ADSA-ASAS-CSAS Joint Meeting

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TO: Members of ADSA, ASAS, and CSAS

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RE: Call for Abstracts – Joint ADSA/ASAS/CSAS Meeting, ARPAS, Northeast

Branch/Section of ADSA-ASAS, and ADSA Southern Branch

The joint meeting of ADSA, ASAS, and CSAS is scheduled for Cincinnati, Ohio, July 24 to 28, 2005. The 2005 meeting web site (http://www.fass.org/2005) includes instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (**deadline: 11:59 p.m. CST, February 2, 2005**), contact information for all Program Committee Chairs, the Program Highlights and Special Requests for Abstracts, and a housing form, among other items.

The Program Committees and the Joint Meeting Planning Committee have planned for an exciting program, which includes 30 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 of these committees has ensured that this will be a value-packed meeting.

One of the special events this is year is a luncheon planned by the Women and Minority Issues in Animal Agriculture Committee tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 27. The luncheon will have a featured speaker.

The Canadian Society of Animal Science has planned two symposia scheduled to open the meeting on Sunday, July 24. The two symposia are "Vitamin nutrition of livestock animals" and "Udder health management: A Canadian Perspective".

Several oral sessions will open with invited speakers. The ADSA Dairy Foods Division has planned a half-day "Forum on cheese ripening" as well as two symposia. The ADSA Production Division has planned a half-day symposium on "Forage analysis—Concept to application". Some program committees have planned sessions that hope to attract nonmembers as well as provide CEUs for veterinarians such as the Animal Health Committee's symposium on "Acidosis in cattle: Current understanding of pathophysiology and control methods" and the Companion Animals Committee's symposium on "New Advances in pet health and nutrition". The 2005 meeting has many special highlights, but too many to list in this letter, so we included a list of the proposed symposia titles. For a complete list of the meeting highlights, visit the 2005 meeting web page at www.fass.org/2005.

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The Opening Session Speaker Selection Committee is also in the process of engaging another excellent speaker for the Opening Session on Sunday evening, July 24. Watch the web page and future mailings for information on this outstanding speaker.

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 take special note of the Program Highlights and Special Requests for Abstracts from the individual Program Committees, which are posted on the meeting web page.

Encourage students to attend! We are making special efforts to attract students, both graduate and undergraduate students, and industry personnel to the meeting. As our societies move into the new millennium we will use the web site more. Please visit the society's web sites and the meeting web site frequently for updates. Some of the information found on the meeting web site (www.fass.org/2005) includes:

- ♦ Graduate Paper Contest Information
- Undergraduate Paper Contest Information
- ♦ Instructions for Poster Presentations
- ♦ Special Audio-Visual Request Form
- Special Addio-Visdal Request Form (deadline is December 1, 2004).
- Quality Standard for Abstracts
- ♦ Housing Form
- ♦ LCD Presentation Information

The Cincinnati convention center, Cinergy Center, is located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, connected to all major hotels, shopping and restaurants by an enclosed skywalk. Participants will experience easy accessibility and a compact downtown with first-class hotels, major retail stores and many dining and nightlife options within easy walking distance of the Cinergy Center. Cincinnati is home to the Cincinnati Reds and Wings, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Newport Aquarium, Taft Museum of Art, Paramount's Kings Island, and much more. The meeting rooms will be equipped for electronic presentations and pre-loaded sessions. The Cyber Café will again be available for attendees to keep up-to-date while at the meeting.

Presentations will again be preloaded before the meeting for every oral session. Presentation files will be submitted prior to the meeting to allow the staff to prepare CDs for each session ahead of time. The specific dates will be provided closer to the time abstracts are accepted.

ADSA, ASAS and CSAS 2005 Award Nominations. ADSA 2005 award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due December 16, 2004, with complete supporting materials due by February 16, 2005 (part 2 of the process). The ASAS deadline for 2005 awards is February 16, 2005. The CSAS awards deadline is April 30, 2005. Check each society web site for award information.

As more information becomes available it will be posted to the web site. Check the web site (www.fass.org/2005) frequently for updates.

We look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati for the second joint meeting of ADSA, ASAS, and CSAS.