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SHORT NEWS

Archer Daniels Midland Co. (ADM) and the Agricultural University of Beijing (China Agricultural University, Beijing) will be conducting a research on the replacement of cattle feed by residue distillation and waste corn left in fields after harvest (stems, leaves, ...).

This research project, which will be conducted in China over a two-year period, aims to explore the potential of these alternative foods among dairy cattle.

ADM is a leader in research on the use of waste mixtures of corn and has already worked on this field (more than 20 different tests) with the Universities of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Iowa (UIS) and Illinois. The results showed that it was possible to replace more than 60% of corn in the diet of a mixture containing waste treated corn and distillates. ADM has 26 000 employees worldwide, 270 production sites in 75 countries, and with $ 81 billion of sales in 2011 is one of the four global giants in the commerce and in the processing of cereals and protein and oleaginous. ADM is a key company in the trade and processing of cereals (maize, wheat), soybean, oilseed and cocoa for human food and animal feed. ADM is also present in the market for biofuel (ethanol and biodiesel). The different treatment corn (production of glucose syrup, starch, ethanol, ..) are all sources of co-products that the company seeks to develop (it handles 100 000 t/year of oilseeds, 66 000 corn, 28 000 of wheat) through its seven centers for animal feed formulation.
ANNUAL RECIPIENTS OF EAAP AWARDS

EAAP is happy to announce the names of the 2012 Leroy Fellowship Award and Distinguished Service Awards that will be presented in Bratislava, Slovakia on Monday 27 August 2012 at the Opening Ceremony. We are honoured to present you the 2012 winners.

The A.M. Leroy Fellowship highlights the work of an active scientist or professional whose activities and reputation are internationally recognised. The Leroy Fellowship award was unanimously agreed to be given to John Hermansen from the University of Aarhus, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Denmark.

John has since 1997 been the Head of the Research Unit ‘Farming Systems’. John’s experience is in farming and food systems research with focus on identifying and developing possibilities for farms in relation to societal expectations. In the last years he has in particular conducted researches in new organic livestock farming systems and worked with lifecycle assessment of foods and non-food. John’s activities are very diversified and in 1998 he became a Section Editor of Livestock Science and from 2009 Editor in Chief. John’s experience led him to be, not only a Member of WIAS (Graduate School of Wageningen Institute of Animal Science) scientific advisory board from 2000 to 2005, but also a member of the scientific committee of Sweden Research Council for Forest and Agriculture in relation to the research programme “Organic Production. Last but not least he was from 2003 until last year Secretary and then vice-president in the Commission for “Livestock Farming Systems” of EAAP.

Merial invests in auto vaccination

Merial just bought the company "Newport Laboratories" (Worthington, Minnesota - USA) that specializes in the production of autogenous vaccines for market pigs (sows) and cattle. Newport Laboratories is the market leader in auto vaccines on the U.S. market and this acquisition allows Merial to strengthen its position in the U.S. market for livestock. Founded in 1994, the Company Newport Labs has developed a real expertise in identifying pathogens and diagnosis for pigs and cattle. Its service of auto vaccination proposes the development of vaccine mainly for pigs and cattle but also for other species such as dogs and poultry.

The Association of Pork Producers of Ontario (Canada), Ontario Pork, has withdrawn its financial support to the research program on the Enviropig: the genetically modified pig that excrete less phosphate. The spokesman for the association said the program has gone as far as it can in terms of genetic research and that it is up to the Industry to take over. The association will fund other topics of research. The University of Guelph, who led the research, will pursue studies on this subject but on a smaller scale. The University, however, is always looking for commercial opportunities to promote this research.
The Distinguished Service Awards go to senior persons in acknowledgment of their outstanding career and service to the livestock sector in general and to EAAP in particular (three maximum per year). The 2012 Distinguished Service Awards were given to Alessandro Nardone, Birgitta Malmfors and Giuseppe Bertoni:

Alessandro Nardone worked at the University of Viterbo, Italy. He is known to most of the EAAP members as one of the past presidents. He was president from 1990 to 1994. Alessandro, despite his retirement, is still very active and he is a member of many associations.

