



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

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RE: Call for Abstracts—ADSA, ASAS, ARPAS, Northeast Branch/Section of ADSA-ASAS, and ADSA Southern Branch 2015 Joint Annual Meeting

The 2015 Joint Annual Meeting of ADSA–ASAS is scheduled for July 12–16, 2015, in Orlando, Florida. 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 2015 meeting website (<http://www.jtmtg.org/2015>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (deadline: March 3, 2015, 11:59 p.m. CST). 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 12, 2014)
- 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 2015 Joint Annual Meeting Planning Committee and the associated program committees have developed an exciting program that includes approximately 35 symposia and workshops. Sessions will include internationally known speakers, keynote session speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and other formats, as well as traditional poster and oral presentations. The outstanding planning by these committees ensures 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 2015 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, as well as complimentary wireless Internet access throughout the meeting venue. Meeting rooms will be equipped with computers, projectors, and preloaded presentations. Presentation files can be uploaded through the abstract system in advance of the meeting or accepted onsite on the day before the presentation. More details will be provided closer to the time of abstract acceptance.

Award Nominations

2015 ADSA award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due January 23, 2015. Completed supporting materials (part 2 of the process) are due by February 20, 2015. 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 2015 ASAS awards is February 27, 2015. Please go to <https://asas.org/membership-services/national-awards> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

With seven of the world's top 20 theme parks in one destination, not to mention almost 100 other attractions, Orlando certainly knows how to entertain. After a day in meeting rooms, attendees will feel refreshed and inspired by a leisurely escape to a world of imagination and fantasy.

The 2015 JAM will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. The resort features a combination of superior service and cutting-edge technology—all within minutes of the Orlando International Airport and the Orlando Orange County Convention Center. As one of central Florida's largest full-service meeting destinations, the resort offers a variety of activities to choose from between meetings. The resort's location makes it convenient to SeaWorld Orlando and Universal Orlando Resort, and the onsite recreation activities are equally impressive. From tennis and golf to hiking and luxurious spa treatments, Orlando and the Rosen Shingle Creek have everything you need for a great meeting experience.

Information will be posted on the website (<http://www.jtmtg.org/2015>) 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 Orlando!

The registration booklet will be available to all members in spring 2015. Be sure to watch your inbox and take advantage of the early registration discounts.