



Canadian Society of Animal Science November Newsletter

Mike Dugan, President

CSAS Annual Meeting, 2006, Halifax

I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to the organizers of the Joint Colloquium of the CSAS, CSA and CSHS this past August and particularly the CSAS members on the Steering Committee including Dr. Derek Anderson who was co-chair of the Steering Committee and Chair of the Finance Committee and other CSAS members of the various committees involved in the organization of the conference including Dr. Alan Fredeen, Dr. Kathleen Glover, Dr. Tarjei Tennessen, Dr. Bruce Rathgeber, Dr. Leslie MacLaren, Mr. Fraser Nicholson and the many graduate students (from both the NSAC and Dalhousie) who volunteered as well (Sarah Gatti-Yorke, Jacqueline Yuill, Krista Budgell, Natasha McKillop, Gaetane Carignan, Aaron Mills, Clinton Ronalds).

There were over 200 in attendance at the meeting and the program, venue, tours, banquets and activities were all superb. Below is a group photo taken at the Barbeque/Lobster Boil on the NSAC grounds in Truro and can be downloaded from the www.csas.net Annual Meeting page.



CSAS Annual Meeting / Canadian Nutrition Congress 2007

This year the **Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS)** will meet together with Canadian Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society (CAOCS) and the Canadian Society for Nutritional Sciences (CSNS) during the Canadian Nutrition Congress 2007 (CNC2007) **June 18 - 21, 2007**, in Winnipeg. The theme for this congress is "Building Research Connections in the Canadian Nutrition Community". This marks the first time the three societies will meet together. The potential is great for synergy and new research directions to develop as a result of cross-discipline interactions.

The Planning Committee has developed a slate of exciting symposia, including:

PLENARY SESSION. Defining An Optimal Fatty Acid Profile For Human Health: How Do The Animal And Food Industries Contribute To This?

- Dr. Ron Mensink, Maastricht University
- Dr. Tom Clandinin, University of Alberta
- Dr. Dale Bauman, Cornell University
- Dr. Brent Flickinger, Archer Daniel's Midland

Modeling Nutrient:Microbial Interactions In The Rumen

Nutritional Regulation Of Intestinal Health In Swine

Nutritional Strategies For Sustainable Beef Production

Nutrition For Healthy Pregnancies And Offspring Development

DHA Vs. ALA: Which Is Best, And Does It Really Matter?

Developing Standards Of Evidence For Functional Foods

Plus

- A series of "**Recent Advances**" sessions around themes developed from submitted abstracts

In addition to the symposia, technical information sharing sessions are planned, including those focused on:

- ***Methods For Assessing Immunocompetence In Humans And Animals***
- ***Methods for Assessing Nutrient Bioavailability***
- ***Introduction to Analytical Techniques for Nutrigenomics Research***

A website containing the full program and congress details will be available shortly.

CNC 2007 Organizing committee:

Jim House, University of Manitoba (Chair, CSNS and CSAS representative)

Harold Aukema, University of Manitoba (CSNS and CAOCS representative)

Veronique Barthelet, Canadian Grain Commission (CAOCS representative)

Kees Plaizier, University of Manitoba (CSAS representative)

