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To: ADSA Midwest Branch Members and ASAS Midwestern Section Members

From: ADSA /ASAS MW Board

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The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Sections of the American Dairy Science Association and the American Society of Animal Science will be held **March 15-17, 2010 at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, IA.** We invite you to participate in this dynamic sectional meeting.

- Please submit **abstracts** by **October 28, 2009** to showcase your programs and contribute to advancements in animal sciences. **Submission instructions are posted on our website** <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2010/>. The continued success of the Midwest program depends on your contributions. Poster presentations continue to be a highlight of the Midwest meeting with sessions late Monday and Tuesday afternoons 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 November 2, 2009**. Award requirements and nomination formats are available at: <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2010/>. 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.
- All Monday, March 15, academic quadrathlon events will be held in the Polk County Convention Center. Dr Robert Kauffmann will provide a 30 minute historical perspective and guide to the future of the academic quadrathlon on Monday evening prior to the quiz bowl finals.
- All Graduate and Undergraduate students making oral or poster presentations at the 2010 Midwest meeting will receive a \$50 travel stipend to assist with meeting travel expenses!
- **Graduate students** are encouraged to attend and compete in paper competitions. The Graduate Oral Competition is divided into M.S. and Ph.D. divisions with presentations made in separate sessions on Monday afternoon. The Graduate 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/2010/>.
- **Undergraduate students** are encouraged to compete in the **Academic Quadrathlon** and the **Research Paper Competitions**. The Undergraduate Poster Competition will again be scheduled during the Monday poster session. 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/2010/>.
- *Make plans now to attend; excellent symposia and invited presentations are being planned (see enclosure and website).*
- Housing forms for the 2010 meeting are available on the web site. 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 (Deadline: February 17, 2010). You will use the convention ID #10012 to access the 2010 Midwest Meeting. Due to the Hotel Fort Des Moines closing for renovations November 2009 - mid 2011, it is not listed as a housing option.

We look forward to your active participation in the 2010 Midwest ADSA/ASAS annual meeting!

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Des Moines, Iowa – March 15-17, 2010
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