

# CSAS MATTERS SUMMER 2025

Canadian Society  
of Animal Science



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## CSAS Meeting Highlights: 100 Years, Hot Topics and High Engagement in Sunny Florida

The Florida sun wasn't the only thing bringing the heat this summer, our 100 years CSAS Symposium sessions at the Annual Meeting drew an enthusiastic crowd and sparked lively discussion from start to finish!

***Symposium I Livestock Microbiomes:*** Despite the early start, this session drew a full house, with experts from across North America sharing cutting-edge research on livestock microbiomes. Attendees gained valuable insights into how microbial communities support animal health and productivity, sparking thoughtful discussion and strong engagement throughout.

***Symposium II Building Bridges for Sustainable Livestock:*** This engaging session showcased successful global partnerships driving livestock sustainability. Speakers shared practical examples and strategies for collaboration, with attendees highlighting the value of the insights and networking opportunities.

### IN THIS EDITION:

#### AWARD WINNERS:

Congratulations to all our CSAS award winners!

#### NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

Meet the people who will help lead the society.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS:

Shout-out to all the students who participated in the competitions.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS:

Mark your calendars for next year in Madison!

# Letter from the CSAS Executive Committee:

Dear Members,

As we step into a new year, we are filled with anticipation and pride. This year marks a remarkable milestone—100 years of the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS). For a century, CSAS has been a voice for Canadian animal scientists, supporting innovation, collaboration, and excellence in animal agriculture. This centennial is not only a celebration of our past, but a launchpad for our future.

As we commemorate this legacy, we also look ahead with a clear and ambitious vision. In 2025, transparency and engagement are top priorities. We are committed to making our governance and decision-making processes more open and accessible, so that every member feels informed, heard, and valued.

To enhance the benefits of CSAS membership, we plan on exploring:

- More frequent and focused networking events and discussion forums;
- Access to exclusive professional development resources and mentorship opportunities;
- Greater recognition of member achievements through awards and member spotlights;

In parallel, we are beginning to implement strategies that support our long-term goals:

- Increasing the visibility of our members' work nationally and internationally;
- Maintaining our independence as a Canadian society, while continuing to build strong, mutually beneficial partnerships—especially with our colleagues at the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS).

Together, we are laying the groundwork for the next 100 years. We thank you for being part of this journey and encourage you to engage, participate, and help shape the future of CSAS.

Sincerely,  
Your Executive,  
Canadian Society of Animal Science

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## From the conference organisers:

A huge thank you to the multiple committees, students, speakers, sponsors, and everyone who contributed to making this milestone event a success.

Here's to the next 100 years of innovation, collaboration, and impact in animal agriculture!



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# CSAS AWARD WINNERS:

We're proud to recognize our outstanding scientific members, as well as the MSc and PhD students who presented their research at this year's CSAS conference.

Your hard work, scientific curiosity, and communication excellence reflect the future of Canadian animal science!

## Award Winners:

CSAS Fellowship: Chaouki Benchaar (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

Award in Nutrition or Meat Sciences: Dan Columbus (Champion Petfoods) and Oscar Lopez-Campos (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

Technical Innovation in Enhancing Production of Safe, Affordable Food: Christine Baes (University of Guelph)

Canadian Industries Award in Extension and Public Service: Michael Steele (University of Guelph)

Young Scientist Award: Stephanie Terry (AAFC) and Gleise Medeiros da Silva (University of Alberta)

Honorary Life Membership: Alan Fredeen

CSAS Graduate Travel Fellowship: Maria Camila Londono Mendez (University of Alberta) and Erika Cornand (University of Saskatchewan)

Undergraduate & Diploma Academic Achievement Award: Angela Jozel Arevalo, Trent Delichte (U of Manitoba), Tanner Abraham (U of Saskatchewan), and Kyla Lewis (U of Guelph)

## STUDENT COMPETITIONS

### Oral Presentation Competition Winners:

MSc I Division

1st Place: Cassie Delters, University of Saskatchewan

2nd Place: Emma Fehr, University of Saskatchewan

MSc II Division

1st Place: Avalon Phillips, University of Guelph

2nd Place: Seyedehbaran Amini, University of Guelph

PhD Division

1st Place: Nicole Moran, University of Guelph

2nd Place: Julia Rodrigues, University of Guelph

3rd Place: Titouan Chapelain, University of Guelph

### Poster Presentation Competition Winners:

1st Place: Jordan Johnson, PhD Student, University of Saskatchewan

2nd Place: Brooke Tindal, MSc Student, University of Saskatchewan

3rd Place: Emily Knapper, MSc Student, University of Guelph

Huge congratulations to all our student winners and participants!

Your research is helping move the field forward in innovative and exciting ways.



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## Meet the incoming members of the CSAS Executive!

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### Eastern Director:

Rodolpho Martin do Prado,  
University of Laval, Quebec

### Eastern Student Ambassador:

Titouan Chapelain, University of  
Guelph



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### Western Director:

Robert Gruninger, AAFC  
Lethbridge Alberta

### Western Student Ambassador:

Erika Cornand, University of  
Saskatchewan





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# ASAS-CSAS ANNUAL MEETING 2026 IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

## SAVE THE DATE: 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars! The 2026 CSAS Annual Meeting will take place July 19–23 in vibrant Madison, Wisconsin at the beautiful Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. Join us for another exciting week of cutting-edge science, collaboration, and community. Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to see you there!

### FUTURE DATES:

**2027**  
**JUNE 27 - JULY 1,**  
**SACRAMENTO,**  
**CA**

**2028**  
**JUNE 25-29,**  
**RENO, NEVADA**

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**Authors:** Jenilee F. Peters, Mary L. Swift, Gregory B. Penner , Herbert A. Lardner , Tim A. McAllister , and Gabriel O. Ribeiro | [AUTHORS INFO](#)

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**Publication:** Canadian Journal of Animal Science • 21 March 2025 • <https://doi.org/10.1139/cjas-2024-0050>

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Xianqin Yang and Kim Stanford

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