

Awards Committee Report

Ken Olson, chair

Committee Members:

Tom Geary, USDA-ARS, Miles City
Bret Hess, University of Wyoming
Jan Bowman, Montana State University
Terry Engle, Colorado State University
Clay Mathis, New Mexico State University

Distinguished Teacher Award

Sponsor: Elanco Animal Health
c/o Dr. Deana Hancock
2001 W. Main Street
Greenfield, IN 46140

Recipient; Dr. James R. Carpenter
University of Hawaii

Nominator: Dr. Halina Zaleski

Young Scientist Award

Sponsor: Ridley Block Operations
c/o Dr. Dan Dhuyvetter
424 N. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56002
ddhuyvetter@ridleyinc.com

Recipient: Dr. Lance H. Baumgard
University of Arizona

Nominator: Dr. Darrel E. Goll

Extension Award

Sponsor: Fort Dodge Animal Health
c/o Dr. Frank Prouty

9401 Indian Creed Parkway
Overland Park, KS 66225-5945

Recipient: Dr. Daniel J. Drake
University of California

Nominators: Dr. James Oltjen and Dr. Mary E. Delany

Distinguished Service Award

Sponsor: DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.
c/o Scot Williams
45 Water View Blvd.
Parsippany, NY 07054-1298

Recipient: Dr. Noelle E. Cockett
Utah State University

Nominators: Dr. Dale ZoBell and Dr. Mark Healey

Awards Chair, Olson acknowledged successful efforts to garner nominations in all categories, and encouraged early effort for 2008 nominations.

Awards Committee recommended that the presentation of the Service Award take place at the conclusion of the Graduate Student Competition.

Applied Animal Science Award Report

Bret Christensen, chair

1. C.P. Mathis, "Low-input pasture backgrounding system is more profitable through harvest than high-input drylot system". New Mexico State University.
2. E.E. Snyder, "Sheep grazing winter wheat summer fallow and the impact on soil nitrogen, moisture, and crop yield". Montana State University.
3. M.L. Merrill, "The ability of a yeast-derived cell wall preparation to minimize toxic effects of high-alkaloid tall fescue straw in beef cattle". Oregon State University.

Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee Report

Janice Rumph, chair

Committee Members

J.M. Rumph, Montana State University
D.W. Bohnert, Oregon State University
T. Bodine, Western Feed Supplements
S. Soto-Navarro, New Mexico State University
A. Ahmadzadeh, University of Idaho
M. Shipka, University of Alaska
B. Taylor, USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID
L. Baumgard, University of Arizona

2007 Competition statistics

18 submitted, 15 competing

- 1 moved – submitted in wrong section and changed to correct section
- 1 moved – committee opted to reject because proceedings paper was submitted past deadline and was moved to corresponding discipline's section
- 1 rejected – chair rejected because abstract was submitted several weeks past deadline and competitor was not a member of WSASAS

7 Universities represented

- Colorado State – 6*
- New Mexico State University – 2*
- University of Idaho – 2*
- University of Wyoming – 2*
- North Dakota State University – 1
- Oregon State University – 1
- Washington State University – 1

*eligible for institutional award

The 2007 Graduate Student Paper Competition was a great success. After an extremely competitive morning, the overall placings were as follows:

1. Price, Platt L., "Duodenal flow and intestinal disappearance of fatty acids in lambs fed safflower fatty acids in the form of whole seeds, cracked seeds, or oil extracted from seeds". University of Wyoming
2. Beckman, Devori W., Heterogenous variance of docility scores in Limousin cattle". Colorado State University
3. Stohrer, Rena M., "Expression and distribution of urea transporter-B in lambs fed increasing dietary protein". University of Wyoming

Zinpro Institutional Graduate Student Paper Competition:
University of Wyoming.

The Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee also considered the following items:

Graduating Students. The committee decided to allow students who have defended, but not graduated at time of submission (i.e., graduating in spring) to compete.

Rules on Website. It was brought to the committee's attention that the rules and score sheet listed on the website were incorrect. On the website, the rules currently state: 3) *Graduate Student Competition papers should be limited to four (4) pages. Tables, figures, etc. may go beyond the four (4) page limit.* This was previously changed so that tables, figures, etc. are included in the 4 pages and papers exceeding four pages would be discounted. The score sheet on the website currently reads: 1.8. *Manuscript should be limited to 4 pages in length.* The score sheet currently being used by the committee reflects the page limit change mentioned above and states: 1.8. *Manuscript should be limited to 4 pages in length.* For 2007, the committee opted to let the page limit reflect what is posted on the web; however this should be corrected in future years.

Clarification of Rules Regarding First Author. One paper was submitted in which a faculty member is the first author and the presenting student is the second/last author. There is no rule

against this, but the committee questioned who wrote the paper because the paper is worth 50% of the score. Should a rule be written to address this in future years or should it be allowed?

- A former chair of the committee thought it was against ASAS rules, but according to Paula, the ASAS office has no rule – leaves this up to the section
- Several committee members already thought that this was a rule
- Midwest section has had this happen in the past and decided against writing a formal rule, but assumed the judges would take off points on their own; however, Midwest section does not require a proceedings paper, so their scores are 100% based on presentation