will remain unchanged. Finally, we will add an entirely new section titled Resources and Environment that will accept submissions to either Dairy Foods or Production. To help authors understand where to submit their papers, we have developed a very specific list of topics that we expect to publish in each section. This topic list can be accessed by authors when they submit their papers through ScholarOne.

The new sections will require additional section editors. I began the process of recruiting new section editors with great trepidation and expected challenges when recruiting people to serve as a section editor given the personal commitment of time that the job entails. I was overwhelmed by the very high percentage of positive responses! I feel that the very positive response again highlights how

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much members of the dairy science community value the journal.

New Dairy Foods section editors include Lisbeth Goddik from Oregon State and Federico Harte from Penn State. These individuals will join John McKillip (senior editor), Phil Tong (regular editor), Stephanie Clark (overflow editor), and MaryAnne Drake (overflow editor) in Dairy Foods. On the Production side, we will have Physiology handled by Kerst Stelwagen (senior editor), Helga Sauerwein (regular editor), Stephen Butler (Teagasc, Ireland; new regular editor), and Rupert Bruckmaier (overflow editor). The new Animal Nutrition section will be led by John Vicini (senior editor) with Paul Kononoff (regular editor), Masahito Oba (regular editor), Dave Beede (regular editor), Zhongtang Yu (Ohio State, new regular editor), and John McNamara (overflow editor). The new Management

and Economics section will be led by John Roche (senior editor) with Normand St-Pierre (regular editor) and Albert De Vries (University of Florida; new regular editor). Steve Washburn will act as overflow editor for Management and Economics. Tanya Gressley will take the helm of the new Health, Behavior, and Well-being section. We have added two new regular section editors to this section—Dan Weary (University of British Columbia) and Stephen LeBlanc (University of Guelph). Jennie Pryce will continue on as the senior section editor in Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics, with regular editors Christian Maltecca and Nicola Macciotta (University of Sassari; new editor). Filippo Miglior will continue as our invited reviews editor.

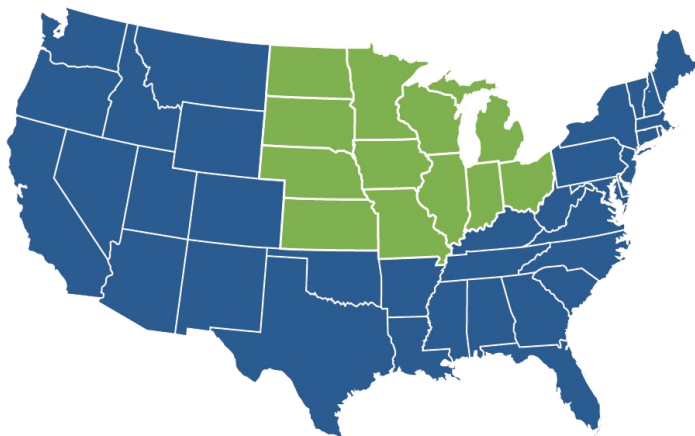
We are developing new training modules so that every section editor uses similar procedures for handling manuscripts during

peer review. These new training modules will be used to train our incoming section editors and will be made available to current sections editors who seek direction in specific areas. Our goal for peer review is to identify and recruit expert reviewers for every paper who can provide a meaningful review in a timely manner. My belief is that if we focus on the quality of the science, the quality of the peer review, and the technical editing and production, then our authors will continue to submit to and support our journal. All of this must happen, of course, with an eye toward shortening the time to first decision and the total time from submission to publication.

Thank you again for the opportunity to act as editor-in-chief.

Matt Lucy
JDS Editor-in-Chief

ADSA Midwest Branch and ASAS Midwestern Section Report



The annual meeting of the Midwest Branch of ADSA and Midwestern Section of ASAS will be held March 14–16, 2016, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Once again, the meeting will offer a variety of symposia and abstract sessions.

