On behalf of the staff of EAAP we wish you all Seasonal Greetings

Important:

Dear reader, we like to begin to send you the best seasonal greetings. You might notice that the last Newsletter of 2012 has a different (and minimal) graphic approach. We apologize for this and we can tell you that we are developing a new graphic image for the next EAAP Flash-e-News hoping to catch your taste but, more than everything else, to improve our role of being an efficient information tool for you and for the rest of animal science network. Please also remember that next Newsletter will be available only for EAAP individual member, as explained in the next paragraph.
Individual Membership

Very important!!! After many months of being open to disseminate the importance of our service, EAAP fixes the deadline of 31st December 2012. From 1st January 2013 only those who are EAAP individual members can continue to have access to the EAAP services restricted only for members!

- Participation to scientific sessions and workshops, including the EAAP annual meeting, at a discounted registration fee
- Use of a platform to publish research results and proceedings in the “Scientific Series” and in the “Technical Series”, both published by EAAP
- Receiving by email the EAAP Newsletters
- Receiving by email the EAAP publications that can be download for free (like “Animal Frontiers”)
- Discount on getting electronic access to our journal “Animal”
- Bundle memberships at a discount price to EAAP and other international organizations (currently ASAS)
- Access to the EAAP Database with all information included
- Much more…

Please check our website about how to become individual members and remember that for most of the European scientists the registration is free!
EAAP participates in European Innovative Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP)

The European Commission is launching a European Innovative Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP). EIP aims to provide a working interface between agriculture, bio-economy, science, advisors, environmental groups, consumers, and other stakeholders at EU, national and regional level.

It will help to bring innovative research results from science to practice more quickly, to encourage the sharing of knowledge and experience, and to ensure systematic feedback about needs from practice to the scientific community.

EAAP was invited to participate to this very important group of European Union. The Steering Board of EIP will consist of 40 personalities who represent key interests across the agricultural innovation landscape such as Member State representatives, farmers and forestry organisation, agricultural scientists, environmental and consumer organisations as well as up-and downstream actors. Our Secretary General, Andrea Rosati, will join the Steering Board of EIP.

The primary role of the steering Board will be to:
- Give strategic advice and orientation to the EIP
- Identify the main themes for the launch of the EIP
- Adopt the strategic Implementation Plan

Videos from EAAP Annual Meeting 2012 held in Bratislava

We are pleased to announce that video on EAAP Annual Meeting held in August 2012 in Bratislava, Slovakia, is now available for PC and for the first time also on Tablets and Smartphones! Please go to our website or directly to http://www.eaap.org/Previous_Annual_Meetings/2012Bratislava/Videos/index.html
64th Annual Meeting of the EAAP

The French Organising Committee invites all animal scientists, researchers and professionals involved in animal production and science to attend the 64th Annual Meeting of the EAAP, which will take place in Nantes from the 26th to the 30th of August 2013. This will be the third time that France has hosted this meeting, with the last time being in Toulouse in 1990.

The main theme of the meeting will be “New challenges facing animal production for diversified territories, market demands and social expectations”. The programme will cover all aspects of scientific achievements within animal production. Participants will have the opportunity to attend a number of selected oral presentations and study posters from a great number of scientists from Europe and worldwide. They will also take part in workshops and discussions of the latest and most relevant research in the field of Animal Science and see good examples of successful partnerships of international teams bringing scientists and stakeholders together. The scientific programme will also pay attention to efficient and faster transfer of knowledge and life education of professionals in the livestock sector. This is a unique occasion for updating knowledge and acquiring new ideas, and we especially encourage young scientists and students to attend.

Henri Seegers, President of the French Organising Committee concludes the invitation of the French Organising Committee with the following words:

>We are sure that all of you will have a productive meeting from a scientific point of view and that you will also enjoy the social events, landscape, culture and hospitality in France. We look forward to seeing you in Nantes during the last week of August 2013 for a highly professional, successful and enjoyable event.

News from the Livestock Farming Systems Commission

Alberto Bernués Jal, the President of the Livestock Farming Commission of EAAP informs that his Commission organizes at the 64th Annual Meeting of the EAAP the 2nd edition of the Symposium on Sustainable Animal Production in the Tropics (SAPT 2). The title of the symposium is: Sustainable animal production in the tropics (SAPT2) and high constraint areas: multidisciplinary approaches, and will be co-chaired by Maryline Boval from INRA Antilles-Guyane and Simon Oosting from the University of Wageningen.
The first SAPT1 symposium celebrated in Guadalupe in 2010 concluded that agro-ecological intensification is the major pathway for meeting the challenges of agriculture in the tropics. SAPT2 will address sustainable intensification, diversification and multi-functionality, integrated livestock farming systems, smallholder production and food security, efficient feeding strategies, animal adaptation and resilience, climate change adaptation, combination of methodologies at different scales (farm, local, regional) and socio-economic scenarios, etc.

The presentations will privilege case studies, multidisciplinary and integrated studies, models and experimental approaches. We expect innovative methodological approaches, specific or more generic, from the South as well as from the North.

Other sessions that the LFS Commission is organizing during the EAAP annual meeting in Nantes are:

Services provided by livestock farming systems: ecological, economic and social dimensions, Chair: John Hermansen.

Robust and resilient livestock farming systems in a changing world, Chair: Stéphane Ingrand.

