

EAAP

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Those who do not work in our “environment” do not know that the EAAP annual meeting preparation starts a long time before. Usually around 4-5 years before, the country representatives will make a proposal to the EAAP Council and, after acceptance, a long activity will begin that will increase as the time of the meeting approaches. The last 12 months are the busiest ones for the local organizers, for the

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Commissions and for the EAAP Secretariat. We think that in this period most of the potential participants will look at the scientific program, the accommodation, the travel possibilities and more useful information in order to organize in the best way their participation to the meeting.

Moreover the participants often come to our annual meeting to present a research activity.

For this reason in this Newsletter we furnish you with the details concerning the submissions of abstracts, the application for the scholarships and other useful relevant information

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All authors wishing to present papers at the EAAP Annual Meeting in Slovakia are required to submit the title and abstract of their presentations using the online application for abstract submission. Information can be found on the website www.WageningenAcademic.com/eaap. Presentations will be accepted as oral presentations or as posters. If you encounter problems, please contact the Publisher (Wageningen Academic Publishers) by email eaap2012@WageningenAcademic.com

The deadline for submission of the abstract is **March 1st 2012**. Only abstracts submitted using the online application will be considered for publication. Abstracts are required in English. The abstract should contain the specific objectives, experimental methods and statistical analyses used, together with a synthesis of the results and conclusions. The title, authors and the abstract must not exceed 2250 characters (including spaces). **Please read the instructions very carefully**, while submitting your abstract.

Please note that each author can present a maximum of two free contributions.



The 63rd annual EAAP meeting is coming soon!!!

Bratislava, Slovakia

27 August - 31st August 2012

Website at: www.eaap2012.org

Authors will be informed by mid April 2012 whether their abstracts have been accepted for presentation during the meeting. Authors who submit abstracts but fail to register for the Conference by June 1st 2012, will have their presentations rejected and abstracts will not be inserted in the Abstract Book /CD.

The publisher of the Abstract Book for EAAP 2012 is Wageningen Academic Publishers (P.O. Box 220 - 6700 AE Wageningen, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 317 476 516 and Fax: +31 317 453 417

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Scholarships possibilities

Anyone who would like to apply for a scholarship for participating to the 63rd EAAP Annual meeting in Bratislava must do so by 1st March 2012. Any applicants from an EAAP member country (for member country list see www.eaap.org or contact eaap@eaap.org) (maximum of 38 years of age) can apply for a grant to attend the EAAP Annual Meetings. An applicant who already obtained a scholarship in the past cannot re-apply within 3 years. Grants are distributed subject to the financial constraints of the EAAP.

Please check that before 1st March 2012 any applicant needs to send to the EAAP Secretariat in Rome (eaap@eaap.org):

- a) Name, address, fax and phone number, date of birth and short CV
- b) Name and address of the institution where he/she works.

This formal request should be accompanied by:

- a) The full paper which the applicant intends to present, written in English. The paper should not exceed 5 pages including tables, figures and references. The contribution should be in line with the agenda of one of the provisional sessions (joint or single).
- b) A copy of the original abstract form (in English), completed in accordance with the instructions given by Wageningen Academic publishers.

The paper can be sent by email (eaap@eaap.org) or by post (5 copies) to the EAAP address: EAAP - Via G. Tomassetti 3 A/1. I-00161 Rome, Italy - Email: eaap@eaap.org

Before 1st March 2012 (deadline) – To be sent to Wageningen Academic Publishers:

The applicant should send directly to the Publisher the completed abstract form. The form and guidelines for completing the Abstract form can be downloaded from www.WageningenAcademic.com/eaap. Please follow the instructions carefully. If you encounter problems downloading the form or guidelines, please contact Wageningen Academic Publishers directly (eaap2012@WageningenAcademic.com)

By 30th April 2012

The EAAP Secretariat in Rome will inform the applicants of the result of the examination by the Board of Examiners of their application.

- Successful applicants will receive information on the conditions and uses of the lump sum, according to the financial situation of the Scholarship Fund. In the same way as for all other authors, the successful applicants will be informed by the relevant Commission President on the method of presentation chosen for the paper in question.
- Not successful applicants will also be advised by that date. The failure to obtain a scholarship does not entail the removal of the abstract and will also be informed by the relevant Commission President on the method of presentation chosen for the paper in question.



