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The EAAP meeting in Crete is just around the corner. We are happy to announce that to date approximately 800 participants from over 43 countries have registered for the 61st EAAP Annual Meeting. More people are expected to register in the next weeks.

A total of 748 theatre presentations (339) and posters (409) included in the Book of Abstracts describe the latest developments in animal science with special emphasis on the central theme of the 61st Annual Meeting: impact of food demand on quality and quantity of animal production.

The EAAP Council in cooperation with Greek organizers and the EAAP Scientific Committee developed the program of the meeting in accordance with the new structure already experienced with success at the 60th Meeting held in Barcelona in 2009. This new structure offers to participants more opportunities to participate in sessions and events in accordance with their specific interest. Also an extra day of sessions is offered at the same registration price as previous years. The final program includes the plenary session, as the central event of the meeting, and a number of symposia, seminars and workshops. This year, like in 2009, we are dedicating more attention to industry related issues.

In this Newsletter we would like to draw your attention to some specific events – seminars, symposia, workshops and training courses – which would certainly contribute to the quality of the session.

The final scientific program is now available on our website (www.eaap.org) and on the official web site of the meeting (www.eaap2010.org).

See you in Crete!

Plenary Session

The plenary session will be held on Tuesday, 24 August 2010 from 09:30 to 12:30 hours at the Zeus hall. Four invited speakers under the chairmanship of

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Alberto Bernues will deal with interactions between the livestock industry and climate change. The experts were selected among other world experts for their knowledge and recent activities in this specific field.

The program of the session includes the following presentations:

- **Maurizio Sciortino** (Responsible of Climate - Assessment group - ENEA Research Centre): *Current understanding of global climate change and of its possible impacts on agriculture*
- **Frank Mitloehner** (Assoc. Professor & Air Quality CE Specialist, University of California): *Facts and myths about livestock industry affecting climate change*
- **Pierre Gerber** (Livestock Policy Officer, AGAL, FAO): *Climate variation consequences on current animal farming*
- **Mario Herrero** (Leader of ILRI Sustainable Livestock Futures group – ILRI): *How should the livestock sector adapt to climate change*



Leroy Fellowship Award Lecture

Michel Doreau (INRA, France) will receive the prestigious 2010 Leroy Fellowship Award. He will speak on *"The development of non-invasive techniques in the understanding of digestion by herbivores"* on Tuesday, 24 August 2010 at 08:30 hours in the hall Zeus.

SOME OF THE EAAP SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS PRESENTED IN CRETE

Biology of Lactation

Under the chairmanship of **Kerst Stelwagen**, the 10th International Workshop on Biology of Lactation in Farm Animals will present eleven papers by international scientists dealing with all recent developments on biology of lactation.

(Monday, 23 August 2010 from 08:30 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 18:00 hours in the hall Minos 3).

To add values to local breeds

The Symposium of the European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources, FAO and EAAP on strategies to add values to local breeds. **Irene Hoffmann** (FAO), **Christina Ligda** (ERFP) and **Sipke Hiemstra** (EAAP) will chair the Symposium.

(Monday, 23 August 2010 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours in the hall Leda).

Alternatives to castration in pigs

Symposium on alternatives to castration in pigs. The symposium will be chaired by **Maria Angels Oliver** of IRTA (Spain). There will be eleven presentations dealing with the important topic of pig castration both for animal welfare issue and for product quality influence.

(Tuesday, 24 August 2010 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours in the hall Zeus 2)

Innovations in feed evaluation

An Industry Session on innovations in feed evaluation will be chaired by **Brian Cooke** with seven presentations dealing with research on feeding systems with main species but mainly for dairy production.

(Tuesday, 24 August 2010 from 14:00 to 18:00 hours at the hall Minos 3)

... and for the first time at EAAP Annual Meeting we will organize a workshop on Aquaculture!

In the history of EAAP, the 61st Annual Meeting will be marked as the first occasion in which animal scientists working in the field of aquaculture met together with scientists dealing with terrestrial farm animals. In spite of the differences in biology of aquatic and terrestrial organisms, they share a number of common features and common research methods and approaches. The first EAAP aquaculture symposium will be therefore held in Crete, but we plan to hold other meetings in the next years until it becomes an integrated part of the EAAP program. The chair of this first workshop is **Sofronios Papatsouglu** from Greece and the main and first presentation will be done by **Harald Rosenthal** (Hydrobiologist and fisheries scientists, Germany).

