

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
CSAS Annual Executive Meeting
Halifax, N.S.
May 3-5, 2011

Membership renewal

In October 2010, a 2011 Renewal Notice was sent by the CSAS membership office to members that paid membership dues in 2009 and 2010. This renewal notice was accompanied by a letter from the Membership Chair encouraging renewal by outlining the benefits of membership specifically in the areas of reduced page charges, new student travel fellowship, and international networking among animal scientists. A second reminder was sent out on January 20, 2011 to encourage members that have not paid their dues to do so as soon as possible.

Membership profile and statistics compared to July 11, 2010 annual membership report (*)

The society currently has 368 members (compared to 404* members last year and 385 the year before) paid for 2010 or 2011. This is a reduction of 36 members from the previous annual membership report (**note:** large number of new membership occurred for the Joint CSAS/ASAS/ASDS meetings). There were 4 new members joining CSAS in 2010/11 and 28 re-starts in 2010/11 (individuals that have rejoined CSAS after more than three years absence).

- 247 (67.1% of total members) are Regular full members (in 2010 was 67%).
- 60 (16.2% of total members) are student members (in 2010 was 17.6%).
- 18 (5.0% of total members) are Retired members (in 2010 was 5%).
- 43 (11.7% of total members) are Honorary Life/Merit members (in 2010 was 11.1%).

In total, 167 (45.4%) members subscribed to CJAS which percentage is a decline from last year which at the last mid-year report was 184 (45.5%).

Affiliation is not known for 151 members (41.0% of total members). The remaining 217 members are from Canadian Universities and Colleges (97 members; 26.4% of total members), AAFC (46 members; 12.5% of total members); Canadian Industry (33 members; 9.0% of total members); Provincial governments (11 members; 2.9% of total members) and International (all categories combined; (30 members; 8.2% of total members).

Table 1. Members by Province								
AB	ON	QC	SK	MB	BC	NS	NB	PEI
88	69	57	40	22	25	17	4	2

Country	Members (n)
United States	23
New Zealand	3
Japan	3
United Kingdom	2
Poland	2
China	2
Austria	1
Ghana	1
Hong Kong	1
Italy	1
Korea	1
Nigeria	1
Spain	1
Switzerland	1

Province	May, 2011	June, 2010	Variation (%)
AB	88	97	- 9.3
QC	69	69	0
ON	57	66	- 13.6
SK	40	39	+ 2.6
MB	23	33	- 30.3
BC	25	31	- 19.4
NS	17	18	- 5.6
NB	4	4	0
PEI	2	2	0
Total for Canada	325	359	- 9.5
International	May, 2011	June, 2010	Variation (%)
United States	23	26	- 11.5

New Zealand	3	3	0
Japan	3	3	0
United Kingdom	2	2	0
Poland	2	2	0
China	2	1	+100
Austria	1	1	0
Ghana	1	1	0
Hong Kong	1	1	0
Italy	1	1	0
Nigeria	1	1	0
Switzerland	1	1	0
South Korea	1	1	0
Spain	1	0	+100
Total for International	43	45	- 4.4
TOTAL	368	404	- 8.9

Table 4. Membership by Category and Affiliation: 2010 versus 2009			
Item	May, 2011	June, 2010	Variation (%)
By category			
Regular	247	270	- 8.5
Student	60	71	- 15.5
Retired	18	17	+ 5.9
Life/Merit	43	45	- 4.4
By Affiliation			
Not Known	151	139	+ 8.6
Canadian Universities	97	118	- 17.8

AAFC	46	48	- 4.2
Canadian Industry	33	38	- 13.2
Provincial governments	11	16	- 31.2
International*	30	45	- 33.3
*All categories included			

Action Taken:

- Check the list of CSAS members and identified those who did not renew their memberships. As of January 20, 2010, 116 had last paid for 2010. They have been contacted by email in regards to continuing their membership.
- Emails were sent to a number of provincial government representatives to determine what role or interest CSAS play in their extension duties. Email response back was very poor.
- Explored opportunities to increase exposure of CSAS to international members. Contacted the AAFC MOE Foreign Chinese student coordinator to evaluate how many Chinese students are at AAFC-Research Centres that have livestock/Range/Forage related research (10 out of 55).
- Effort to encourage students, post-docs and research associates to join the society has been made by sending emails to as many University Department Head/Chairs to inform and encourage participation in CSAS.

Future Activities:

- More efforts are needed to retain current members and recruit new national and international members
- More efforts needed to recruit provincial government employees and Canadian industry to join the society
- Encourage students (national and international), post-docs, research associates to join the society.

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