**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE MEETINGS
YOU WISH US TO PUBLICIZE**



Morocco is back again!

EAAP is happy to announce that Morocco is now again an EAAP Member. The activity of Mr. Fouad Guessous has been very important to have again Morocco joining the EAAP community.



THESIS PRIZE

The AFZ, the Association Française de Zootechnie, announced through its President Daniel Sauvart, the launch of this thesis prize 2011 of the AFZ that will reward a thesis on a theme related to the Animal Husbandry and Animal Sciences. The reward of € 1,000 will help the winner to present part of his thesis at the annual meeting of the EAAP in 2011 (Bratislava, Slovakia - 27-31 August 2012).



OIE Symposium

The World Organization for Animal Health, OIE, will organize an international symposium on "Alternatives to Antibiotics - Challenges and Solutions in Animal Production". The symposium will be held in Paris on 25-28 September 2012. For more information, visit the website at www.alternativestoantibiotics.org

FAO-CIHEAM meeting

XIV Meeting of the FAO-CIHEAM Sub network on Mediterranean Forages and Fodder Crops, titled "New Approaches for Grassland Research in a Context of Climatic and Socio-Economic Changes" (Samsun, Turkey, 3-6 October 2012). The 1st Announcement and the pre-registration form, can be also found on the website of the Meeting: www.iamz.ciheam.org/samsun2012

The First Asia Dairy Conference

Organized by University Putra Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur from 9 to 12 April 2012

With the technical support of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and International Dairy Federation (IDF)

Further information can be obtained from: www.adgc.upm.edu.my/adgc/

25th International Conference "Genetic Days"

International Conference "Genetic Days", will be held in Wrocław (Poland) in September 2012.

The conference will take place at the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences. The conference programme will cover all aspects of scientific achievements within animal genetics, both in livestock and wild animals. More info at: <http://gen.ar.wroc.pl/days/index.htm>



Animal Journal

New Editor-in-Chief

Jean Noblet Director of Research of Nutrition and Metabolism at INRA, Rennes (France) starting 1 January 2012 is the new Editor in chief for the Animal Journal
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Jean Noblet has been working at INRA in France since 1977 and he was the Head of the "Livestock Production Systems and Animal and Human Nutrition" Research Unit (30 researchers) in St-Gilles, near Rennes (France) from 2003 to 2011. He commenced work at INRA after Master of Science, Ingénieur Agronome and PhD degrees at the University of Paris and National Institute of Agronomy in Paris. In 2000, he received the "Non-ruminant Nutrition Award" of the American Society of Animal Science. He has authored or co-authored about 200 reviewed papers or book chapters and 2 worldwide used software in pig production, InraPorc and EvaPig. His research has concerned energy and protein nutrition of swine and, more recently, of poultry and calves with major achievements in calorimetry methods, evaluation of the energy content of pig feeds, factorial quantification and modelling of energy requirements in pigs, calves or poultry and thermoregulation of pigs.

We wish a great success to Jean in this new activity !!!



The Animal Task Force – joining forces in research and innovation!

Livestock production has changed a lot over the past decades, but more changes will need to be faced in the future. Resource efficiency public health, climate change, food security, environmental and social demands have a great influence on our production systems. The multi-dimensional nature of these challenges calls for high levels of cooperation and collaboration as no one player amongst the various stakeholders will have all of the resources (physical, financial, personal and conceptual) that are needed to deliver solutions into practice. Cooperation and collaboration is not only needed across the livestock production sector, but also with stakeholders in the whole production chain.

