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From: Pat Hoffman, Past President, MW ADSA
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Re: 2007 MW Meeting

The Midwestern Sections of ASAS and ADSA will hold their 2007 Joint Annual Meeting on March 19-21, 2007 in Des Moines, Iowa. The program includes top-quality scientific sessions, an Academic Quadrathlon, a Student Placement Center, Undergraduate Student Oral Competition, M.S. and Ph.D. Graduate Student Oral and Poster Competitions, the awards breakfast, informal receptions, and a Career Fair. The program also features Young Dairy Scholars with their presentations incorporated into the scientific sessions. Please use the pre-registration information included in this mailing to take advantage of discounted rates. You will find the registration form, housing form, and the opportunity to elect new MW officers on the web site (<http://www.asas.org/midwest/2007/>). You may register on line or print the form to fax or mail. More information can be found on the forms.

For hotel reservations, we will again use the Des Moines Housing Bureau; rooms will be available at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Marriott, Holiday Inn Downtown and Embassy Suites. The headquarters for the Academic Quadrathlon will be the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Meeting registration, scientific sessions, and receptions will be held in the Polk County Convention Center.

A number of concurrent sessions have been scheduled throughout the meeting. New this year will be a Ruminant Nutrition session on Monday afternoon. Oral Competition sessions will begin on Monday at 12:30 p.m. All posters are on continuous display from 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19 through noon on Wednesday, March 21. Authors will be present either Monday, March 19, or Tuesday, March 20, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Authors should check the schedule for their designated day to be present.

Again this year each room will be equipped with a computer and an LCD projector. **NEW PROCEDURES for 2007:** In an effort to maximize efficiency onsite and to avoid possible technical issues, we will be collecting PowerPoint files for **oral presentations only** prior to the meeting. After all presentations have been collected, they will be distributed to the appropriate program chair on site prior to the start of the session. Please read the complete instructions on the web site <http://www.asas.org/midwest/2007/colppt.htm>

We hope that you plan to attend the upcoming meeting. Please encourage colleagues and students to attend. Everyone's involvement is important for the future of the Midwestern Sections of ASAS and ADSA. **See you in Des Moines!**

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Des Moines, Iowa – March 19-21, 2007