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Individual Member Flash-e-news

EAAP March meetings

In the last week the Rome office hosted the traditional spring meetings of the management groups of EAAP. During these days there were the Council meeting, the Ways and Means and the Scientific Committee meetings and finally the joint meeting of all three. It is also an opportunity for the thirty persons who manage our organization to be together for a couple of days and therefore many comments and suggestions were tackled.

On Wednesday, March 21st, in the afternoon there was the Ways and Means Committee meeting. As usual during the meeting discussions and decisions about the administrative and legal issues of the association were undertaken. The Vice-President George Zervas chaired the meeting. There was a long discussion about the possibility to establish deeper contacts with the industries. The need for a greater industry involvement is very important, not only for the economic implication but also for the technical and scientific support that EAAP can have by welcoming

more participation from the industry. Other decisions were the new member representing EAAP in the consortium of "Animal Frontiers" who will be Philippe Chemineau, the president Elect, substituting Kris Sejrsen, the current President. The other two members are Cledwyn Thomas and Andrea Rosati. Moreover the Ways and Means Committee discussed proposals from the country members of the new Council members who will be elected in August in Bratislava.

The following day there were, in parallel, the 137th Council and the Scientific Committee meetings.

The Council had many important items to discuss. The main points were the delicate situation of the membership fees. A few member countries have had difficulties to respect their duties with EAAP and that will put some future EAAP activities at risk. Another important discussion was the development of the strategic plan. The Council had a deep analysis of the strategic plan. Improvements and comments were done and the new version, after revision also by country and individual members in the next months, will be discussed and

eventually approved at the next General Assembly. The strategic plan will guide the activities of EAAP for the period 2012-2016. The strategic plan will also be detailed more in future issues of our newsletter.

The Scientific Committee was chaired by the Vice President Odd Vangen with the support of Geoff Pollott who is coordinator of the scientific program for the annual meeting. Most of the discussion was about the organization of the scientific program for Bratislava annual meeting. There were present the nine Presidents of Commissions together with Mike Jacobs of Wageningen Academic Publisher. Mike with the Scientific Committee controlled the received abstracts for the preparation of the scientific sessions and the abstract book. Just fewer than 900 abstracts have been received, an excellent submission considering the economic crisis. Also present were Dana Peskovicova and Peter Polak, representing the local organisers of the Bratislava meeting.

The following day, March 23rd, there was the joint meeting with everyone present. In this meeting the Scientific Committee reported to the Council the Bratislava scientific program issues and also the Council wanted to have the opinion of the strategic plan that is developing.

Scholarships

EAAP received some 48 requests for scholarship in order to attend the EAAP 63rd Annual meeting in Bratislava from the 27 to the 31 August 2012. Scholarships were received from 18 different EAAP countries (Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Germany, Lithuania, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, UK, Turkey). The past presidents Aimé Aumaitre and Jim Flanagan together with Andrea Rosati, the Secretary General of EAAP, were the evaluators.

A rank of received abstracts was made and the first thirteen abstracts were considered for providing scholarships. EAAP, thanks to the contribution we received from the profits of the



journal *Animal*, offers eleven scholarships to support promising young scientists to participate to the EAAP annual session. With this important support the young scientists recipient of the scholarships can expand their know-how by attending the scientific conferences and they can also begin to create their international network. Many recipients of past annual scholarships program remained

in the EAAP group by participating in Study Commission activities or at least continuing to attend annual meetings.

Two other organizations offer every year scholarships to support young scientists to participate to the EAAP annual meeting. One was the **Schaumann-Stiftung** that offers a scholarship going to the highest abstract in the rank. The **Wageningen Academic Publisher** is the other organization offering a support to a special candidate: the female candidate from Eastern countries



having the highest abstract in the rank. All young scientists must be resident in a member country or being individual member themselves.

This year the Schaumann-Stiftung scholarship goes to Malena Erbe (Germany), the Wageningen Academic Scholarship is assigned to Maja Ferencakovic (Croatia). Among the many good papers arrived this year, the next list shows the best abstracts arrived (in alphabetic order of the recipient) and therefore those who obtained the EAAP Scholarship awards:

- Nitdia Aznarez Aloy (Spain)
- Samira El Otmani (Morocco)
- Immaculada Gómez (Spain)
- Tobias Gorniak (Germany)
- Nina Melzer (Germany)
- Magdalena Necpalova (Ireland)
- Marcin Pszczola (The Netherlands)
- Margot Sabbagh (France)
- Ghyslaine Schopen (The Netherlands)
- Marina Solé (Spain)
- Machteld Steensels (Israel)

Congratulations to all of them and see you in Bratislava!



A new Working Group in EAAP

A new working group has been created!

A new working group has just been created during the last days in Rome. EAAP established a Working Group on deriving a European System of Farm Animal Nutrition.

