



## Southern Section American Society of Animal Science

**DATE:** September 8, 2008  
**TO:** Southern Section ASAS Members  
**FROM:** Matthew H. Poore, Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Section ASAS  
**SUBJECT:** 2009 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science will be held in **Atlanta, Georgia** on **February 1-3, 2009**, in conjunction with the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists. Additional information may be found on the SAAS Web site: <http://www.saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MainPg.asp>.

**Hotel Reservations:** Room reservation information can be found on the SAAS Web site: <http://www.saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MainPg.asp>. At this time, Animal Science sessions are scheduled to take place in The Westin Peachtree Plaza. Group rates for the "Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists" are \$144/single or double; \$164/triple or quad. The deadline for room reservations at these rates is 5:00 p.m. EST **January 16, 2009**.

**Call for Papers:** Members are encouraged to submit abstracts of papers for oral presentation. Abstracts must be submitted electronically on or before **11:59 p.m. CDT October 15, 2008**. Abstracts not meeting this deadline will be rejected. Other criteria for acceptance or rejection will include those outlined in the "Instructions for Abstract Submission" and "Quality Standards for Abstracts", which may be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>. ASAS Papers will be presented on February 2 and 3, 2009. Presenters will be expected to submit PowerPoint shows for their oral presentations to the respective committee chair in advance of the meeting (more details will be provided by the respective chair). Committee chairs will be expected to provide a computer with all shows pre-loaded and a video projector for their session. Any other video presentation equipment must be provided by the presenter.

**Teaching and Undergraduate Education Abstracts:** In addition to abstracts submitted for the Undergraduate Student Presentation Competition, the committee calls for abstracts that support and advance the scholarship of teaching and learning. Contact the committee chair with questions about abstract appropriateness.

**Submission Requirements:** All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the World Wide Web: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>. Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the Web site. You will be given a **tracking code** when you submit the abstract. If you submit more than one abstract, you will receive a separate tracking code for each one. It is very important that you keep a record of these. You may revise submitted abstracts any time before the deadline, but you can only access your abstract using your email as login and password you selected. You may identify which abstract to edit by the tracking code. After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact the ASAS Business Office ([abstract@assochoq.org](mailto:abstract@assochoq.org)).

**Meeting Registration:** Registration for the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science and the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists will be in an area to be designated in The West Peachtree Plaza. Extra copies of abstracts will be available at \$5.00 per copy. The registration area will also serve as a message center. Registration fees for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists and Southern Section ASAS Members will be \$60.00 (SAAS Fee) + \$20.00 (ASAS Fee) = \$80.00 total for members and \$5.00 (SAAS Fee) + \$15.00 (ASAS Fee) = \$20.00 total for graduate students. Meeting registration fees may be paid with cash or check (made out to SAAS), but credit cards will not be accepted.

**Election:** Members of Southern Section ASAS are encouraged to vote for Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The Nomination Committee has submitted the following individuals for consideration by the Southern Section membership: Dr. Robert W. Godfrey, University of the Virgin Islands and Dr. Brian J. Rude, Mississippi State University for the position of Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The election will be conducted with electronic ballots on the ASAS Web site: PAULA WILL INSERT Votes can be cast between **September 8 and October 15, 2008**.

**Graduate Student Competition:** Abstracts will be submitted as described above (see "Submission Requirements"), and the Awards Competition Committee will select up to fifteen (15) abstracts based on scientific merit for presentation. Contestant must be the senior author and cannot hold academic rank above assistant professor. **Dr. Kenneth P. Coffey, University of Arkansas** will send rules and guidelines on the awards competition to each selected participant and verify the eligibility of the contestant with the appropriate department chair/head. Persons who have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in previous Awards competitions are ineligible. Awards of \$200, \$150, and \$100 will be presented to the top three placings, respectively. Further information regarding the competition can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>.

**Undergraduate Research Abstract Competition:** Students classified as either a Junior or Senior at the time of submission and from institutions in the Southern Region with degree programs in Agriculture are encouraged to present data from their research efforts. Abstracts should be submitted as described above (see "Submission Requirements"). University verification that the student is enrolled at the time of the abstract must be mailed to: **Dr. Don R. Mulvaney, Auburn University College of Agriculture Office of the Dean Room 102 Comer Hall Auburn, AL 36849.** Note that the author may be enrolled as a graduate student at the time the paper is presented. The abstracts will be reviewed by the Teaching and Undergraduate Education Committee (**Dr. Don R. Mulvaney, Chair**). Awards of \$200, \$150, and \$100 will be presented to the top three places, respectively. Further information regarding the competition can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>.

## AWARDS

Members are strongly encouraged to nominate individuals for the following awards. These awards are one way that we can recognize the outstanding achievements of our colleagues and students. Nominations must be submitted electronically. **NOTE: All nomination information can be found on the ASAS Web Site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>.** Nominations must be submitted no later than **October 15, 2008.**

**Distinguished Service Award:** Each year the Southern Section recognizes and honors one of its members for outstanding service to the livestock industry. Nominees must be members of the American Society of Animal Science for two (2) consecutive years prior to the date of their nomination. Any Southern Section member as defined in the ASAS Constitution and By Laws located on the web site: <http://www.asas.org/bylaws.pdf> is eligible. Any active member in the American Society of Animal Science-Southern Section in good standing, except Southern Section ASAS officers, may make nominations. Self-nominations shall not be eligible. Nominations must be submitted on the web no later than **October 15, 2008.** Other rules and information on materials to be submitted by the nominator can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>.

Refer to the ASAS Web Site <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/> for information on submitting the following Southern Section ASAS Awards: **Extension Award, Young Animal Scientist Award-Education, and Young Animal Scientist Award-Research.** Deadline is **October 15, 2008.**

**Swine Industry Award for Innovation:** All abstracts submitted which have as the primary focus swine research, education, and/or extension will be reviewed by the NPB Committee. Complete information can be found on the web site <http://www.asas.org/southern/2009/>.

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