



To: ASAS and ADSA® members

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Re: 2010 Midwest Meeting

The Midwestern Sections of ASAS and ADSA® will hold their 2010 Annual Meeting March 15-17, 2010 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/2010.asp>). 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 Renaissance Savery Hotel, Des Moines Marriott, Holiday Inn Downtown and Embassy Suites. 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, Lance H. Baumgard and Tim F. Brown; ASAS ADSA® Director-at-Large, Wendy J. Powers; ASAS President-Elect, John F. Patience and John "Scott" Radcliffe. Vote today: <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2010.asp>.

In 2010 the Monday morning Academic Quadrathlon (AQ) activities will be held at the Polk County Convention Center. On the registration form you will have the opportunity to register for a Monday morning breakfast honoring current and past AQ participants. The AQ teams will welcome your attendance at the preliminary quiz bowl competition starting at 9:00 am, March 15. Dr. Robert Kauffman will be the Keynote Speaker prior to the Final Quiz Bowl on Monday evening.

NEW in 2010: Midwest Lunch and Learn will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at noon to 1:00 pm. This event is open to all undergraduate and graduate students. You will enjoy an informal discussion with a diverse panel of industry and academic professionals

about finding and attaining a career that fits you, your interests, and your skills. This will include deciding whether to continue your education, navigating the job search and application process, and successfully marketing yourself. Order a box lunch when you register prior to February 25 and bring your lunch to Room 205D.

You will not want to miss the scientific program sessions scheduled throughout the meeting. Oral Competition sessions will begin on Monday, March 15 at 1:00 p.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.

NEW in 2010: Oral presenters have the option to upload their PowerPoint files prior to the meeting OR on site. Please read the complete instructions on the web site <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2010.asp>.

The ASAS Midwestern Section and ADSA Midwest Branch are pleased to use the “E-Career Tool”. This tool facilitates communication between employers and potential employees prior to the 2010 ASAS/ADSA Midwest Meeting by making it easier to arrange contact in Des Moines. The tool is available February 1st to April 15th (http://www.asas.org/ecareer/index.asp?id_meeting=8)

Reminder: February 8th is the deadline to nominate graduate students for the Graduate Student Program Planning Committee for 2011. Details can be found on the Midwest web site: <http://adsa.asas.org/midwest/2010.asp>.

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!**