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From: ADSA /ASAS MW Board

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The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Sections of the American Dairy Science Association and the American Society of Animal Science will be held **March 17 to 19, 2008 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, IA**. We invite you to participate in this dynamic sectional meeting.

- Submit **abstracts** by **October 24, 2007** to showcase your programs and contribute to advancements in animal sciences. **Submission instructions are posted on our website** <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>. The continued success of the Midwest program depends on your contributions. We are continuing to encourage participation in poster sessions; late Monday and Tuesday afternoons have been specially designated as times for members to visit with poster presenters.
- An important part of the ADSA/ASAS is to recognize the efforts of individuals who contribute significantly to our profession. Please take a few moments to **nominate your colleagues** and make the awards program of your society a success. Nominations must be **submitted electronically by October 24, 2007**. Award requirements and nomination formats are available at: <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>. Remember that nominees for young scientist awards have no age limit, but they should be less than 10 years since beginning their professional career after their postdoctoral training or receiving their Ph.D. degree. If you wish to have an abstract be considered for the Dairy Innovation Award or the National Pork Board Education or Research Awards, please check the appropriate box when submitting your abstract.
- **Graduate students** are encouraged to attend and compete in paper competitions. Poster competitions will again take place in addition to oral competitions. The Graduate Oral Competition is divided into M.S. and Ph.D. divisions with presentations made in separate sessions on Monday afternoon. The Poster Competition is also divided into M.S. and Ph.D. divisions and will take place at the scheduled poster time on Monday afternoon. **Institutions may nominate up to two student abstracts in the oral and the poster competitions of both the M.S. and Ph.D. divisions. Oral competition papers may also be presented in the subject sessions.** Please read **Instructions at: <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>**.
- **Undergraduate students** are encouraged to compete in the **Academic Quadrathlon** and the **Research Paper Competitions**. **NEW FOR 2008: An Undergraduate Poster Competition** will be held during the scheduled poster session on Monday afternoon. The Undergraduate Oral Competition will take place on Monday afternoon and oral papers may also be presented again in the subject sessions. The number of undergraduate students from each institution in the competitions is not limited. See **Instructions at <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2008/>**
- *Make plans now to attend; excellent symposia and invited presentations are being planned (see enclosure and website).*
- Housing forms for the 2008 meeting will be available on the web site the week of October 1. You will find two options. One to print and fax to the housing bureau, and the other, the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors' Bureau is offering Online Housing registration. You will use the reference number 2163 to access the 2008 Midwest Meeting.

We look forward to your active participation in the 2008 Midwest ADSA/ASAS annual meeting - see you next March in Des Moines!

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Des Moines, Iowa – March 17-19, 2008