Rotimi Aluko, University of Manitoba

Kelley Fitzpatrick, Flax 2015

Peter Jones, Richardson Centre for Functional Foods, University of Manitoba

Denis Krause University of Manitoba

Rex Newkirk, Canadian International Grains Institute

Gustaaf Sevenhuysen, University of Manitoba

Miyoung Suh, University of Manitoba

Carla Taylor, University of Manitoba

Michael Trevan, University of Manitoba

CSAS Ghana Society of Animal Production Partnership Project

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Ghana Society of Animal Production (GSAP) and the 28th Conference of the Ghana Animal Science Association was held jointly in Kintampo, Ghana from 6-9 September, 2006. The theme for this year's conference was "Transformation of Animal Agriculture: The Threat of Emerging Diseases." Dr. John Baah chaired one of the scientific sessions and also gave a presentation on the benefits and limitations of using direct-fed microbial additives to control pathogens commonly associated with livestock production. Dr. Baah also had the opportunity to represent the Canadian Society of Animal Science at the launching of the 2nd phase of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and Canadian Society of Animal Science partnership project with the Ghana Society of Animal Production (AIC-CSAS-GSAP) in Accra. Dr. Baah is the coordinator of this partnership project which started in 2002. The partnership aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of the GSAP to enable it to transfer appropriate technology to improve the welfare of women in rural communities in Northern Ghana, and to train and encourage resource-poor farmers to take up livestock rearing for alleviation of poverty and generation of income. The launching was performed by the Ghana Deputy Minister of Agriculture while the keynote address on Canada's International Development Assistance Program was delivered by the Acting Canadian High Commissioner in Ghana, Mr. Archie Book. **It is also of interest** to note that the Ghanaian coordinator of the CSAS-GSAP project will be travelling to Canada to receive the AIC International Partners Award at the AIC Annual Meeting in Winnipeg on November 7th.

Update from the World Association of Animal Production

Filed by: Priya Mir, VP, CSAS

The Annual General Meeting for the World Association for Animal Production (WAAP) was held in Antalya, Turkey on September 18th 2006 at the Maritim Beach Resort. The members of this organization are the various Societies of Animal Science in the world. I represented the Canadian Society of Animal Science. Representatives from European Association of Animal Production, American Dairy and Animal Science Associations and members from South Africa, were in attendance. The secretary Dr. Rosati was present as well.

After adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting held in Cincinnati, the accounts and budget of the association were discussed. The association collects dues from member societies and despite differential fees between "have" and "have-not" countries many societies have not paid dues for many years. Societies from Australia, China, India, Malaysia, Philippines and Tanzania have

defaulted for a total of 3900 Euro for a number of years. Concerns regarding non-active committees were raised. There is no fund set aside for awards and the committee meets only if donations are received for the award. The Ways and Means committee appeared to be active as was the pre-symposia committee. Although the association published a book regarding progress in Animal Agriculture after the meeting in Brazil (2003), the Publication and Communication committee has not convened a meeting since 2004.

The pre-symposia committee representative Dr. Casey was at the meeting and briefed us about the preparation for the next WAAP conference, "The 10th World Conference on Animal Production" to be held in Cape town, S. Africa from the 23rd to the 28th November 2008. He expressed concerns about fundraising for the conference and that it would be difficult to get people from the developing world, Africa included, even if they had differential registration fees based on the countries' standing in economic development. They are considering offering scholarships to young scientists who have hardship in attending the meetings. Plans were to launch a website on November 23rd 2006 to advertise and attract conference attendance. The website is www.wcap2008.co.za and the conference title is "New World-Future World," which will examine the scientific progress in livestock production and the effects these have on the environment, economies and qualities of life.

President's Prerogative

Ice, snow, daylight savings, Halloween belly ache, November, winter heating bills and the urge to buy winter tires. All these things will pass and it will be no time before our next CSAS meeting in late spring 2007. I took office in August 2006 and will become Past-President in June 2007. Someone check the record books. I might be the shortest serving President in CSAS history.

Membership. Maintaining and attracting new members is always a challenge. With our shortened year, you can help when you receive your membership notice by renewing promptly and by encouraging students and colleagues to join our Society. We have strength in diversity, but with diversity you must maintain relevance and relevance is ensured through networking within the commonality of Animal Science.

Awards. Certainly one of the benefits of membership is eligibility for Society awards and being recognized by your peers. Every year there's a time crunch for getting nominations in for the awards. With our meeting being coming earlier in the year, why not take time now to start thinking about who you might nominate? Again you can find the necessary information regarding awards on our web page (www.csas.net).

Positions. Hey looking for a change of scenery or have a position to post? Please take advantage of the Employment page on our website by visiting often and posting positions when they become available. There are 2 current postings.