The Young Dairy Scholars and Young Animal Science Scholar awards and presentations continue to be an important part of the Midwest ASAS and ADSA meetings. The award program will be held the evening of Monday, March 14, 2016. In addition, the Young Scholars will present invited papers throughout the meeting.

Recognizing the accomplishments and achievements of our colleagues is an important part of the meetings. Numerous awards are presented each year at the Midwest meetings, including the Young Animal/Dairy Scientist Award for Teaching, Extension, or Research, or Outstanding Early Career Agri-business Award; the National Pork Board Swine Innovation Awards; and the Stahly/Peo Outstanding Midwest Swine Nutrition Graduate Student

Award. Please nominate deserving candidates for these awards. Additional information on criteria and qualifications for these awards and where to submit nominations can be found at <https://www.asas.org/membership-services/asas-sections/midwest-section/awards/award-guidelines>.

Poster presentations are undergoing a change this year. All of the posters, including student competition and general session posters, will be presented electronically using television screens. Presenters are encouraged to review the new rules and guidelines for presenting posters and to contact the software technical support if needed.

This annual meeting provides many opportunities for young scientists. Poster and oral competitions are available for undergraduate, MS, and PhD students. The Academic Quadrathlon is an integral part of the meetings and the laboratory and oral presentations will once again be hosted by Iowa State University on the first day of the competition. The preliminary quiz bowl rounds will take place in Des Moines on the second day, with the final round being held at the opening reception on March 14, offering a great opportunity to support these hard-working students.

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Southern ADSA Branch Report

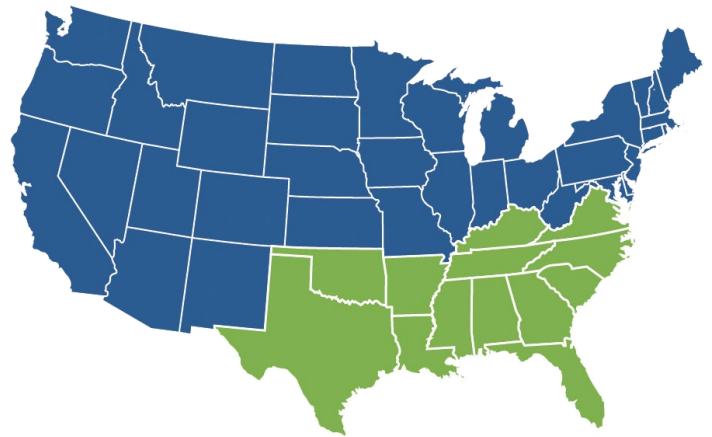
The Southern Branch of ADSA held its annual meeting, graduate student paper competition, and symposium on Monday, July 13, at the ADSA–ASAS Joint Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Two students gave excellent presentations at the Southern Branch Graduate Student Oral Presentation Competition. In first place was Diana Hardin (Virginia Tech) speaking on the “Effect of early lactation increased milking frequency on milk yield and local regulators of mammary cell activity.” Second place went to Derek Nolan (University of Kentucky) who spoke on the “Effect of somatic cell scores on milk yield of dairy cattle in the southeastern United States.”

Themed on “Maximizing Forage Quality in the Southeast,” the Southern Branch Symposium had the following speakers and subjects:

- Donna Amaral-Phillips (University of Kentucky)—Improving corn silage quality in the Southeast
- Adegbola Adesogan (University of Florida)—Effect of forage quality on health and performance of dairy cattle
- John Bernard (University of Georgia)—Warm season annual grasses for dairy cattle
- John Andre (Clemson University)—Forage systems for southern dairy production
- Gonzalo Ferreira (Virginia Tech)—Environment and crop management as determinants of forage yield and quality in the Southeast

Following the symposium, the Southern Branch Annual Meeting was called to order by President Shannon Davidson (North Carolina State University). Agenda items included approving the minutes of the 2014 annual business meeting, plus the fi-



ancial, Southern Regional Student Affiliate Division, Dairy Challenge, and Honor Award Reports. Jeffrey Bewley (University of Kentucky) made the 2015 Southern Regional ADSA Honor Award presentation to Bob Harmon (University of Kentucky). Shannon Davidson was recognized and thanked for her terrific service as president of the Southern ADSA Branch the prior year.

