



WESTERN SECTION AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Subject: 2006 Western Section Meeting Announcements and Other News

Greetings and Thanks: It's time to start planning for next summer's WSASAS meeting. Before discussing the upcoming meeting, I would like to thank Tim Ross and all of those who helped to put on a great meeting at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces last June. The graduate competition presentations and the outstanding oral and poster presentations rounded out an excellent set of meetings. Thanks also to the national staff persons for the hard work to make these meetings possible. Thanks to ASAS President Jim Males, Jerry Baker as ASAS Executive Director and Associate Executive Director Paula Schultz for attending the Las Cruces meeting and keeping us updated on national events.

2006 WSASAS Meeting. The 2006 WSASAS meeting will be held at Utah State University in Logan, Utah on June 21-23, 2006. Dr. Ken Olson (WSASAS Secretary-Treasurer) and his group are planning an excellent program. The meeting schedule will include a symposium on Wednesday, followed with scientific sessions on Thursday and Friday. More information will be posted on the WSASAS Web site as it becomes available (<http://www.asas.org/westernsection/>).

Awards. The deadline for WSASAS award submissions is **March 1, 2006**. So get to work early on those nominations. I know that there are many deserving individuals out there that the section would like to recognize. Directions for submission for all awards are in the Western Section Secretary-Treasurer letter included in this mailing and also posted on the WSASAS web page. Eligibility requirements are posted on the WSASAS Web site (<http://www.asas.org/western06>). The 2006 nominations will be accepted only via the electronic submission site (<http://www.asas.org/western06/>). If you have questions on the award requirements, contact Dr. Tim Ross. If you have questions on the electronic submission process, contact Paula Schultz, ASAS Associate Executive Director, ph: 217-356-9050, ext. 21; email: paulas@assoqh.org

The 2005 WSASAS awards were presented to:

Award	Recipient	Institution	Sponsor
Distinguished Service	Mark Petersen	New Mexico State University	DSM Nutritional Products
Distinguished Teacher Extension	C. Chris Calvert	University of Calif., Davis	Elanco Animal Health
Young Scientist	Clay Mathis	New Mexico State University	Fort Dodge Animal Health
	David Bohnert	Oregon State University	Ridley Block Operations

The WSASAS Applied Animal Science Paper Award will continue. This award recognizes excellence in applied animal science research. The award is based solely on WSASAS proceedings. The criteria are 1) applicability to current production systems, 2) potential for enhancing return on investment, and 3) new and innovative approaches to existing production problems. First-, second-, and third-place receive cash awards.

1 st – R.R. Salverson	South Dakota State University
2 nd – J. Sawyer	New Mexico State University
3 rd – L.A. Stalker	University of Nebraska

Graduate Student Paper Competition. The section has passed a constitutional amendment altering the eligibility for the graduate student paper competition. Graduate students entering the contest must be members of WSASAS at the time of abstract submission. Graduate students outside the geographical region of WSASAS may enter the contest if they pay membership to WSASAS. Please pay close attention to the instructions for abstract submission if you are entering the graduate student competition.

2005 winner of the Graduate Student Paper Competition were:

1 st – T.M. Thelen	New Mexico State University
2 nd – C.M. Murrieta	University of Wyoming
3 rd – R.L Atkinson	University of Wyoming
Institution Award	University of Wyoming

Thanks again to Zinpro for sponsoring the Institution Award.

Committee Assignments. Committee assignments for 2005-2006 are posted on the WSASAS Web site. I appreciate the help of all you who have agreed to serve on these committees.

Western Section Proceedings. Proceedings papers are required for **ALL** abstracts submitted to the WSASAS meetings. Abstracts not accompanied by a proceedings paper will not be scheduled for presentation or printed in national or sectional abstract publications. Our section has the distinction of a highly recognized written proceedings publication, so let's keep it up. Writing a WSASAS proceedings paper is excellent experience for graduate students, and it is a major factor distinguishing WSASAS from the other sections.

Future Meetings:

2007	University of Idaho, Moscow
2008	University of Wyoming, Laramie

Thanks to the faculty members at these universities for hosting future WSASAS meetings. The WSASAS executive committee and past WSASAS officers will be happy to help your institution in the planning stages.

We look forward to an excellent meeting in Logan. If you have questions or concerns about the Western Section, please do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the executive committee. See you in Utah!