

TO: American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Members
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RE: Call for Abstracts – ADSA, CSAS, ASAS, ARPAS, Northeast Branch/Section of ADSA-ASAS, and ADSA Southern Branch 2009 Meeting

The 2009 Joint Meeting of ADSA, CSAS, and ASAS is scheduled for July 12-16, 2009, in Montreal, Québec, Canada. 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 2009 meeting website (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2009/>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (deadline: 11:59 pm CST, February 9, 2009). 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 December 17, 2008)
- Program Highlights
- Quality Standard for Abstracts
- Housing Information
- LCD Presentation Information
- Special Audio-Visual Request Form

The 2009 Joint Meeting Planning Committee and the associated program committees have planned an exciting program that includes ~40 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. Visit the website (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2009/>) for a complete listing of symposia titles.

Special efforts are underway to welcome graduate and undergraduate students as well as industry personnel to the 2009 Joint Meeting. New to the joint meeting concept will be the inclusion of several symposia geared to help all students succeed in some aspect of the animal agriculture industry.

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 before 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, CSAS, and ASAS 2009 Award Nominations

ADSA 2009 award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due December 19, 2008, with complete supporting materials (part 2 of the process) due by February 9, 2009. Please go to <http://www.adsa.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ADSA awards and nomination information.

The deadline for ASAS 2009 awards is February 18, 2009. Please go to <http://www.asas.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

CSAS award nominations and supporting material should be submitted by April 30, 2009. Please go to http://www.csas.net/nav_award.htm for a comprehensive description of the available CSAS awards and nomination details.

Strategically located in Montréal's downtown core, the Palais des congrès represents the city's nexus, connecting the business center, the Quartier international, the Quartier des spectacles, Chinatown and Old Montréal. An international destination of choice, Montréal is easily accessed by land, water and air. Downtown is a mere 20 minutes from the airport, which handles some 200 flights daily. Visitors will find this compact island city great for walking, and can easily—and safely— explore its vibrant neighborhoods on foot, at any time of the day or night. Montréal is also multicultural, boasting more than 80 ethnic communities, and enjoys an outstanding reputation worldwide for gourmet dining.

Information will be posted to the website (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2009/>) 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 Montreal!

The pre-registration booklet will be available for all members in spring 2009. Be sure to watch your mailbox and take advantage of the deadline for the early registration fees.