The 2016 officers of the Southern ADSA Branch are

- President: Mary Sowerby (University of Florida),
- Vice president: Peter Krawczel (University of Tennessee),
- Secretary/treasurer: Stephanie Ward (Mississippi State University),
- Second-year director: Steven Washburn (North Carolina State University), and
- First-year director: Jennifer Lanier (Prince-Agri).

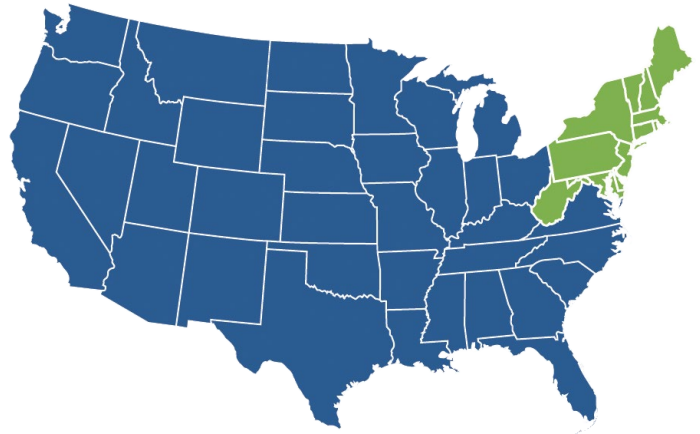
Mary Sowerby
Southern ADSA Branch President

Northeast ADSA Section Branch Report

The Northeast ASAS/ADSA section sponsored a symposium, "Bridging the gap between animal protein production and consumers, current and future," at the Joint Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Symposium speakers challenged the audience to bring the science of animal agriculture to a larger audience in a way the public can understand it. This challenge generated lively discussions during the reception that followed. Changes to Northeast activities were discussed at the business meeting, which preceded the symposium. These changes include a Northeast-sponsored webinar series throughout the year to bring high-quality speakers to more members, more opportunities for Northeast members to interact at future meetings, and potential high-tech changes to the graduate student competition that would prepare our students for future discussions of science.

The Northeast sponsored a graduate student oral presentation competition that showcased the exciting research taking place in the Northeast. Kristen Govani (University of Connecticut) organized the competition and presented awards to Bridget Aylward (1st place, University of Delaware), Amanda Jones (2nd place, University of Connecticut), and Daniela Melendez (3rd place, University of Calgary). Participants received travel support to attend the meeting.

Ken Griswold (Kemin Animal Nutrition & Health) was recognized for his service as the outgoing



president for the Northeast. The current Northeast board includes President David Edwards (FDA), Vice-President Kevin Harvatin (The Pennsylvania State University), Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Reed (University of Connecticut), Northeast ASAS Board Director Thomas Hoagland (University of Connecticut-retired), and Northeast Graduate Director Sarah Potts (University of Maryland).

The Northeast section looks forward to an exciting year of change. There are opportunities for members to contribute to planning and execution of the webinar series and to contribute to updating the graduate student competition and other Northeast events. Contact us for more information.

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Graduate Student Division Update

The 2015 Joint Annual Meeting was a huge success for the Graduate Student Division of ADSA. Our new officer team was introduced to our membership at the annual business meeting: Adam Geiger (president; Virginia Tech), Hiral Vora (vice president; South Dakota State University), Elizabeth Eckelkamp (secretary; University of Kentucky), Brittany Casperson (treasurer; Purdue University), Gil Tansman (foods director; University of Vermont), and Ben Enger (production director; Virginia Tech).