Animal feeding plays an important role in animal production systems. Feed is an important cost factor in many systems and animal feeding is a major tool to control performance, environmental impact,

product quality and animal well-being. There is currently a renewed interest in improving the efficiency of nutrient use. This renewed interest is driven by the need to limit the use of feed resources for animal production and to limit (or to control) the excretion of products having an environmental impact. Different countries have developed their own nutritional systems often as a result of a coordinated national initiative. Even though systems sometimes carry the same name (e.g. net energy), the methods of determination vary from country to country, making comparison and cross-use of information very difficult. Although several efforts have been undertaken to unite nutritional systems in Europe, none of these have been successful. These proposals often originated from initiatives of (small groups of) researchers working in a specific area of nutrition. Although the willingness to unite seems to exist, the lack of a central coordination may have hampered the success. In addition there is now the potential to move from “meeting requirements” systems



to those that predict response and hence the ability to examine various cost / environmental strategies at farm level. There exists an opportunity.

Recognizing this, the US has recently launched a coordinated initiative on animal nutrition. See Link at: www.fass.org/page.asp?pageID=423&autotry=true&ULnotkn=true. Given that there is no similar initiative in Europe, we will be increasingly dependent on US standards, feed evaluation systems, modeling and applied feeding systems that will have limited relevance to European systems of production.

To scope and to develop initiatives for a European system of farm animal nutrition. This would be a major step towards a more efficient use of scientific resources and would greatly facilitate the task of putting science into practice in Europe and in particular to ensure rapid take up of EU FP7 nutrition/ environmental impact projects.

A core group will organize the first meeting of the working group at EAAP Bratislava annual meeting to include Industry and key representatives of commonly used systems in Europe.

The aim of this meeting will be to:

- Agree the scope of the project and detailed aims of the working group
- Derive the action plan to achieve the aims
- Seek the support of Europe wide organisations (Levy Funding Boards, Animal Task Force, FEFAC).
- Seek potential funding sources



Upcoming meeting

The 2012 European meeting of the IFAH (the Animal Health Industry) will be on the theme "Healthy animals for a safe, secure and sustainable food supply". The event will be held at the Brussels Radisson Blue Royal Hotel on 21 June 2012 and will be preceded by a dinner for participants on 20 June.

The conference will bring together a wide range of stakeholders working in food safety and the food supply chain, including regulators/authorities, EU animal health and food related partners and media to discuss the contribution of healthy animals to a safe, secure and sustainable food supply.

The overview and the latest programme is available on the website page dedicated to the conference (www.ifahsec.org/ifah-europe-annual-conference-on-food-safety/)



Nantes 2013 annual meeting

On February 28th and 29th, The President Kristen Sejrsen, the President-elect Philippe Chemineau and the Secretary General Andrea Rosati visited the locations of the 2013 EAAP annual meeting that will be held in Nantes. They met Michel Bonneau, former Vice President of EAAP and currently one of the organizers of the **2013 annual event**. They visited with the local managers of the conference centre the facilities that will be available for the scientific sessions. The chosen conference centre is very modern and has the necessary facilities for having a successful annual meeting. The local team is very enthusiastic and well prepared and we are sure that the 2013 EAAP annual meeting will be another success.



Nantes.
The seat of EAAP 2013 Annual Meeting

Latest news!

The Council, like every year, just gave assigned the EAAP annual awards the prestigious Leroy award and the Distinguished Service Awards. The Leroy award recognizes every year the work of an active scientist or professional whose activities and reputation are internationally recognised. The Leroy award recipient this year is **John Hermansen** (Denmark). The Distinguished Service Awards are instead given every year to senior persons in acknowledgement of their outstanding career and service to the livestock sector in general and to EAAP in particular. There are maximum three awards per year. The Distinguished Service Award for the year 2012 are given to **Giuseppe Bertoni** (Italy), **Birgitta Malmfors** (Sweden) and **Alessandro Nardone** (Italy). More information about the recipients will be given in the next issues of the EAAP Flash-e-News.

ANIMAL FRONTIERS

By end of March the new issue of the **ANIMAL FRONTIERS** journal, the second this year, was published. As you know **ANIMAL FRONTIERS** journal deals with a specific topic per issue, always keeping the objective of publishing scientific based articles with the "wide dissemination" style.

The topic for this issue was the use of water for livestock industry. The title is "animal production and water: a difficult association". Animal production is often considered a threat to a safe and sufficient water supply. This issue of Animal Frontiers focuses on the controversial link between animal production and water supply.



The Editor in Chief of this issue is **Christiane L. Girard**, a research scientist at the Dairy and Swine Research and Development Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada. Christiane is the editor-in-chief of the Canadian Journal of Animal Science and a member of the board of the

Canadian Society of Animal Science.

In this issue you will find papers written by the following authors: Arjen Y. Hoekstra, Michel Doreau, Michael S. Corson, Stephen G. Wiedemann, T. A. McAllister, E. Topp, John F. Patience, David K. Beede, James A. Meyer and Norman H. Casey.

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