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To: ASAS and ADSA® members
From: Merlyn Nielsen, Past President, MW ASAS
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Date: January 2009
Re: 2009 MW Meeting

The Midwestern Sections of ASAS and ADSA® will hold their 2009 Joint Annual Meeting on March 16-18, 2009 in Des Moines, Iowa. The program includes top-quality scientific sessions, an Academic Quadrathlon, a Job Resource Center, Undergraduate Student Oral and Poster Competitions, M.S. and Ph.D. Graduate Student Oral and Poster Competitions, the awards breakfast, and informal receptions. 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://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2009/>). 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, Renaissance Savery Hotel, 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.

Members are encouraged to participate in election of new officers for the ADSA® Midwest Branch and the ASAS Midwestern Section. Offices and candidates include: ADSA® Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth F. Kalscheur and Elizabeth L. Karcher; ADSA® Director, Barry J. Bradford and Paul J. Kononoff; ASAS President-Elect, Catherine W. Ernst; ASAS Secretary-Treasurer, John Killefer and Bryon R. Wiegand.

New this year is a Keynote Speaker—plan to laugh with our invited speaker, humorist **Damian Mason**, during his light-hearted yet thoughtful presentation “Humor for the Heart of Agriculture” on Monday evening. Another new feature this year is a **Writing Workshop** for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Details are on the web site (<http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2009/>).

A number of concurrent sessions have been scheduled throughout the meeting. Oral Competition sessions will begin on Monday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. All posters are on continuous display from 1:00 p.m. on Monday through noon on Wednesday. Authors will be present either Monday or Tuesday, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Authors should check the schedule for their designated day to be present.

Each room will be equipped with a computer and an LCD projector. PowerPoint files for **oral presentations only** will be collected prior to the meeting. Please read the complete instructions on the web site <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2009/>.

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 16-18, 2009
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