

**Western Section  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE  
Summer Meeting 2009**

April 2009

Dear Colleagues,

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science (WSASAS) will be held **June 16, 17, 18, in Fort Collins, Colorado, at the Hilton Fort Collins**. As you make your plans to attend, please note that this is a Tuesday through Thursday period rather than the more typical Wednesday to Friday pattern for our meetings. We are also one week earlier than we were last year. We invite you to come to Colorado and participate in this excellent conference.

Highlights of the meeting are listed below. Check out the Western Section Web Site for complete information (<http://www.asas.org/western09/>).

1. A Beef Symposium will be held on June 16. Complete symposium details will be on the web (<http://www.asas.org/western09/>) in the near future.
2. Oral presentations in the WSASAS Graduate Student Competition will be given on June 17.
3. Dr. David Ames, 2008 recipient of the WSASAS Distinguished Service Award will make his presentation immediately following the final Graduate Student Competition presentation on June 17.
4. Presentations in the WSASAS Extension Symposium, on June 17. Complete symposium details will be in the program.
5. The Welcome Reception will be held on June 16 at 6:00 - 9 PM, at the CSU Pickett Equine Center, Atkinson Arena.
6. The annual WSASAS Awards Banquet will take place on the evening of June 17 at 6:00 PM in the Hilton Hotel CSU Ballroom. The Awards banquet and Welcome Reception are always enjoyable opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones.
7. As always, there will be high quality oral and poster presentations in the disciplines of Animal Science. This year, posters will be exhibited in the Hilton Hotel Atrium starting prior to the Welcome Reception on June 16 and will remain there until the end of the meeting on June 18. Posters will be manned as indicated in the meeting schedule (see poster presentation guidelines).
8. A Placement Center will be available for advertisement of positions, graduate assistantships or other opportunities. Please watch the WSASAS web site for updates on this site. Check with the personnel at the Registration Desk for on-site details. Also ASAS is pleased to provide the new "E-Career Tool" at the WSASAS meeting. The new tool will facilitate communication between employers and potential employees prior to the 2009 Western Section Meeting making it easier to arrange contact in Fort Collins. The e career tool will be available May 14-July 17 on the WSASAS web site (<http://www.asas.org/western09/>).
9. You can register for this meeting on-line using the WSASAS web site: <https://www.seattletech.com/registrations/index.php?850-108-i-t> early registration deadline is May 14, 2009.
10. New for 2009 the ASAS Western Section writing workshop will be offered to ASAS Western Section Graduate Students and Post Docs. The workshop will be Wednesday, June 17 from 1:00 pm to 5 pm, and Thursday, June 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There is a \$50.00 and pre-registration is required for the workshop. Details and registration is on the WSASAS Meeting website: <http://www.asas.org/western09/writing.asp>. Registration is limited to 12.
11. Graduate student registration fees include payment of dues for one (1) year of ASAS student membership. An application form for ASAS membership must be submitted at the 2009

WSASAS Meetings to receive the complimentary one (1) year ASAS membership. Membership application forms can be brought to the meeting (<http://www.asas.org/application.pdf>) or blank forms will be available at the registration desk. This is a great opportunity for graduate students to become members of ASAS - essentially for free! Please take advantage of it.

**12. MAKE YOUR ROOM AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

University housing will NOT be available. You will find a link with information for registration, hotels and travel information on the web site: <http://www.asas.org/western09>. Housing deadline is May 14, 2009.

13. WSASAS members that have passed away are remembered each year at the annual meeting. If you know of a WSASAS member who should be remembered, please contact Dr. Ken Olson by June 1, 2009. You may either E-mail the information to [Kenneth.Olson@sdstate.edu](mailto:Kenneth.Olson@sdstate.edu), or contact him by mail, phone or fax:

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14. As always, we thank the numerous sponsors who help make the annual WSASAS Meetings a continued success.
15. We are confident that this will be an outstanding conference and we look forward to seeing you in Fort Collins, this June.

The 2009 WSASAS Officer ballot is available on the web site <http://www.asas.org/western09/>). Dr. Denny Crews, Colorado State University, is on the ballot for President-Elect. On the ballot for Secretary are Dr. Michael D. MacNeil, USDA, ARS, Miles City, MT and Dr. Andrew J. Roberts, USDA, ARS, Miles City, MT. Be sure to cast your vote by (May 14, 2009). Click here to vote now: <http://www.asas.org/polls/version2/?abstract=Vote+Here>

Sincerely,

Dick Battaglia, President  
Western Section, American Society of Animal Science