Additionally, the GSD and SAD partnered at the joint annual meeting to provide our members with a preconference tour of SeaWorld in Orlando. Perhaps the greatest success our organization experienced this year was the addition of the Three-Minute Thesis Challenge. Participation included 19 graduate students, with awards being given to the top five participants. This event will continue in Salt Lake City with the hope of getting SAD students (and perhaps a few professional



members!) involved. In addition, the GSD hosted two other highly attended events: (1) a professional development luncheon titled "Your Resume May Get You in the Door, but Your APCs Will Separate You!" presented by Mike Moseley (Zotis), and (2) an interactive workshop titled "Making Science Sexy: Communicating Your Relevance" presented by Michele Payn-Knoper.

Our current membership includes 673 graduate student members (435 production, 116 food, 122 unspecified). Of these members, 20 are currently serving on committees and are highly involved with our Advisory Council. Additionally, 43 individuals have taken advantage of the transitional membership status (39 production, 4 foods). The fall ADSA-GSD newsletter should be posted soon, so please continue to check the GSD website to read about our membership and more. As the Graduate Student Division continues to move forward; we cannot wait to see what this next year will bring!

Student Affiliate Division Update

This summer dairy science students attended the 2015 Joint Annual Meetings of the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) and the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), held July 11–14, 2015, in Orlando, Florida. One hundred forty-six undergraduate students and 24 participating schools attended the SAD meeting.

Students and advisors enjoyed the Florida heat by touring SeaWorld and getting a behind-the-scenes look at their rehabilitation center. They also enjoyed cooling off in one of the three pools at the hotel throughout the week. Sunday was filled with an intense quiz bowl tournament and a tight final round between Cal Poly and Penn State, with Penn State bringing home the trophy.

Students enjoyed networking with peers and professionals in the dairy industry along with competing in undergraduate paper presentations and poster presentations. Participants also attended business meetings and oral and poster presentations by professionals in the organizations and elected new officers.

The 2015–2016 ADSA-SAD officers and advisors are Elizabeth Davis, Virginia Tech, president; Kimberly Davenport, University of Idaho, first vice president; Brack Seale, University of Kentucky, second vice president; Stephanie VanVolkenburg, Washington State University, third vice president; Madison Rose, University of Georgia, secretary-treasurer; Leah Caverly, University of New Hampshire, officer at large; Jillian Bohlen, University of

Georgia, first-year advisor; Catherine Williams, Louisiana State University, second-year advisor; and Jeffery Bewley, University of Kentucky, third-year advisor.

Other award winners included Logan Worden, Iowa State University, Genevieve Christen Award; Isaac Haagen, Pennsylvania State University, Outstanding Student; Amin Ahmadzadeh, University of Idaho, Outstanding Advisor; Pennsylvania State University, Outstanding Chapter; Savannah Meade, University of Kentucky, First Place Dairy Foods Paper Presentation; Kayla Alward, University of Georgia, First Place Production Paper; Megan Hardy, University of Kentucky, First Place Original Research Paper; and Kimberly Davenport, University of Idaho, First Place Original Research Poster.

The new officer team has already started working hard on our next ADSA-SAD meeting in Salt Lake City on July 18–21, 2016. We hope to tour the Olympic arena and a local farm. In addition, our officer team is working hard to keep our SAD membership up by connecting via social media and highlighting different dairy clubs throughout the year. We have great momentum from this past SAD meeting and look forward to making the 2016 meeting even better.

For more information about ADSA-SAD, we invite you to visit <http://www.adsa.org/Membership/StudentResources/StudentAffiliateDivision.aspx>.

Discover Conference Series



Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cattle

The 29th Discover Conference "Amino Acid Requirements of Dairy Cattle," May 26–29, 2015, at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa, Itasca, Illinois, was a great success. The Program Committee members were co-chairs Alex Hristov (Pennsylvania State University) and Helene Lapierre (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada); Mark Hanigan (Virginia Tech University); Lou Armentano (University of Wisconsin); Brian Bequette (University of Maryland, deceased); and Glen Broderick (Broderick Nutrition and Research LLC).

