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TO: Members of ADSA and ASAS

FROM: David Buchanan, President of ASAS
David Barbano, President of ADSA
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RE: Call for Abstracts – ADSA Centennial Meeting held jointly with ASAS, ARPAS, Northeast Branch/Section of ADSA-ASAS, and ADSA Southern Branch

The joint meeting of ADSA and ASAS is scheduled for July 9 to 13, 2006, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. 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.

Visit our 2006 meeting web site (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (**deadline: 11:59 p.m. CST, February 1, 2006**). Other valuable information on the web site includes:

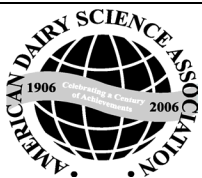
- ◆ Contact Information for Program Committee Chairs
- ◆ Graduate Student Paper Contest Information
- ◆ Undergraduate Student Paper Contest Information
- ◆ Instructions for Poster Presentations
- ◆ Special Audio-Visual Request Form
- ◆ Special Event Request Form (deadline is December 15, 2005)
- ◆ Program Highlights
- ◆ Quality Standard for Abstracts
- ◆ Housing Form
- ◆ LCD Presentation Information

Please visit the society's web sites, the meeting web site and the ADSA Centennial web site at www.adsa.org/centennial frequently for updates.

The Program Committees and the Joint Meeting Planning Committee have planned for an exciting program that 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.

Some of the highlights of the upcoming meeting include a symposium planned by the 2006 Triennial Reproduction Committee for Sunday, July 9. The ADSA Dairy Foods Division has planned a daylong symposium on "Advances in cultured dairy foods" on Sunday, July 9. In

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addition, the Dairy Foods Division will have two other symposia on "Production meets processing" and "Political, economic, and social considerations of milk component utilization." ARPAS is sponsoring a symposium on "Assessment and management of feedstuff variability in dairy nutrition." The Bioethics Committee is sponsoring a symposium on "Teaching animal ethics within today's animal science curriculum." The Production Division of ADSA is sponsoring a symposium on "Meeting the needs of the dairy industry during the next 25 years." The Horse Committee is sponsoring a symposium highlighting the new NRC publication. There are exciting symposia planned by nearly all of the Program Committees for ASAS and ADSA that will provide cutting-edge information to scientists interested in animal agriculture. Visit the web site (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/>) for a complete listing of symposium titles and tentative speakers.

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 12. The luncheon will have a featured speaker on "Peer mentoring for women and minority scientists."

Encourage students to attend! We are making special efforts to attract students, both graduate and undergraduate students, and industry personnel to the meeting.

This year we are again able to provide the Cyber Café and meeting rooms that are equipped for electronic presentations and preloaded sessions. 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 and ASAS 2006 Award Nominations. ADSA 2006 awards nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due December 22, 2005, with complete supporting materials due by February 16, 2006 (part 2 of the process). Please go to <http://www.adsa.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ADSA awards and nomination information. The ASAS deadline for 2006 awards is February 15, 2006. Please go to <http://www.asas.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

Our meeting venue, the state-of-the-art Minneapolis Convention Center, is centrally located in downtown Minneapolis. Attendees at the 2006 Joint Annual Meeting will see that Minneapolis is a world-class city, with fabulous shopping, dining and entertainment in areas such as the Nicollet Mall, the Warehouse District, Hennepin Theatre District and at Mall of America. In the City of Lakes, outdoor festivals are enjoyed year-round with a backdrop of spectacular natural surroundings and the Mississippi River winding through.

As more information becomes available it will be posted to the web site. Check the web site (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2006/>) frequently for updates.

We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!