

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
CSAS Annual Executive Meeting
Montreal, QC
July 10, 2009

Membership renewal

In October 2008, a 2009 Renewal Notice was sent by the CSAS membership office to members that paid membership dues in 2007 and 2008. This renewal notice was accompanied by a letter from the membership Chair encouraging renewal by outlining the benefits of membership. A further reminder was sent in December 2008 to encourage members that have not paid their dues to do so as soon as they can. In March 2009, a second notice from AIC was sent to potential members.

Membership profile

The society currently has 385 members (compared to 382 last year and 345 the year before). Of these, 1 paid for 2010, 334 paid for 2009 (or are life members), and 50 last paid for 2008. There were 52 new members and 6 re-starts in 2009 compared to 21 new members who joined in 2008 and 6 re-starts.

Membership's categories are as follows:

- 259 (67% of total members) are Regular Full Members; of these 146 (56%) subscribed to the Canadian Journal of Animal Science;
- 60 (16% of total members) are Student Members; of these 14 (23%) subscribed to CJAS;
- 16 (4.2% of total members) are Retired Members; of these 7 (44%) subscribed to CJAS;
- 47 (12% of total members) are Honorary Life Members; of these 16 (34%) subscribed to CJAS.

In total, 183 (48% of total members) members subscribed to CJAS compared to 205 members (53%) in 2008.

- Affiliation is not known for 120 members (31% of total members).

The remaining 265 members are from Canadian Universities and Colleges (116 members; 31% of total members), AAFC (50 members; 14% of total members); Canadian Industry (40 members; 11% of total members); Provincial governments (17 members; 4.6% of total members), and International (all categories combined; 42 members; 11% of total members).

Table 1. Repartition of members by province

Province								
AB	ON	QC	SK	MB	BC	NS	NB	PEI
93	65	60	40	35	28	18	2	2
TOTAL								343

Table 2. Repartition of international members by country

Country	Members (n =)
United States	25
New Zealand	3
United Kingdom	3
Japan	3
South-Korea	1
Belgium	1
Hong-Kong	1
Iran	1
Poland	2
South Africa	1
Switzerland	1
TOTAL	42

Table 3: Membership by province and by country: 2009 *versus* 2008

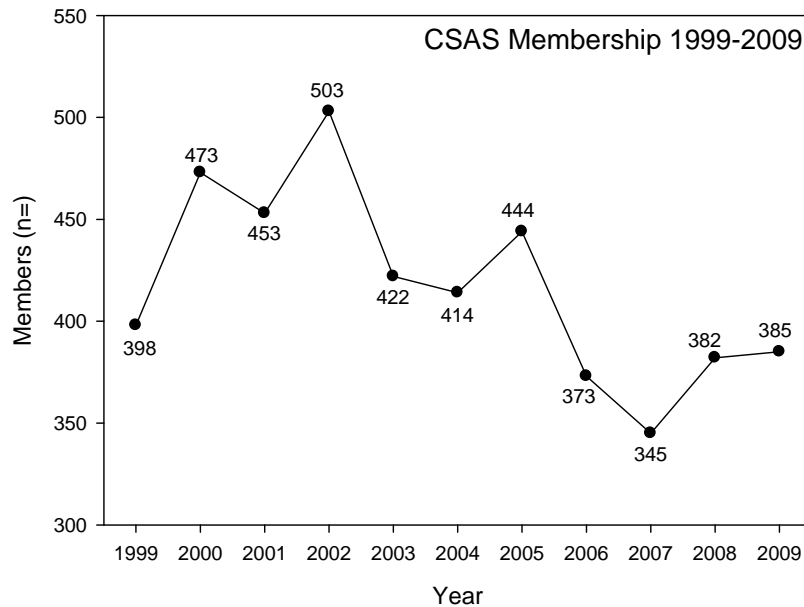
Item	2008 (June)	2009 (June)	Variation (%)
By province			
AB	79	93	+18
ON	70	65	- 7
QC	59	60	+ 2
SK	40	40	0
MB	34	35	+ 3
BC	30	28	- 7
NS	21	18	-14
NB	3	2	-33
PEI	2	2	0
Sub-total Canada	338	343	+ 1.5
International			
United States	27	25	- 7.4
New Zealand	3	3	0
United Kingdom	3	3	0
Japan	2	3	+ 33

South-Korea	2	1	- 100
Belgium	1	1	0
France	1	0	-100
Honk-Kong	1	1	0
Iran	1	1	0
Ireland	1	0	- 100
South Africa	1	1	0
Switzerland	1	1	0
Poland	0	2	+ 200
Sub-total International	44	42	- 4.5
TOTAL	382	385	+1

Table 4. Membership by category and by affiliation: 2009 versus 2008

Item	2008 (June)	2009 (June)	Variation (%)
By category			
Regular	274	259	- 5.5
Student	42	60	+ 43
Retired	15	16	+ 6.6
Life/Merit	51	47	- 7.8
By Affiliation			
Not known	115	120	+4.3
Canadian Universities	103	116	+13
AAFC	59	50	- 18
Canadian Industry	42	40	- 4.8
Prov. governments	19	17	- 11
International*	44	42	- 4.5

*All categories included.



Action Taken:

- We checked the list of CSAS members and we identified those who did not renew their membership. All of them (115 members) were contacted by email and/or by phone and most of them (56%) responded positively.
- We targeted international members, students and post-docs to encourage them to join the society.

Future activities:

- More efforts to recruit new national and international members and retain current members.
- Encourage students, post-docs, provincial employees and the industry to join the Society.
- Long-term impact by the members would be achieved by supporting the CSAS annual meeting (with contributed papers). A strong CSAS meeting is the best opportunity to encourage student and colleagues to join the Society.

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