(Wednesday, 25 August 2010 from 08:30 to 12:30 hours in the Athina hall)

Environmental impact of animal production

A very important symposium on environmental impact of animal production is also planned. The first part of the symposium deals with evaluation of negative and positive externalities and the second will deal with designing more sustainable livestock production systems and food chain. The symposium will be chaired by **Philippe Lecomte** and **Troel Kristensen**.

(Thursday, 26 August 2010 in the hall Leda)

Patenting in animal research and production

The website "Patenting and Sentinel and Action Service" (PSAS) established by EAAP and ICAR (International Committee for Animal Recording) monitors developments in patenting of methods and biological material related to animal science and animal production. The latest developments in this field and the future prospects are causing increasing concern among industrialists and breeders, thus stressing the need for continuous updating on the progress of animal patenting issues worldwide and raising the awareness of professionals regarding their



possibility to take action towards the protection of their professional interests. **Andrea Rosati** will chair the workshop. There will be very interesting presentations by **Jürg Bilang** (*Latest developments in biotech patenting*), **Paul Chapman** (*The effect of patenting policies and rules in livestock science and industry*) and **Bianca Lind** (*The effect of biotech patenting for sustainable animal farming*). A discussion will follow. Everyone interested in animal research and livestock industry should participate because of the impact that patenting has in our field.

(Thursday, 26 August 2010 from 08:30 to 12:30 hours in the Athina hall)

Feed for health

The EU COST Action Feed for Health has organized two symposia. One dealing with animal derived foods and human health and the other on diet and animal health. The chairs will be **Ian Givens**, **Luciano Pinotti**, **Chris Knight** and **Antonella Baldi**.

(Thursday, 29 August 2010 at 08:30, the first part and the second part at 14:00 hours in the Minos 3 hall).

And many more Sessions...

At the EAAP annual meeting there will be around 50 sessions, all of them with interesting topics. Please browse the scientific program at the given websites. This year there will be two poster discussion periods on Tuesday (for Group 1 posters) and Wednesday (for Group 2 Posters) at 18.00 – 20.00h when authors will stand by their posters for a discussion with delegates. Please be sure to attend.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We all know that our meetings are also very important for the networking activities. The participants will be able to meet most of the European animal scientists at EAAP meetings and to facilitate the networking traditionally we will be able to enjoy the famous Greek hospitality at the social events offered by the local organizers:

- Monday 23rd August the evening will start with the Opening Ceremony and the Awards presentation and will be followed by the Welcome Reception

- Tuesday 24th August the organisers have planned a Greek evening with food and music
- Thursday 26th August a Gala Dinner will close the Annual meeting

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The EAAP Individual Membership Presented to American Scientists

During the ADSA-PSA-AMPA-CSAS-ASAS 2010 Joint Annual Meeting held at the Conference Centre in Denver, Colorado-USA, EAAP was represented by **Kris Sejrson**, **Andrea Rosati** and **Valérie Vigne**. During this event EAAP presented its new individual membership program.

www.eaap.org/Content/Individual_Membership.html

For non European resident individuals, EAAP offers the possibility to become an individual member and have the relative benefits (e.g. the electronic access to the journal ANIMAL). A special offer is also given in coordination with American Society for Animal Science (ASAS), in fact those interested to become members of both organizations, can do so obtaining a special discount.

A stand was set up by EAAP at Denver conference to explain recent developments to the American scientists. The response of our activities was good and the interest high, with particular attention to our annual meeting, to the journal ANIMAL and to become an EAAP individual member. We plan that in the future years EAAP will be able to attract many scientists from the American continent and other parts of the world making our Annual meetings and our Association a centre point for world scientists to meet.

We will keep you updated on the progress of our individual membership program in our next newsletters.

Animal – The International Journal of Animal Biosciences

The official journal of EAAP has increased its impact factor by nearly 50% to 1.46 after only two years. Please visit the Cambridge University Press stand at the annual meeting for more information and a chance to win a prize or visit www.animal-journal.eu.