



WESTERN SECTION
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To: Members, Western Section American Society of Animal Science
From: Richard Battaglia, President, Western Section, ASAS
Subject: 2009 Western Section Meeting Announcements and Other News

Greetings and Thanks: As we begin planning for the 2009 meetings next summer, I want to thank Gary Moss and faculty, staff and students of the University of Wyoming for hosting a great meeting in Laramie, Wyoming this past summer. Every aspect from the beef symposium, graduate student competitions to the superb weather were informative and enjoyable. I also want to thank the national staff for their many efforts in making the meetings a success. Thanks to President Michael Galyean, Executive Director Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe and Associate Executive Director Paula Schultz for attending the Laramie meetings and keeping us informed at the national level.

2009 WSASAS Meeting. The 2009 WSASAS meeting will be held at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, June 16-18, 2009. Dr. Denny Crews (WSASAS Secretary-Treasurer) and his group are planning another excellent meeting. The schedule will include the beef symposium on Tuesday followed by scientific sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. More information will be posted on the WSASAS web site as it becomes available.

Awards. The deadline for WSASAS awards submission is March 4, 2009. The Western Section has many outstanding and deserving members. I encourage everyone to nominate worthy colleagues so we have multiple nominations for all of our awards. Directions for submission for all awards are in the Western Section Secretary-Treasurer letter located on the Western Section web site. Eligibility requirements for the awards are also available on the web site. If you have questions on the award requirements, contact Dr. Gary Moss, WSASAS President-Elect, ph: (307) 766-5374; email: GM@UWYO.EDU. If you have questions on the electronic submission process, contact Paula Schultz, ASAS Associate Executive Director, ph: 217-778-5098, email: paulas@assochq.org.

2008 WSASAS awards were presented to:

Distinguished Service Award	David R. Ames	Colorado State University
Extension Award	J. Benton Glaze	University of Idaho
Distinguished Teacher Award	Paul A. Ludden	University of Wyoming

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Young Scientist Award, Sponsored by Ridley Block Operations.

The Graduate Student Paper Competition winners were:

First, Sara A. Kuykendall, New Mexico State University.

Second, Frances D. Niemela, University of Wyoming.

Third, William E. Pohlmeier, University of California.

The institutional award winner was the New Mexico State University. This award is made possible through the generous support of Zinpro.

The Applied Animal Science Paper Award winners were:

First, Andrew J. Roberts, USDA-ARS, Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Laboratory,
Miles City, MT.

Second, John T. Mulliniks, New Mexico State University.

Third, T. L. Meyer, West Central Research and Extension Center, North Platte, NE.

Thanks to all our industry sponsors for making this award possible.

Committee assignments for 2008-2009 will soon be posted on the WSASAS web site. I appreciate your willingness to serve on the committees. I also want to extend my thanks to our members that served on last year's committees. Your commitment to the section makes a difference.

Western Section Proceedings: Our published proceeding is one thing that separates us from the other sections. Let's keep the proceedings of the highest quality. Proceeding papers are required for ALL submitted abstracts. Abstracts not accompanied by a proceedings paper will not be scheduled for presentation. So, watch those deadlines.

Future Meetings:

2010 Denver, CO. Joint with National

2011 University of Arizona, Tucson

2012 Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX