



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 2008 Meeting

The 2008 Joint Meeting of ADSA and ASAS is scheduled for July 7–11, 2008, in Indianapolis, Indiana. 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 2008 meeting website (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2008/>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (**deadline: 11:59 pm CST, February 6, 2008**). Other valuable information on the website includes:

- Contact Information for Program Committee Chairs
- Graduate Student Paper Contest Information
- Undergraduate Student Paper Contest Information
- Instructions for Poster Presentations
- Graduate Student Poster Contest Information
- Special Event Request Form (**deadline is December 20, 2007**)
- Program Highlights
- Quality Standard for Abstracts
- Housing Form
- LCD Presentation Information
- Special Audio-Visual Request Form

The 2008 Joint Meeting Planning Committee and the associated program committees have planned an exciting program that includes approximately 44 symposia. The first annual ASAS Board-Sponsored cell biology symposium, which will focus on cutting-edge research involving the role of micro-RNA in cell function, is just one example of the outstanding symposia that attendees will find in Indianapolis. 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. Visit the website (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2008/>) for a complete listing of symposium titles.

Special efforts are underway to attract graduate and undergraduate students as well as industry personnel to the 2008 Joint Meeting. New to the joint meeting concept will be the inclusion of several symposia geared to help students be successful in a career in animal agriculture.

For your convenience, the Cyber Café and meeting rooms that are equipped for electronic presentations and preloaded sessions will be provided again this year. Presentation files will be submitted before the meeting to allow the staff to prepare CDs for each session. The specific dates will be provided closer to the time abstracts are accepted.

ASAS Centennial Information

ASAS will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the 2008 joint meeting. The ASAS Centennial Committee has been hard at work over the past year making plans for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Special Centennial speakers will review the accomplishments of the past 100 years and look forward to the next century. In addition, displays by a number of universities and industry organizations will highlight historical contributions to animal science and interactions with ASAS over the past century. A unique and exciting opening ceremony featuring entertainment by the Bellamy Brothers is planned, and an outstanding, professionally produced coffee table book will provide a keepsake from the event that will provide a visual and written record of the accomplishments of the past and our plans for the future. It's a celebration that you will not want to miss!

ADSA and ASAS 2008 Award Nominations

ADSA 2008 award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due **December 21, 2007**, with complete supporting materials (part 2 of the process) due by **February 8, 2008**. Please go to <http://www.adsa.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ADSA awards and nomination information.

The deadline for ASAS 2008 awards is **February 13, 2008**. Please go to <http://www.asas.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

About Indianapolis

The Indiana Convention Center & RCA Dome is located in the heart of Indianapolis and within walking distance of numerous hotels and restaurants. Skywalks link the Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome to seven premium hotels – including the Westin and the Marriott, which will serve as the headquarters hotels. The compactness of downtown Indianapolis puts you within steps of dozens of restaurants including Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, St. Elmo's, Hard Rock Café, Palomino Euro Bistro and Shula's. You are also steps away from theaters, nightclubs, museums, and shopping in the Circle Centre Mall.

Additional information will be posted to the website (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2008/>) as it becomes available. Please check the website frequently for updates. The pre-registration booklet will be available for all members in spring 2008. Be sure to watch your mailbox and take advantage of the deadline for the early registration fee. Regardless of whether you decide to submit an abstract, plan now to join us in Indianapolis!