Livestock farming systems innovations for local/rural development, Chairs: Isabel Casasús/ Benoit Dedieu.

Cattle production in a changing policy environment in Europe, Chairs: Monika Zehetmeier / Patrick Sarzeaud.

The Livestock Farming Systems Commission would like to encourage the readers of this newsletter to participate in all the sessions we organize at the 64th Annual Meeting of the EAAP.

**Symposium on New Equine Economy**

The Symposium “The new equine economy: growth in new sectors and activities in the 21st” will be held on August 27th, 2013 in Nantes (France), on the occasion of the 64th EAAP Annual Meeting (Nantes, August 26th – 30th, 2013). This symposium represents the 5th of a series of workshop/symposium promoted by the Horse Commission, now an integral part of the program of the Horse Commission during EAAP Annual Meetings. The Aim of this workshop/symposium is to promote improvement in equine service sand to disseminate the latest knowledge across the sector at a global and European level. Amongst the themes which could be considered are:

- Sociological evolutions within the horse industry (social status of horses, conflict or cooperation around horses…),
- Economic evolution of the different segments of the horse industry,
- Role of horses in land management and rural development,
- Conflicts and cooperation between horse owners and riders and other land users in rural and periurban areas,
- Adaptation of horse breeding to produce a good horse for tourism or therapy,
- The implications of new patterns and types of work for horse welfare.

The deadline for the abstract submission is March 1st, 2013 (approx. 2200 characters, including title and full contact details). The on-line procedure will be available very soon on the EAAP website (www.eaap2013.org). For a better organization of the symposium a preliminary short abstract could already be sent to Celine Vial (vialc@supagro.inra.fr), chair of the Horse Commission Working Group in Socio-Economy. Looking forward to meet you in Nantes.

Awards in Bratislava!

Gabriel Rovere not only received the Rommert Politiek award for the best poster in absolute during the 63rd Annual meeting in Bratislava but he was also given the best poster in the Horse commission!

Again our congratulations Gabriel!
Other Important News

Advanced Course in CIHEAM (Zaragoza, Spain)
The CIHEAM institute from Zaragoza (Spain) will organize an Advanced Course about “Environmental Assessment of Livestock Production Systems”. The course will be organized in Zaragoza (Spain) on 15-20 April 2013. The deadline for the submission of applications is 8 February 2013. If you are interested please use the institute e-mail address: iamz@iamz.ciheam.org.

Feedipedia: a worldwide on-line encyclopaedia of animal feeds
Feedipedia is an open access information system on animal feed resources that provides information on nature, occurrence, chemical composition, nutritional value and safe use of nearly 1400 worldwide livestock feeds. Feedipedia is managed jointly by INRA, CIRAD, AFZ and FAO, and will replace FAO’s previous Animal Feed Resources Information system (AFRIS). Feedipedia aims at providing people involved in animal nutrition and feeding with the latest scientific information to help them identify, characterize and properly use feed resources to sustainably develop the livestock sector. Feedipedia offers an updated, reference-based approach of worldwide animal feeds and fodders. Feeding recommendations are written by a team of experienced researchers and agronomists from INRA, CIRAD and AFZ. Feeding recommendations are provided for many types of animals and productions including cattle, sheep, goats, camels, pigs, poultry, horses, rabbits, fish and crustaceans. More than 200 datasheets have been written so far. Each datasheet describes the various products obtained from a plant or animal material, and datasheets already written correspond to more than 600 feeds and fodders. The target is to write more than 700 datasheets, corresponding to 1400 feeds. Providing global knowledge on feed resources, from conventional resources such as wheat, maize, soybean and their by-products to unconventional and lesser-known ones, contributes to the development and use of innovative and appropriate feeding options and strategies. There is a renewed interest in unconventional feeds in a context of scarcity and rising costs of conventional resources. Feedipedia is meant to be evolutive and a future version will include information such as life cycle assessments, carbon footprints and other data useful to build a multi-criteria approach of animal feeding.

Post-doctoral mobility research projects on Agriculture, environment, food and nutrition, animal health sciences
AgreenSkills is an open programme of international mobility. It supports inventive and talented young researchers from all disciplines and from all over the world, to develop challenging basic or targeted research projects in the fields of agriculture, environment, food and nutrition, and animal health sciences. AgreenSkills offers in-coming and out-going fellowships from and to
Agreenium member institutions (INRA, Cirad, AgroParisTech, Agrocampus Ouest, Montpellier SupAgro and INPT-ENVT) during a mobility period of between 6 months to 2 years. AgreenSkills provides attractive conditions in terms of salary, optimal research conditions, training, networking opportunities as well as personalized support for career development plan. There is a continuous call for submission over the period 2012-2015 with two selection rounds per years. Information on eligibility criteria and electronic submission of mobility research projects on www.agreenskills.eu

AgreenSkills is an international mobility programme co-funded by the European Commission in the frame of the COFUND - FP7 People Programme coordinated by INRA in cooperation with Agreenium.

ASAS Career Centre

American Society for Animal Science has announced the launch of the NEW ASAS Career Centre. This new site offers benefits to both employers and job seekers alike. ASAS Career Centre is the premier electronic recruitment resource for the industry. Here, employers and recruiters can access the most qualified talent pool with relevant work experience to fulfil staffing needs. This site offers several new features beyond the standard job posting.

To access the ASAS Career Centre point your browser to: http://careers.asas.org