



ASAS-CSAS Annual Meeting

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Over the past several weeks the ASAS Annual Meeting Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Allison Meyer from the University of Missouri, has been working with the various species and discipline committees to develop a robust and exciting set of symposia that will be offered at this year's annual meeting in Madison, WI. As you look over the list of symposia that will be offered you will notice that there are fewer symposia than what has been offered over the past several years. This was done intentionally, largely based on membership feedback and the space available at the convention center.

Consistent feedback from membership over the past few years has been the sentiment that there were too many symposia being offered, which led to symposia overlapping each other on the schedule and limited attendees' abilities to participate in each one of interest. This also led to more limited participation in each symposium and made it challenging to attend some of the important 12-minute talks. Additionally, many voiced that symposia were becoming too narrowly focused, and expressed a desire to see symposia that had more broad-based appeal. The Program Committee took all this feedback to heart and worked with the planning committees to put together a more concise group of symposia that incorporated topics that would be more multi-species and multi-disciplinary in focus.

So, as you peruse the symposia listing you will still see a few of the more traditional symposia topic areas. But I also hope that you notice some of the broader topic symposia that will bring together scientists working in different areas. I believe all of these together will provide a meaningful way to share thoughts and ideas and spur future work to address important areas of need.

I appreciate the work of the committees and am excited about the symposia being offered at this year's annual meeting. I hope you are making plans to attend the annual meeting. I look forward to seeing each of you in Madison on July 19-23.

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ASAS President