

CSAS Awards Chair Final Report

June 29, 2010

This report includes the mid year report that was presented at the February meeting as well as a summary of the events that have taken place up until today's date.

1) CSAS Undergraduate Book Prize Award Winners

- a. University of Laval - Andrée-Anne Hudon Thibeault
- b. University of British Columbia - Tehya Read –
- c. University of McGill - Alexandre Bégin
- d. Nova Scotia Agricultural College - Robyn Cox
- e. University of Guelph - Cindy S. Leung
- f. University of Saskatchewan - Aphrodit Antonopoulos
- g. University of Manitoba – no response
- h. University of Alberta – this University has not forwarded a name as the identified student has not officially accepted the award.

With the exception of the Universities of Manitoba and Alberta, all other Universities have identified the CSAS Book prize recipients. In each case a letter and a certificate has been mailed to the recipient and the email address forwarded onto the Society headquarters. One change implemented this year is that the certificates are no longer framed before mailing. This decision was based on comments received from a number of Universities who stated that over the past years the certificates have always arrived in broken frames.

2) CSAS Award Sponsorship Confirmed

- a. Canadian Society of Animal Science Fellowship - Alltech Canada Inc.
- b. Award for Excellence in Nutrition and Meat Science - Nutreco Canada Inc.
- c. Award for Technical Innovation in Enhancing Production of Safe Affordable Food - Elanco Animal Health
- d. Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service - Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Canadian Pork Council and the Chicken Farmers of Canada
- e. Young Scientist Award - Pfizer Animal Health
- f. Graduate Student Oral Competition - Pfizer Animal Health
- g. Graduate Student Poster competition – Novus International Inc.

With the exception of the graduate oral competition, all previous sponsors have confirmed their commitment for 2010. In the case of the Graduate Student Poster Competition, which has been funded by the Society for the past few years, Novus International Inc., has agreed to sponsor this award. For future reference I contacted the US division of Novus and they kindly agreed to provide sponsorship for this award.

A call for nominations for the various awards has been made with monthly reminders scheduled. The deadline date has been set for May 31, 2010.

3) Award Sponsorship Update

All of the money, with the exception of the Pfizer contributions has been collected (Table 1) . A reminder has been sent to Pfizer but my understanding is that they are plagued by legal protocols that slow the dispersement of money such that it can take months for them to issue a cheque. I will continue to follow up with them. The new sponsor for the Graduate Student Poster Competition – Novus International Inc. – issued the cheque in US funds at a time when the Canadian dollar was valued slightly higher so the amount was just short of \$500.00. My recommendation is to not bother them for the difference, as they are a new sponsor.

Sponsor	Amount received
Alltech	1075.00
Nutreco Canada Inc.	1075.00
Canadian Pork Council	360.00
Chicken Farmers	360.00
Dairy Farmers of Canada	360.00
Eli Lilly Canada	1075.00
Pfizer Animal Health	0.00
Novus International	483.50 (\$500 US cheque was sent)

Pfizer – had agreed to sponsor the Young Scientist Award and the Graduate Student Oral Competition but the money will be late in arriving.

4) Total number of nominees submitted per category

- a) CSAS Fellowship Award – 4
- b) Young Scientist Award - 4
- c) CSAS Animal Industries Award - 2
- d) Technical Innovation - 2
- e) Nutrition and Meat Sciences - 4

5) Award Winners

The nomination committee consisted of Drs. Ira Mandell, Alan Iwassa, Kendall Swanson and myself. The winners are as follows:

- a. CSAS Fellowship Award – Dr. J. Patience
- b. Young Scientist Award - Dr. T. DeVries
- c. CSAS Animal Industries Award - Dr. J. Basarb
- d. Technical Innovation - Dr. E. Kebreab
- e. Nutrition and Meat Sciences - Dr. K. de Lange

6) **Reorganization of the Awards Category** – The Vice President conducted a survey of the association with mixed responses on whether to reorganize the award categories. An initial draft of reorganized awards was written by the Assistant Awards Chair and circulated to the President, Vice-President, and Awards Chair to stimulate discussion. It was decided to discuss this potential reorganization with the executive at the Annual Meeting to be held in Denver, as there was not a clear consensus regarding if we want to move forward with these changes.

7) General Comments:

The animal industry award this year had two nominees who both work in some aspect beef industry. It does appear strange to me that there is no financial contribution given by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. Do we need to justify to the sponsors why this is so?

*Respectfully submitted by Drs. Marina von Keyserlingk and Kendall Swanson CSAS
Awards Chair and in coming Awards Chair 2009/10*