

TO: American Dairy Science Association® (ADSA®) Members
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RE: Call for Abstracts –ADSA, ASAS, ARPAS, Northeast Branch/Section of ADSA-ASAS, and ADSA Southern Branch 2011 Joint Annual Meeting

The 2011 Joint Annual Meeting of ADSA and ASAS is scheduled for July 10-14, 2011, in New Orleans, Louisiana. 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 2011 meeting website (<http://www.adsa.asas.org/meetings/2011/>) to find instructions for electronic submission of abstracts (deadline: 11:59 pm CST, February 15, 2011). 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 20, 2010)
- 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 2011 Joint Annual 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.

Special efforts are underway to welcome graduate and undergraduate students as well as industry personnel to the 2011 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. Meeting rooms will be equipped with computers, projectors, and pre-loaded presentations. Presentation files can be uploaded through the abstract system in advance of the meeting or accepted onsite the day before the presentation. More details will be provided closer to the time of abstract acceptance.

Award Nominations

ADSA 2011 award nominations (part 1 of the nomination process) are due December 17, 2010, with complete supporting materials (part 2 of the process) due by February 11, 2011. Please go to <http://www.adsa.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ADSA awards and nomination information.

The deadline for the 2011 ASAS awards is February 25, 2011. Please go to <http://www.asas.org/awards.asp> for a full listing of available ASAS awards and nomination information.

New Orleans lingers on the threshold between the Old World and the New, between history and legend. In this little corner of the American South, where European traditions blend with Caribbean influences, the history is as colorful as the local architecture; the food is the stuff of legend. Haitian and African Creoles developed an exotic, spicy cuisine and were instrumental in creating jazz and zydeco. The street names are French and Spanish, the Creole architecture comes in a carnival of tropical colors, and the voodoo is a Caribbean import. The magic is irresistible.

A cultural gumbo, New Orleans celebrates its differences. In fact, almost anything is a cause for celebration in the Big Easy. They have a saying: *Laissez les bons temps rouler -- Let the good times roll*. It's a reminder of their French heritage, a way of life that began three centuries ago.

Information will be posted to the website (<http://www.adsa.asas.org/meetings/2011/>) 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 New Orleans!

The pre-registration booklet will be available for all members in spring 2011. Be sure to watch your inbox and take advantage of the deadline for the early registration fees.