



CSAS/SCSA

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

April 22, 2011

We are all set for the 60th annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Animal Science May 4-5 at the Atlantica Hotel, 1930 Robie St., Halifax NS. It was a new venture for us¹; the first time to hold the AGM in the Spring, and the first time to build our own Conference dedicated website. There were and will be a few bugs to work out, but in all the website was very successful for managing on-line registration, abstract submission, review and scheduling, credit-card payment using PayPal, provision of conference information, visibility for our sponsors and announcing the launch of Animal Frontiers-a review magazine of animal agriculture co-published by the Canadian-, American- and European Federation- Societies of Animal Science. The website www.nsnnet.ca/csas will be active for one year following the event. Feed-back from members are welcome to help us improve it and to come-up with ideas for modernizing our www.csas.net website.

The Executive will meet preconference on May 3, 1-6 pm and the AGM is scheduled for May 4th 12-2 pm over a buffet lunch (Tickets \$25). Many thanks to CSAS members who provided suggestions for the symposia sessions. In the end we decided to hold two symposia "Food Production and the Environment (May 4)" and "The Transition Dairy Cow (May 5)" each wrapping up with a panel discussion in lieu of questions following invited speaker presentations. In addition, the "Value-Added Meats (VAM) Symposium" (May 5), will feature the research of Canada's first-of its kind VAM Program currently funded by the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency, Ltd. Technical presentations are scheduled by theme, posters precede the first oral presentations of each day. Graduate and undergraduate student oral presentations will be scheduled within the poster and technical sessions on each day, and CSAS awards presented at the Banquet scheduled for the evening of May 5, 6 to 9 pm (Tickets \$65). Unfortunately, the CJAS board meeting will not be held during our meeting.

To date we have 125 registrants (100 pre-paid), 97 accepted abstracts, and generous sponsorship; Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency Ltd, Edmonton AB Canada, Platinum (\$5000 pledged), Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro NS Canada, Gold (\$2500 received), Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, Silver (\$1000 received), and Valacta, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC Canada, Silver (\$1000 pledged).

The CSAS is asked to fund symposia speakers for a total amount of \$6000.00. With the help of our sponsors we expect to be at least cost/revenue neutral. As liaison between CSAS and CJAS, I plan to attend the CJAS board meeting (date/location currently unknown). Dr Alan Iwaasa is coordinating the organisation of our meeting with the American Society of Animal Science for 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona. At this time no confirmations have been made for 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Small
CSAS President-Elect

¹Planning began in September 2010 when it was confirmed it was not possible to meet jointly with the Canadian Meat Council and the Canadian Meat Science Association.