

TO: American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®) Members
American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Members

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RE: Call for Abstracts –ADSA, AMPA, ASAS, CSAS, ARPAS, Northeast Branch/Section of ADSA-ASAS, ADSA Southern Branch, and Western Section ASAS 2012 Joint Annual Meeting

The 2012 Joint Annual Meeting of ADSA – AMPA – ASAS – CSAS – WSASAS is scheduled for July 15-19, 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona. This meeting will address many topics and issues of interest to you as a scientist or practitioner involved in teaching, extension, research, and commercial activities in all areas of animal agriculture.

Please visit our 2012 meeting website (<http://www.jtmtg.org/2012/>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (deadline: 11:59 pm CST, February 15, 2012). Other valuable information on the website includes:

- Program Highlights
- Quality Standard for Abstracts
- Housing Information
- LCD Presentation Information
- Special Audio-Visual Request Form
- Special Event Request Form (deadline December 21, 2011)
- Contact Information for Program Committee Chairs
- Instructions for Poster Presentations
- Undergraduate Student Paper Contest Information
- Graduate Student Paper Contest Information
- Graduate Student Poster Contest Information

The 2012 Joint Annual Meeting Planning Committee and the associated program committees have planned an exciting program that includes ~35 symposia. Sessions will include panel discussions, internationally known speakers, workshops, keynote session speakers, and other formats as well as traditional poster and oral presentations. The outstanding planning by these committees has ensured that this will be a value-packed meeting.

Special efforts are underway to welcome graduate and undergraduate students as well as industry personnel to the 2012 Joint Annual Meeting. Again this year, the joint meeting concept will include several symposia geared to help all students succeed in various aspects of the animal agriculture industry.

This year we are once again offering a Cyber Café to allow attendees to keep up to date while at the meeting. Meeting rooms will be equipped with computers, projectors, and pre-loaded presentations. Presentation files can be uploaded through the abstract system in advance of the meeting or accepted onsite the day before the presentation. More details will be provided closer to the time of abstract acceptance.

Award Nominations

ADSA 2012 award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due January 18, 2012, with the exception of the Danisco International Dairy Science Award, for which the optional paper form is due on November 30, 2011. Complete supporting materials (part 2 of the process) are due by February 10, 2012. Please go to <http://www.adsa.org/newawards/nominator.asp> for a full listing of available ADSA awards and nomination information.

The deadline for the 2012 ASAS awards is February 23, 2012. Please go to <http://www.asas.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

Phoenix, America's sixth-largest city, still has real cowboys and rugged mountains and the kind of cactus most people see only in cartoons. Phoenix is the gateway to the Grand Canyon, and its history is a testament to the spirit of puebloans, ranchers, miners and visionaries.

Projected against this rich backdrop is a panorama of urban sophistication: Resorts and spas that drop jaws and soothe souls; stadiums and arenas worthy of the world's biggest sports spectacles; restaurants with inspired cuisine and inspiring patio views and golf courses that beckon players the year round. Shopping centers are as stylish and eclectic as the fashions they house.

Information will be posted to the website (<http://www.jtmtg.org/2012/>) as it becomes available. Check the website frequently for updates.

Whether or not you decide to submit an abstract, do plan now to join us in Phoenix!

The pre-registration booklet will be available for all members in spring 2012. Be sure to watch your inbox and take advantage of the deadline for the early registration fees.