



## Southern Section American Society of Animal Science

**DATE:** September 8, 2009  
**TO:** Southern Section ASAS Members  
**FROM:** Thomas H. Welsh, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Section ASAS  
**SUBJECT:** 2010 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science will be held in **Orlando, Florida** on **February 7-9, 2010**, in conjunction with the 107<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/2010-Orlando/Main-page.asp>.

**Hotel Reservations:** Room reservation information can be found on the SAAS Web site: <http://www.saasinc.org/2010-Orlando/Main-page.asp>. At this time, Animal Science sessions are scheduled to take place at the **Wyndham Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida, February 6-9**. Group rates for the "Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists" are \$139 for Single and Double, \$154 for Triple, and \$164 for Quad. Extra person charge is \$20 per person. Group rates will apply 3 days prior to and after the conference dates. The deadline for room reservations at these rates is Thursday, January 14, 2010.

**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 14, 2009**. 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/2010/>. ASAS Papers will be presented on February 8 and 9, 2010. 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/2010/>. 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 the 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@assoqh.org](mailto:abstract@assoqh.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 Wyndham Orlando Resort. 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.

**New:** Nominations are now open for the position of Graduate Student Representative on the ASAS Southern Section Executive Committee. This position will be a new, non-voting advisory addition to the Executive Committee to provide a graduate student perspective on committee deliberations and to assist in identifying opportunities to enhance the Southern Section annual meeting experience for graduate students and other participants. The plan is to put four graduate students on the ballot with two to be elected by the membership. The person receiving the most votes will be elected to serve a two-year term while the person receiving the second most votes will be elected to serve a one-year term. Please send nomination information, including the name of the student and their email address, by **October 14** to David Morrison at [dmorrison@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:dmorrison@agcenter.lsu.edu). Those nominated will receive direct requests for additional information, which will be provided to the selection committee for use in making the decision of the four names that appear on the ballot later this fall.

**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. David W. Forrest, Texas A&M University** 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/2010/>.

**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. John R. Blanton, Jr.**, Supachill Technologies, 1604 Provence Rd, Ardmore, OK 73401-0430. 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. John R. Blanton, Jr., 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/2010/>.

**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. Refer to the ASAS Web Site <http://www.asas.org/southern/2010/> for information on submitting the following Southern Section ASAS Awards: **Distinguished Service Award, Extension Award, Young Animal Scientist Award-Education, and Young Animal Scientist Award-Research. 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 National Pork Board Award Committee. **Award submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. CDT October 14, 2009.**

**New Emerging Scholar Award:** The Executive Committee has established a new award opportunity for 2010. The ASAS Southern Section Emerging Scholar Award was established to highlight exceptional research being conducted within the southern region by Ph.D. candidates and their mentors. The award will serve as a venue for promising Ph.D. candidates/graduates to present their dissertation research. Submission deadline is October 14, 2009 and complete information is on the web: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2010/>.

**Travel Scholarship:** The Dr. Joseph P. Fontenot Graduate Student Travel Scholarship will be offered again in 2010. The scholarship is to support graduate student travel and participation in annual and regional ASAS meetings. Graduate students presenting research papers may apply for travel support on web: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2010/> by October 14, 2009.

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