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THE 60TH EAAP ANNUAL MEETING, BARCELONA, 24-28 AUGUST 2009

- This annual meeting was an enormous success. It had the largest number of participants, sessions, presentations, authors and countries.
- In total, 1 553 participants attended 56 sessions, symposia and workshops. There were 1 247 papers presented, 497 in theatre sessions and 750 in poster presentations prepared by 6 117 authors from 60 countries.
- Expressing views and feelings of all participants, the EAAP Council conveyed appreciation to our Spanish colleagues involved in organization of the Meeting, the Organizing Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture, students - volunteers, the City of Barcelona, sponsors and to many others for so many things which have been so functional, so efficient, so nice and so pleasant - from meeting

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facilities to accommodations, social program, the tasting of regional products based on their quality and specific links with the territory ranging from the ham produced from the renowned Black Iberian pig to the celebrated *paella*, protocol, and, of course, traditional Spanish warmth and hospitality.

- **The new structure of EAAP Annual Meetings - our new decisions have passed its first test**

In accordance with the new plan and pattern approved in 2008 by the EAAP Council, the EAAP Annual Meeting has for the first time included Workshops, Symposia, Seminars. They were previously held as pre- or post conference events, but now they have been integrated into the Annual Meeting. As a consequence, participants interested in a specific topic may join the meeting just for the necessary time in which the subject is presented and debated. The new structure of the Annual Meeting offer the participants more opportunities to participate in sessions and events in accordance with their specific interest in fewer days.

The proposed new structure of the EAAP Annual Meeting met a wide agreement since it made possible extensive debates, the exchange of experiences and



views that may result in tighter links among the various European research institutions. The direct participation of EU officers also made it possible to receive information and suggestions directly from the EU about future calls within the FP7 and we are confident that useful ideas will show up in the next calls.

The new model combined with differentiated registration fees, i.e. daily fees and fees for the whole duration of the Meeting, also contributed to an increase in the number of participants

During the Barcelona Meeting following symposia were held:

- EU FP7 REDNEX Symposium on protein metabolism and N excretion in dairy cattle;
- EAAP-ASAS-ADSA Growth and Development Symposium;
- Symposium on 'Advances and use of electronic identification'.
- A special session organized by the Cattle Commission and the INTERBULL Sub-Committee of ICAR dealt with impact of global market on cattle breeding programs and practices.
- Cattle Network held a workshop on sustainable production in Mediterranean countries.
- The plenary Session - a central event of the Annual Meeting
The program of the Plenary Session included presentation of the Leroy Fellowship to William Martin-Rosset (France). His lecture was entitled "Equine Science: looking forward to match the challenge of a growing industry". José Manuel Silva from the-European Commission spoke about important EU policies in supporting animal research.

The central part of the Plenary Session was the "Darwin Symposium" that was marked by the great interest from the participants. Excellent lectures were delivered by Moshe Soller (Darwin: An Introduction. Philosophical and historical aspects), Carlos Lopez Fanjul (Impact of Darwin's theories on livestock breeding), Paolo Ajmone Marsan (DNA footprints of livestock domestication and evolutionary history) and Miguel Toro (Future trends in animal breeding due to new genetic technologies).

STRATEGIC PLAN 2010

The EAAP General Assembly approved the new set of 2010 objectives as proposed by the Council at its 127th Meeting:

- Activate individual membership to non EAAP countries.
- Attract more funds for scholars to attend EAAP events.
- Strengthen the management and coordination of the work of the Study Commissions.
- Re-attract membership in EAAP potential countries, particularly in southern Mediterranean area.
- Explore the possibilities for individual membership from European Countries.

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS, PAPERS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING AND VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE

- For the first time the Book of Abstract is available on line at: www.eaap.org/Barcelona/Book_Abstracts.pdf.
- PDF files containing some 900 complete papers presented at the Meeting are available on www.eaap.org/Barcelona.
- The plenary session video is available on www.eaap.org/Barcelona/Videos.html

CHANGES IN EAAP

- Dr. Vincent Ducrocq (France) has completed his second term as President of the Genetic Commission. The EAAP Council expressed its appreciation for his valuable contribution and excellent work.
- The Council nominated Dr. Henner Simianer (Germany) as new President of the Genetic Commission.
- Dr. Gustavo Gandini (Italy) chaired with enthusiasm and great success the EAAP Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) Working Group since 2003. He has completed his second term and the Council nominated Dr. Sipkle Joost Hiemstra (The Netherlands) as new Chairman.



