



## Southern Section American Society of Animal Science

**DATE:** September 5, 2003  
**TO:** Southern Section ASAS Members  
**FROM:** Ronald D. Randel, Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Section ASAS  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science will be held in **Tulsa, Oklahoma** on **February 14 to 18, 2004**, in conjunction with the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists. Additional information may be found on the SAAS Web site: <http://www.saasinc.org/>.

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**Hotel Reservations:** Room reservation information will be sent in October directly from Mark Legendre, Secretary-Treasurer, SAAS.

**Call for Papers:** Members are encouraged to submit abstracts of papers for oral presentation. Abstracts must be submitted electronically on or before **11:59 p.m. CDT October 15, 2003**. Abstracts not meeting this deadline will be rejected. Other criteria for acceptance or rejection will include those outlined in the "Instructions for Abstract Submission" and "Quality Standards for Abstracts", which may be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>. Papers will be presented on February 16 and 17, 2004. A 2" x 2" slide projector will be provided in each room. Authors requiring other presentation equipment, such as LCD projectors, must make arrangements with the Program Chair prior to the meeting. Suggestions for projected material ("Slide Preparation Guidelines for Oral Presentations") can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>.

**Submission Requirements:** All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the World Wide Web, at <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>. Instructions for submitting the abstract are available on the Web site. You will be given a **tracking code** and **password** when you submit the abstract. It is very important that you keep a record of these. You may revise submitted abstracts any time before the deadline, but you can only access your abstract using the password and tracking code. After reading these instructions, if you have any questions regarding submission, contact Lisa Cobb, FASS Business Office ([lisac@assoqh.org](mailto:lisac@assoqh.org)).

**Meeting Registration:** Registration for the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science and the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists will be in an area to be designated in the **Adams Mark Hotel**. Extra copies of abstracts will be available at \$5.00 per copy. The registration area will also serve as a message center. Registration fees for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists and Southern Section ASAS Members will be \$40.00 (SAAS Fee) + \$20.00 (ASAS Fee) = \$60.00 total for members and \$5.00 (SAAS Fee) + \$15.00 (ASAS Fee) = \$20.00 total for graduate students.

**Election:** Members of Southern Section ASAS are encouraged to vote for Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The Nomination Committee has submitted the following individuals for consideration by the Southern Section membership: Dr. Chadwick Chase, Jr., (USDA-ARS-Brooksville, FL) and Dr. Elizabeth B. Kegley (University of Arkansas) for the position of Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The election will be conducted with electronic ballots at <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>. Votes can be cast between **September 3, 2003 and October 15, 2003**.

**Graduate Student Competition:** Abstracts will be submitted as described above (see "Submission Requirements"), and the Awards Competition Committee will select up to fifteen (15) abstracts, based on scientific merit for presentation. **Dr. L. Wayne Greene, Texas A&M University** will send rules and guidelines on the awards competition to each selected participant. The contestant must be the senior author, be 35 years of age or less at the time of submission, and cannot hold academic rank above assistant professor. Persons who have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in previous Awards competitions are ineligible. Awards of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be presented to the top three placings, respectively. Further information regarding the competition can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>.

**Undergraduate Research Abstract Competition:** Students classified as either a Junior or Senior at the time of submission and from institutions in the Southern Region with degree programs in Agriculture are encouraged to present data from their research efforts. Abstracts should be submitted as described above (see "Submission Requirements"). University verification that the student is enrolled at the time of the abstract must be mailed to **Dr. Brian J. Rude, Mississippi State University**. Note that the author may be enrolled as a graduate student at the time the paper is presented. The abstracts will be reviewed by

the Teaching and Undergraduate Education Committee (**Dr. Brian J. Rude**). Awards of \$150, \$100, and \$50 will be presented to the top three places, respectively. Further information regarding the competition can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>.

**Graduate Student Travel Scholarships Available:** The Dr. Joe Fontenot Appreciation Club was established to support graduate student travel and participation in annual and regional ASAS meetings. The Club has been fully funded and will offer its first Graduate Student Travel Scholarships to the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science meeting in 2004. Graduate students presenting research papers may apply for travel support by contacting the American Society of Animal Science Foundation (Paula Schultz, [paulas@assoqh.org](mailto:paulas@assoqh.org); 217-356-9050 ext 21). Scholarships in the amounts up to \$300 per recipient will be available. A selection committee has been established to review applications.

Applications are due by November 17, 2003, and notification of recipients of scholarships will be December 15, 2003.

## AWARDS

Members are strongly encouraged to nominate individuals for the following awards. These awards are one way that we can recognize the outstanding achievements of our colleagues and students. Nominations must be submitted electronically. **NOTE: All nomination information can be found on the ASAS Web Site:** <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>.

Nominations must be submitted no later than **October 15, 2003**

**Distinguished Service Award:** Each year the Southern Section recognizes and honors one of its members for outstanding service to the livestock industry. Nominees must be members of the American Society of Animal Science for two (2) consecutive years prior to the date of their nomination. Any Southern Section member working in the Southern Region (defined in Paragraph 4, Article VII, Page 604, J. Anim. Sci., Vol. 24, May 1965) is eligible. Any active member in the American Society of Animal Science-Southern Section in good standing, except Southern Section ASAS officers, may make nominations. Self-nominations shall not be eligible. Nominations must be submitted on the web no later than **October 15, 2003**. Other rules and information on materials to be submitted by the nominator can be found on the ASAS Web site: <http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>.

Refer to the ASAS Web Site (<http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>) for Information on submitting the following Southern Section ASAS Awards: **Extension Award, Young Animal Scientist Award-Education, and Young Animal Scientist Award-Research**. Deadline is October 15, 2003.

**Swine Industry Award for Innovation:** All abstracts submitted which have as the primary focus swine research, education, and/or extension will be reviewed by the NPR Committee. Complete information can be found on the web site (<http://www.asas.org/southern/2004/index.html>).

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