

## CSAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July 2002

### **Membership Numbers**

CSAS membership statistics as of June 29th, 2002, are shown in the table below and are compared to those of previous years. The total number of current CSAS members is up by 50, representing a 10% increase over last year. There were 82 new members that joined the Society this past year (51 full members and 31 student members). Given the very favourable differential in registration fees for this year's annual general meeting in Québec (\$625 US for non-members vs. \$400 US for members and \$625 US for non-members vs. \$ 100 US for members for professional and student registrations, respectively), CSAS members definitely saw an excellent return for their annual dues (\$65 CDN and \$10 CDN for regular and student dues, respectively).

This year the winner of the Amember-get-a-member@campaign is Jean-Paul Laforest, who recruited 6 members; honourable mentions go to Derek Anderson and Erasmus Okine, who recruited 5 members each.

A new initiative this year to recruit members is a collaboration between the Society and the Canadian Journal of Animal Science (CJAS). All authors submitting a manuscript to the CJAS must sign a submission form. Tim Fenton at the Journal sends the membership chair the signed submission forms, and the names of the authors are checked against the CSAS membership list. Any authors who are not members will be invited to join the Society. Since page charges for publication in the CJAS are reduced for CSAS members (\$85/page for non-members vs. \$75/page for members and \$122/page for non-members vs. \$112/page for members for full journal articles and short communications, respectively), CSAS members again realise a significant benefit from membership.

Another new initiative this year has been to contact the organisers of the Western and Eastern Nutrition Conferences. The lists of participants are checked against the CSAS membership list and any participants who are not members will be invited to join the Society.

Retaining current members continues to be a significant challenge. This year there were 65 people who did not renew their membership from 2001. Letters were sent to all unpaid members to remind them to pay their dues.

### **Membership fees:**

This year, the dues were increased slightly, and are now \$65 for regular members, \$45 for retired members, and \$10 for student members. The Canadian Journal of Animal Science (CJAS) is now available in print and electronic formats. The subscription costs are \$29 for print only (\$30 foreign), \$25 for electronic only (\$25 foreign) and \$33 for both versions (\$34 foreign). There is no longer a charge for the newsletter, as it is no longer offered in a printed format. Information to the membership is distributed electronically, and is also available on the Society website.

**Member directory:**

The new membership directory is currently being compiled. Hopefully, it will be printed and distributed by September. Several members have already sent in updates on personal information; these will be included in the 2002 edition of the directory.

**Table 1: Membership statistics from 1998 to 2002 for the CSAS**

	<b>2002 (June)</b>	<b>2001 (June)</b>	<b>2000 (June)</b>	<b>1999 (May)</b>	<b>1998 (Mar)</b>
Full w/ CJAS	270	285	265	266	257
Full w/o CJAS	102	58	94	80	28
Retired w/ CJAS	3	4	6	7	6
Retired w/o CJAS	5	7	6	3	4
Student w/ CJAS	12	15	13	20	19
Student w/o CJAS	42	21	22	17	12
Life	42	41	46	46	48
Life w/ CJAS	5	5	B	B	B
Merit	10	9	14	14	17
Merit w/ CJAS	6	2	--	--	--
Life/Merit	6	6	7	7	7
<b>Total current members</b>	503	453	473	460	398
<b>Includes new members</b>	82	32	40	95	unknown
<b>(Non-renewals from previous year)</b>	65	43	27	33	unknown

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Scott, Membership Chair  
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