- Dr. Michel Marie (France), introduced as Chairman of the Ethics Working Group, introduced into the EAAP programs ethical approach in planning and implementation of animal research and production. He left his position after having completed his second term. The Council nominated Dr. Elsbeth Stassen (The Netherlands) as new Chairperson of the Ethics Working Group.
- Dr. Arunas Svitojus (Lithuania) chaired the Central and Eastern Europe Contact CEEC Working Group since 2002. During his chairmanship EAAP attracted participation of a number of animal scientists from CEEC into EAAP activities. Dr. Igor Stokovic (Croatia) has been nominated as new Chairman with the task to adjust to the new conditions and requirements, the Terms of Reference and programs of the WG in this region.

EAAP STRENGTHENS ITS ROLE AS A GLOBAL PLAYER IN ANIMAL SCIENCE

Animal science, like science in general, has no nationality: in principle, it belongs to mankind. However, some scientists are privileged by the mere fact that they work in countries with higher economic power and possibilities to provide more funds and better conditions for research. The EAAP area - all Members from Europe and the major part of the Mediterranean countries - is one of few privileged regions endowed with excellent conditions for research, regular (but, of course, never sufficient) funding and human capital that places the animal science at the top of the global lists.

The philosophy on which EAAP has been founded as representative of the European animal science includes also the global responsibility and mission. This mission has particular importance in present days when we are still witnessing widespread hunger and malnutrition in many developing countries. Population growth, economic development, and urbanization has led to changes in nutritional habits and created a growing demand for animal products. The needed increase in animal production should take into account limited natural resources, environmental risks and risk of losing biodiversity of farm animals. Meeting these challenges represent a global mission for animal science worldwide.

Since its inception, EAAP has always attached great importance in cooperating with countries outside Europe. This can be illustrated also by the fact that it covers the southern shore of the Mediterranean and

that some countries outside the region, like Iran, were among founders of the Association. Recently, this global mission has been significantly strengthened. Here we illustrate this statement by four elements:

GROWING PARTICIPATION OF NON-EUROPEANS AT EAAP ACTIVITIES

In addition to animal scientists and professionals from 41 EAAP member countries, the 60th EAAP Annual Meeting in Barcelona was attended by participants from 20 non- member countries. Some new countries were present for the first time (Congo, Mali, North Korea, and Guinea)..

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

The EAAP Council has activated the institution of the EAAP individual membership which is available to scientists living outside EAAP member countries or potential member countries. Benefits offered to individual members include

- Free access to "ANIMAL" Journal.
- Reduced registration fees for participation at scientific sessions and workshops, including the EAAP annual meeting, at a discounted registration fee.
- Facilitated participation in EU, FAO and other linked international organizations projects.
- Participation in the activities of EAAP Study Commissions and Working Groups.
- Facilitated networking with research institutes, industries and scientists from the EAAP member countries.
- Use of a platform to publish research results and proceedings in the "Scientific Series" and in the "Technical Series", both published by EAAP
- Free access to the Restricted Site carrying a great amount of updated technical information.

For more information on how to become individual EAAP members please see www.eaap.org/Content/Individual_Member_Information.html



EAAP, in cooperation with the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), offers a joint membership EAAP and ASAS at a discount price for individual memberships from non-EAAP countries! Please see the ASAS website: <http://www.asas.org/index.asp> for the advantages of ASAS individual membership. Join both ASAS and EAAP with a bundled discount of 15%.

PARTICIPATION AT THE MEETING OF THE CHINESE ANIMAL SCIENCE AND VETERINARIAN MEDICINE ASSOCIATION

Jointly with the American Association of Animal Science (ASAS) EAAP participated in a meeting with the Chinese Animal Science Association held in Beijing, November 8th - 10th 2009. EAAP was invited to organize the Genetic Session, which was chaired by Andrea Rosati, Secretary General of EAAP. It was agreed with ASAS that EAAP would support the participation of a senior and a junior speaker at the conference. Prof. Erling Strandberg of Sweden and Dr. Laurianne Canario of France presented papers entitled respectively "Importance of Genotype by Environment Interaction in Animal Breeding" and "Differences in maternal abilities between Meishan and French sows". The EAAP President, Kris Sejrsen, was also invited to give a lecture for the Lactation Symposium of the meeting, the title of the presentation being: "Foundations of milk production: The effect of heifer management and nutrition on future milk production". This meeting was very important for strengthening our relations with the Chinese animal science community. Specific information on EAAP activities was submitted during the meeting.