Excellence is often present within the various disciplines of animal science. Great improvements have been achieved, e.g. with the introduction of genomic selection in breeding, or with new feedstuffs that improve the dietary efficiency of animals. However, the future requires a greater emphasis on systems approaches, bringing various disciplines in animal and other relevant sciences together so that innovations through research can be developed and tested in a meaningful context. At the same time we need to make sure we innovate by connecting industry to science in a smart and open way. Since January 2010, a structural platform has been set up to connect both industry and science in the European animal production sector. This is the Animal Task Force (ATF). The ATF aims to help to deliver European livestock systems that are globally competitive and environmentally positive. Several Technology Platforms, which represent whole sectors to the European Commission, are members of the ATF. These are the platforms for breeding and reproduction (FABRE-TP), animal health (ETPGAH), aquaculture (EATIP) and feed technology (EUFETEC). Alongside these platforms as members of the ATF are research institutions from several EU member states. These are Aarhus University (Denmark), Bonn University (Germany), INRA (France), Milan University (Italy), MTT (Finland), SAC (United Kingdom), SLU (Sweden), TEAGASC (Ireland) and Wageningen-UR (the Netherlands).

The ATF has long standing cooperation with EAAP. By linking industry and science, the challenges that lay ahead could better be tackled and new ideas for innovation and research in livestock production exchanged. By working together these ideas and approaches can be used to influence the European Research agenda and actively participate in discussions for the future of the livestock production chain.

Activities of the ATF are the organisation of discussion activities such as workshops in Brussels with representatives of European institutions, participation in discussions in Brussels and linking our ideas to lobbying groups in Brussels. We also bring together ATF members to initiate novel activities or work out ideas to solve the challenges. If you or your organisation would like more information please contact info@animaltaskforce.eu or have look at www.animaltaskforce.eu



NEWS FROM THE STAFF

Valerie Vigne has decided to retire after a career in EAAP spanning 20 years. She arrived in December 1991 when the president of EAAP was Alessandro Nardone and the Secretary General was Jean Boyazoglu. She had also worked with other Presidents: Solms zu Lich, Aimé Aumaitre, Jim Flanagan and Kris Sejrsen. Valerie had also cooperated with three Secretaries General: Jean Boyazoglu, Nicolas Frydlander and Andrea Rosati. She had worked and cooperated with many different persons and quite different personalities within EAAP staff. And yet, everyone was able to experience her personal skills and her continuous endurance and serenity. The staff of EAAP is a small group. For this reason, but not only, everyone has a large impact for the activity of our office. Therefore when someone leaves the office, it is felt both in terms of working activity and also in terms of personality. Especially if the person leaving is the one having longest career within group. This is what we can say from "inside" the office, but we are sure that everyone who has met Valerie at the annual meetings or in other occasions will recognise that it is her particular charm, approachability and politeness that creates such a friendly environment at these meetings. Valerie will now have more time to dedicate to her family and animals (several horses and many dogs). However we will not lose her support at once, she will continue to cooperate with EAAP for some specific activities like the



Newsletter and the preparation of the annual meeting. Therefore we will all be pleased to see her again with us, active as usual, in Bratislava this coming August. And we will all have the opportunity at Bratislava to wish her the best in this new phase of her life.

New DNA chip to detect West Nile virus

The University of Florida has developed a new DNA chip to detect the presence of West Nile virus in horses. This chip, which covers more than 41,000 genes, was developed to create a tool to assess which genes are affected during encephalitis.

It may also be used for other diseases of central nervous system of horses (infectious or not). It was developed in collaboration between the university laboratory and Agilent Technologies (Santa Clara, Calif.), which holds the patent on this chip.

Agilent, industrial giant (more than 10,000 patents since 1930, date of creation of the company) is present in many areas (analytical, computer, electricity, ...). It has a strong presence in the area of biology; the company has developed many biological analysis technology, tools and modification of the genome biochips. Agilent uses a technology called SurePrint to create its chips. Over 120 patents have been filed by the Agilent biochips.

Aquainnovo SA

Aquainnovo SA (Chile) announces the opening of its new research center in fish farming in 2012 in the town of Lenca. The center has received an investment of \$ 6 million and will be dedicated to research in genomics and genetics, nutrition and health of trout, salmon and tilapia farming. Aquainnovo AG is a research consortium founded in 2006 by the University of Chile (Santiago) and AquaChile SA, Chile's leader in production of farmed salmon. This consortium is majority owned by AquaChile (83%) and university (15%) with a minority of others (2%). AquaChile produces over 73,000 tons of salmon and trout (the fifth largest producer in 2009) for a turnover of \$ 440m

