



WESTERN SECTION  
**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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To: Members, Western Section American Society of Animal Science  
From: Gary Moss, President, Western Section ASAS  
Subject: 2010 Western Section Meeting Announcements and Other News

**Greetings and Thanks:** As we begin planning for the 2010 meetings next summer, I want to thank Denny Crews and faculty, staff and students of the Colorado State University for hosting a great meeting in Fort Collins 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 Robert Wettemann and Executive Director Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe for attending the 2009 WSASAS meetings and keeping us informed at the national level.

**2010 Joint Meeting.** The 2010 WSASAS meeting will be held in conjunction with the national ASAS, ADSA, PSA, the Mexican Association of Animal Production (AMPA), and the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) in Denver, Colorado, July 11-15 (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2010/>). The Joint Animal Meeting (JAM) staff and Dr. Andrew Roberts (WSASAS Secretary-Treasurer) are planning an excellent program. The WSASAS graduate competition will be held on Sunday, July 11. The 2009 Distinguished Service Recipient, Dr Michael MacNeil will speak immediately following the completion presentations. Because of the extensive program planned for this combined meeting, the WSASAS Beef Symposium and extension programs will not be part of the 2010 meeting. However, WSASAS will sponsor a symposium titled Perinatal Programming of Offspring Quality. The program will blend basic concepts with applied studies. Complete details will be in the JAM program. The abstract deadline will be February 16, 2010. More information will be posted on the WSASAS web site (<http://www.asas.org/westernsection/2010.asp>) and (<http://adsa.asas.org/meetings/2010>) as it becomes available.

**Nominations.** Please watch for a call for nominations for two important positions shortly after the first of the year. The first will be for a three year term as the Western Section Director for ASAS. Thanks are due to Dr. Brett Hess whose term ends in July 2010. The second position is for a Graduate Student member of the WSASAS Advisory and Coordinating Committee. The intent of this position is to enhance student involvement and participation in WSASAS activities. The term will be for two years and will begin in July 2010. Next year, a similar request will be made so that WSASAS will, henceforth, have two graduate Student representatives whose terms end on alternate years. Election details for both of these positions will be included in our April mailings.

**Awards.** The deadline for WSASAS awards submission is February 24, 2010. 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. Denny Crews, WSASAS President-Elect, ph: (970) 491-7550; email: [Denny.Crews@ColoState.edu](mailto:Denny.Crews@ColoState.edu). If you have questions on the electronic submission process, contact Paula Schultz, ASAS Associate Executive Director, ph: 217-778-5098, email: [paulas@assoqh.org](mailto:paulas@assoqh.org).

2009 WSASAS awards were presented to:

Distinguished Service Award Sponsor: Dr. Mike MacNeil, USDA-ARS-LARRL, Miles City, MT  
DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.

Distinguished Teaching Award Sponsor: Dr. Terry Engle, Colorado State University  
Elanco Animal Health

Extension Award Sponsor: Dr. James M. Thompson, Oregon State University  
Western Section ASAS

Young Scientist Award Sponsor: Dr. Joshua Bret Taylor, USDA-ARS, Dubois, ID  
Western Section ASAS

The Graduate Student Paper Competition winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place. C. M. McAllister, Colorado State University.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place. P. Moriel, University of Wyoming.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place. J. L. Peterson, Montana State University.

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

The Applied Animal Science Paper Award winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place. J. T. Mulliniks, New Mexico State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place. A. J. Roberts, USDA, ARS

3<sup>rd</sup> Place. D. M. Larson, University of Nebraska

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

WSASAS is happy to be a sponsor at the **4<sup>th</sup> Grazing Livestock Nutrition Conference** on July 9-10, 2010, at Estes Park, Colorado. The theme of the conference is *Improving Ruminant Usage of Forages in Sustainable Production Systems for the Western U.S.* (<http://www.asas.org/grazingconf/>). We hope to see you at the conference prior to the Western Section Meeting.

**Committee assignments** for 2009-2010 are posted on 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:** At combined national and WSASAS meetings, members have the option of submitting only an abstract or an abstract and a proceedings paper. Proceedings papers are required for all graduate competition and industry award submissions. I encourage all WSASAS members and graduate students to write the proceedings. It is an excellent experience for graduate students and it's a major factor distinguishing WSASAS from the other sections. You will need to check the box at the time you submit your abstract that you will be submitting proceedings papers. The deadline for proceeding papers to be submitted is March 17, 2010. The published proceeding is one thing that separates us from the other sections. Let's keep the proceedings of the highest quality.