



WESTERN SECTION

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Dear Colleagues,

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science (WSASAS) will be held with the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), the Poultry Science Association (PSA), the Asociacion Mexicana de Production Animal (AMPA), and the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) July 11-15 at the Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado. As you make your plans to attend, please note the dates of the WSASAS activities.

The 2010 WSASAS Officer information and ballots are available on the web site (<http://www.asas.org/westernsection/2010.asp>). Dr. Andy Roberts, USDA, ARS, Miles City, MT is on the ballot for President-Elect. Dr. Glenn Duff, University of Arizona, is on the ballot for Secretary. Dr. Jack Whittier, Colorado State University, is on the ballot for Western Section Director. Rebecca R. Cockrum, University of Wyoming and Megan L. Van Emon, North Dakota State University are on the ballot for WSASAS Graduate Student Representative to serve a 2-year term as a member of the ASAS Western Section Advisory and Coordinating Committee. Be sure to cast your vote by May 18, 2010. Click here to vote now: <http://www.asas.org/polls/version2/>.

Highlights of the meeting are listed below. Check out the Western Section Web Site (<http://www.asas.org/westernsection/2010.asp>) for complete meeting information

1. WSASAS is sponsoring the 4th Grazing Livestock Nutrition Conference in Estes Park, CO on July 9 and 10. Please see <http://www.asas.org/grazingconf/> for registration and meeting information.
2. WSASAS Graduate Competition will be on Sunday, July 11 starting at 9:00 am in the Denver Convention Center.
3. The Opening Session, “The Absolute Best John Denver Tribute Concert” performed live by John Adams and his band, will be on Sunday, July 11 at 7:00 pm.
4. The Opening Reception (Sunday, July 11 at 8:00 pm) is a great time to meet up with colleagues.
5. WSASAS Awards Luncheon will take place at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, July 13. Dr. Michael MacNeil, 2009 recipient of the WSASAS Distinguished Service Award will give his presentation at the Luncheon.

6. You won't want to miss the 2010 WSASAS Business meeting on Wednesday, July 14 starting at 7:30 am.
7. WSASAS is sponsoring a symposium titled; "Perinatal Programming of Offspring Quality I: Basic Concepts and Experimental Evidence and Perinatal Programming of Offspring Quality II: Evidence for impacts of maternal nutrition on livestock production on Wednesday, July 14.
8. A Placement Center will be available for advertisement of positions, graduate assistantships or other opportunities. The E-Career Tool will be available a month prior to the meeting. The E-Career Tool will facilitate communication between employers and potential employees prior to the meeting.
9. Go to <http://adsa.psa.ampa.csas.asas.org/meetings/2010/> to register for the meeting (Early registration deadline: June 10) and to make you hotel reservation (deadline June 7).
10. WSASAS members that have passed away are remembered each year at the WSASAS Business Meeting. If you know of a WSASAS member who should be remembered, please contact Dr. Richard Battaglia by June 10, 2010. You may either E-mail the information to dickb@uidaho.edu, or contact him by mail, phone or fax:

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