ANIMAL JOURNAL

The official journal of EAAP, the outcome of an exciting collaboration between the British Society of Animal Science (BSAS), Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) and the European Federation for Animal Science (EAAP), seeks to attract the best research in animal biology and animal systems from across the spectrum of the agricultural, biomedical, and environmental sciences. Animal publishes original cutting-edge research, 'hot' topics and horizon-scanning reviews on animal-related aspects of the life sciences at the molecular, cellular, organ, whole animal and production system levels. During the period January 2007-January 2010

ANIMAL has published 600 articles in 35 issues and three volumes. The journal web site have had between 3000 and 4000 thousands visits per months.

In addition to submitted papers, the journal publishes papers delivered at EAAP and other meetings, such as the main papers from the International Symposium on Ruminant Physiology.

In 2010 papers will be published from the EAAP sessions on Genomic Selection, Short tailed sheep breeds, Climate Change, Fine Fibre Producing Animals and Modeling Farming Systems. Animal supports a large number of scholarships to early career scientists to attend the annual meeting and present papers and posters. This year seven scholarships were awarded. In future the journal publishers (Cambridge University Press) will support the course on writing and presenting scientific information which is held before.

The impact of ANIMAL for 2008 - only based on one year of publication - reached the relatively high impact factor of 0,998. Based on citations listed in Web of Science the impact factor for 2009 will be around 1.40.

Further information on the journal and how to submit papers can be found at www.animal-journal.eu

FUTURE EAAP MEETINGS

The 61st EAAP Annual Meeting

The 61st Annual Meeting of the European Association for Animal Production will take place in Heraklion on the island of Crete, from the 23rd to 27th of August 2010. This will be the second time that the EAAP meets in Greece, as the meeting had been first organized in 1985 in Halkidiki.

The theme of the Meeting is "Impact of food demand, quantity and quality wise, on Animal Production" which is a hot topic in Europe and a very appropriate subject in view of the current worldwide demands on both human society and livestock industry. The topic of the Plenary Session "Climate change and higher demand for animal product. Can the dilemma be resolved?" (provisional title) will certainly attract a large number of participants. For the first time, the program of an EAAP annual meeting includes a session on aquaculture thus recognizing the fact that both terrestrial and aquatic animals provide protein for human nutrition and that both sectors have a lot of similarities in scientific approach and research methods.



The following workshops and symposia will be held within the Annual Meeting:

- The 10th International Workshop on Biology of Lactation in Farm Animals.
- Joint EAAP/ASAS session.
- Symposium - Alternatives to Castration in Pigs.
- Symposium: Environmental impact of animal production.
- Workshop on Patenting.
- Horse Network workshop.
- Feed and health - organized by an EU COST action.

The Greek Organizing Committee has issued the Second Announcement containing the program, registration forms, call for abstracts, application for scholarships and hotel accommodation. For details consult www.eaap2010.org.

The 2010 Mediterranean Symposium, Zadar, Croatia, 27 - 29 October 2010

The programming team of the Mediterranean Working group (Isabel Casaus, Dunixi Gabina, Andrea Rosati, Milan Zjalic and Jozo Rogosic - a representative of the host institution - the University of Zadar) - met in Rome in November 2009 and agreed that animal farming and environment interactions in the Mediterranean region would be the theme of the 2010 Mediterranean Symposium to be held in Zadar, Croatia, 27 - 29 October 2010. The symposium will be organized in sessions covering animal environment interaction, environmental impact of human activities on livestock systems, environmentally sustainable livestock production and inter-action animal-water in aquaculture. A study tour to the Dalmatian islands known for its aquaculture and sheep production will be organised as part of the symposium.

Future EAAP Annual Meetings

In 2011 the 62nd EAAP annual meeting will be held in Stavanger (Norway) from August 29th to September 2nd.

In 2012 the 63rd EAAP annual meeting will be held in Bratislava (Slovak Republic) - dates still to be confirmed.

Other meetings

- 9th WCGALP Congress is scheduled to be held from August 01-06, 2010, in Leipzig, Germany. The 9th WCGALP congress aims to provide all scientists involved in genetic improvement of livestock an opportunity to exchange and share ideas and experiences. The congress will present the latest breaking scientific evidence through our comprehensive scientific programmes, which cover a wide range of topics by invited lectures as well as abstract based programme. Highlights of the programme will include - among other research themes - species-specific breeding, genetics of complex traits, methodology and tools, genetic improvement programs and special topics. The congress will also offer the chance to consolidate existing and establish new collaborations. You will have opportunities to do this at well-organized social events in a lively and friendly city. You have a great opportunity to discover many famous sightseeing spots in and around Leipzig. E-Mail: info@wcgalp2010.org
- American Society of Animal Science meeting. The annual American Society of Animal Science meeting will be held in Denver (Colorado - USA) on July 11th to 15th. More information can be found on www.asas.org/mtg_future.asp