

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF ANIMAL SCIENCE



STRATEGIES

We work with our 35 international sister societies to enhance global programming

Our six main sister societies

- **EAAP** (*European Federation of Animal Production*) — during yearly speaker exchanges, ASAS sends nine speakers to the EAAP meeting and EAAP sends nine speakers to the ASAS meeting. Co-global issues symposiums, bundled memberships, publication agreements
- **WAAP** (*World Association of Animal Science*) — ASAS sponsors WAAP meetings and serves on its board
- **AAPA** (*Asociación Argentina de Producción Animal, Argentina*) — ASAS will co-host a South America meeting in 2011
- **CSAS** (*Canadian Society of Animal Science*) — meet as a programming partner at ASAS U.S. or Canada-based national meeting every other year
- **AMPA** (*Asociación Mexicana de Producción Animal, Mexico*) — speaker exchange
- **CAAV** (*Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine*) — meeting and speaker exchange

ASAS IN DEVELOPING AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

We offer

- Discounted membership prices to WHO Band 1 and Band 2 countries
- Discounted journal subscription prices to institutions in Band 1 and Band 2 countries
- Free journal access in Third World countries through AGORA and HINARI
- International travel/study scholarships through the ASAS Foundation



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ASAS ISSUES ARE GLOBAL ISSUES

In 2008, ASAS launched a new Strategic Plan to expand membership worldwide and better meet the needs of our international members.

ASAS is increasing international visibility by supporting and planning more conferences outside the U.S. In November 2009, we partnered with the Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine to present the Inaugural ASAS-CAAV Asia Pacific Rim Conference. Researchers and industry professionals converged in Beijing, China, to attend symposia and present research on issues from immunology to animal breeding and food safety.

Our second international conference is scheduled for October 2011. We plan to collaborate with Argentina's Asociación Argentina de Producción Animal to present the Inaugural ASAS-AAPA South American Animal Science Meeting in Argentina.

"With this bold stroke in Beijing, the society has extended a warm, friendly welcome to the entirety of the western side of the Pacific Ocean. Most important, the scientific base and pool of animal science scientists conducting and reporting research and sharing those findings in the Journal of Animal Science has been greatly expanded."

—Bud Harmon,
ASAS International Committee

"In many regions of the world, scarce resources do not allow scientists to attend ASAS meetings on a regular basis. ASAS took a major step forward to alleviate this situation by 'taking the meeting to the scientists' by organizing a meeting in China in 2009."

— David Thomas
ASAS International Committee

WHY DID WE START WITH THESE COUNTRIES?

We have about 5,400 animal scientists in the U.S., but experts estimate we will need approximately 16 percent more animal scientists during the next 10 years in order to balance increased agricultural output with demand, protection, and preservation. Unfortunately, the number of animal scientists in the U.S. is currently decreasing.

Fortunately, animal science is going strong in China and Argentina. Increased funding and growing membership make professional societies in these countries valuable partners for ASAS.

CHINA

China currently has the largest base of animal scientists and the largest growth rate for the profession worldwide. The Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine (CAAV) boasts a membership of 71,000, with emphasis on animal science rather than veterinary medicine. CAAV estimates that its animal scientist membership increases by approximately 600 professional members per year.



Most animal scientists in China present and publish their work at meetings or in journals associated with the CAAV. The major function of the CAAV is to unite animal scientists and provide academic exchange via meetings and publication within China.

ARGENTINA

Argentina currently has the largest growth rate for the animal science profession in Latin America. The Asociación Argentina de Producción Animal (AAPA) boasts a membership of 2,000. Moreover, it is estimated that the animal scientist numbers in Argentina increase by approximately 200 professional members per year.