The 29th Discover Conference themes were protein and amino acid supply; protein and amino acid requirements; modeling and models; low crude protein diets and environmental impacts; and field applications. There was great interest in the conference as demonstrated by the amount of contributions from 21 sponsors and the large number of registrations. The 188 conference registrants represented 26 US states; 56 international registrants from 18 countries; 24 universities from 8 countries and 15 US states; industry from 15 countries and 24 US states; graduate students; and federal agencies.

Creating an Enduring US Dairy Production Sector

The 30th Discover Conference "Creating an Enduring US Dairy Production Sector" is scheduled for November 2–5, 2015, at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, Illinois. The conference will address various economic, environmental, and social issues facing the industry today. The Program Committee members are co-chairs Roger Cady, Global Sustainability Lead, Elanco, and Ermias Kebreab, Sesnon Endowed Chair in Sustainable Animal Ag-

riculture, UC-Davis; Mark Stephenson, Agricultural Economist, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Neal Martin, USDA-ARS (retired); Juan Tricarico, Director, Innovation Center for US Dairy; and Andre-Dennis Wright, University of Arizona.

The themes for the 30th Discover Conference are

- Setting the Stage—Sustainability and Food Security,
- Perspectives from Dairy Sector Stakeholders,
- Role of US Dairy Industry Within the Global Dairy Marketplace,
- Water: Availability and Quality and the Dairy Industry Footprint,
- Opportunities and Benefits for the US Dairy Industry, and
- Innovative Pathways Forward.

Dairy Herd Management Conference, an ADSA Foundation Initiative

There will be no Discover Conference in the spring of 2016 because of the Large Dairy Herd Management (LDHM) conference, scheduled May 1–4, 2016, in Oak Brook, Illinois. Dairy experts from around the world are preparing approximately 100 chapters for the third edition of LDHM, an e-book. The conference is designed to provide an opportunity for authors to obtain feedback on the chapter papers developed for the LDHM e-book.

Big Data Dairy Management

The 31st Discover Conference "Big Data Dairy Management" is scheduled for fall 2016, with a tentative date of early November. The Program Committee consists of co-chairs Jeffrey Bewley (University of Kentucky) and Christina Petersson-Wolfe (Virginia Tech); Stephen LeBlanc (University of Guelph); Alan Fahey (University College Dublin);

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Albert De Vries (University of Florida); Mike Overton (Elanco); Juan M. Tricarico (Innovation Center for US Dairy); and Miel Hostens (Ghent University).

Big data represents a potential management breakthrough for the dairy industry. The key components of big data are analysis, capture, data curation, search, sharing, storage, transfer, visualization, and information privacy. The dairy industry provides a perfect application of decision science and big data. Combining information helps to improve decision making, operational efficiency, cost and revenue optimization, and risk management. The Discover Conference format should provide a great venue for exchange of information and ideas

related to big data by academic and industry leaders.

The proposed conference themes for are

- big data analysis techniques,
- data integration and cloud computing,
- data economic considerations,
- sensor data use and management, and
- big data: perspectives from other industries.

Information related to registration and programs for Discover Conferences are available at <http://www.adsa.org/discover/>.

Please note the sponsor logos for each conference on the Discover website. Sponsor contributions help ensure the success of a conference and are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to EAAP for Sponsoring Two Speakers in Orlando

Two members of the European Association of Animal Production (EAAP) were invited to speak at the joint annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, in July, as part of the ADSA-EAAP Speaker Exchange Program. Sigrid Agenäs was a speaker in the Animal Health and Well-Being Symposium. Her talk was titled "REM sleep time varies during

the lactation cycle" (abstract 726). Hélène Soyert was a speaker in the Dairy Foods Processing and Chemistry. Her talk was titled "Comparison of 3 different variable selection strategies to improve the predictions of fatty acid profile in bovine milk by mid-infrared spectrometry" (abstract 658).

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