His career expands many years and different fields, starting as Head of R&D Office of the Italian Breeders Association (AIA) (1964-70), then becoming General Director from 1971 to 1986. He then then dedicated himself to teaching Animal Demography at the University of Federico II, Naples, Italy (1970-1984), continuing as Professor at the University of Tuscia, Italy (1986-2010). He was Director of the Department of Animal Production from 2003 to 2008. His main areas of research interest span from bio-peptides beneficial for human health, effects of heat stress on metabolism, reproduction and production in farm animals, the study of demographic parameters of interest in farm animal populations, and indices for the study of reproductive efficiency, productivity and environmental sustainability in livestock production systems to name just a few. Alessandro is still involved in many committees. He is author and co-author of more than 230 scientific publications.

Birgitta Malmfors from the Dept. of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden.

Birgitta has a PhD in Animal Breeding. Her main responsibility now, as Director of Studies, is in teaching activities, study counselling and education developments at BSc/MSc level with the Dept. of Animal Breeding and Genetics, where teaching is provided in about 30 courses within 6 education programs at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, plus thesis projects at BSc and MSc level. She is also actively involved at faculty level in continuous reviews and development of curriculum and teaching methods, as well as internationalization of course content and student exchanges. Birgitta is one of the 3 organisers and trainers of the Writing and Presenting Scientific papers that for many years has been a fixed and very appreciated workshop prior to the EAAP annual meetings. She also supervises four PhD students in the area of animal genetic resources in developing countries.

Giuseppe Bertoni from the Institute of Animal Husbandry, Faculty of Agriculture of Piacenza, Italy
He graduated in Agricultural Science in 1965 at the Faculty of Agriculture of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Piacenza. He was an Assistant Professor until 1983 and Full Professor since 1986. At present, he is in charge of the course "Animal Physiology" and head of Institute of Animal Production of Faculty of Agriculture of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Piacenza. His research work resulted in over 500 scientific papers. Main investigated subjects have been chemical and nutritional characteristics of feeds for ruminants, rumen metabolism, ruminant mineral nutrition, ruminant endocrinology and particularly its relationships with feeding as well as the effects on milk yield and quality, dairy cows fertility, health and welfare status. He is member of many scientific associations. He was a member for 12 years on the Administrative Council of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (1998-2009).

He has also been EAAP Council member and later auditors for a total of 10 years of active participation in the EAAP Council. Prof. Bertoni has also participated as active member to EAAP Study Commissions and Working Groups.

The 4 above winners will be presented in Bratislava on Monday 27 August prior to the Opening Ceremony so make sure that you are there to congratulate them for their outstanding contributions they have given to the animal sector.

The 3rd International Symposium on Beef Cattle Welfare is being held on June 5-7, 2012 in Saskatoon, SK.

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**www.beefwelfare2012.ca**

The symposium program is designed to:

- inform participants about animal welfare issues, legislation, research and production practices
- focus on the latest research findings in beef cattle welfare
- offer expert panels on new animal welfare needs and directions for the beef cattle industry

The symposium organizing committee has assembled a dynamic group of speakers and a program with the latest research findings during the invited presentations and poster session.

Abstract Submission (deadline April 15)

Scientists, veterinarians and graduate students are invited to present their latest research findings during the symposium's poster sessions. The symposium's scientific committee will review the abstracts and select four of the top graduate student abstract submissions for an oral presentation.

For guidelines and instructions on submitting abstracts, [click here](#).

Registration

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Live Webcast

Can’t attend the symposium in person? Register to receive the live webcast as an individual or as a group so you can still be part of these vital discussions.

Questions?

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This symposium specifically focuses on welfare issues that have the potential to change the future of the beef cattle industry.
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