

BSAS Annual Conference 2-4 April 2007 - come and join us

This years Annual BSAS conference is in the Southport Theatre and Floral Hall Complex at Southport, Merseyside 2-4 April 2007. There is still time to come and we'd love to see you there even for part of the time. Registration fees are still incredible value for money and those for student/retired members have not increased for many years. BSAS heavily subsidises the meeting and deliberately keeps fees down to let you attend the UK's largest Annual Conference of animal scientists.

The programme is exciting and topical highlighted by the debate on energy and water issues.

Featuring sessions on:

Farm animal genetic resources, Genetics of robustness, Responses to nutrients, Ruminant lameness, New approaches to controlling avian influenza, Molecular genetics, Animal Health, Product quality, Dairy cow energy balance, Fermenting and Digestion, Developments in genetic evaluation, Meat quality, Equine, Welfare and behaviour, Newly weaned pigs, Pigs, Parasites, Sheep nutrition and genetics, Ruminant nutrition

For the full programme go to

http://www.bsas.org.uk/Meetings_&_Workshops/Annual_Conference

The show starts at 1330 on the Monday morning to allow everyone to get to this exciting new venue in Southport. If you want to come earlier then there is a student programme on the Sunday 1 April and workshops on genomics and equines on Monday morning 2 April. We have a great social programme with the conference dinner in the Floral Hall on Monday and a fun indoor games night on the Tuesday in the Prince of Wales Hotel. Southport is a really friendly place with lots of good value accommodation and over 300 restaurants.

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Tips on getting to Southport

Fly: Liverpool or Manchester airports are nearby (for cheap fares see Ryanair and Easyjet).

Trains: From London (Euston) or the North go via Wigan or Liverpool from the west coast UK Main line. Also direct trains from Manchester Airport. (See www.thetrainline.co.uk for cheap tickets).

Road: Drive via the M6 junction 27 from the north or M6-M62-M57 and then A5207-A565. Southport is easy to walk around so you will not need a car once there and beware the traffic wardens!

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2007 Conferences

2-4 April
BSAS Annual Conference
Southport, UK

30-31 August
Fertility Conference
Liverpool Hope
University, UK

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Scholarships/Summer Placements

Murray Black Awards - Now Open up to £2000 available

The objective of this award scheme, to commemorate Murray's excellent work, is to provide travel or research opportunities for younger members of the Society working in research, teaching, extension, or the animal industry.

The award is made every spring to postgraduate students or individuals in the early years of their animal science careers. It may be used either for travel to a meeting in Great Britain or overseas, or simply for a specified study tour involving a number of centres. Awards may also be used for travel to another centre to participate in research or other activity. The awards could also be used to fund specific short research programmes where other funds are not available. Innovative ideas will also be welcome.

The Black award is open to applications from all branches of animal science, although proposals within areas in which Murray Black was involved are particularly welcome. These include animal welfare, sheep nutrition and husbandry, farm management, animal science aspects of conservation and the public understanding of animal science.

Deadline is April 25 2007. See www.bsas.org.uk for application forms and more details

Genesis Faraday/BSAS Summer Vacation Scheme 2007

Deadline 16 March 2007

Who can apply?

Research Institutes and Universities that are paid up members of Genesis Faraday Partnership[1] can apply to host a Vacation Scholarship. The project must be in the field of Genetics and Genomics as applied to Livestock Breeding and/or Animal Health on one of the farmed terrestrial species or farmed fish. Organisations allocated an award will be responsible for recruiting the student including any costs of advertising. For further details visit :

www.bsas.org.uk/Funds,_awards_&_Jobs/Genesis-Faraday_&_BSAS_Vacation_Scholarships/

Meetings 2007

17-19 April, High Value Grasslands (joint conference of BGS/BSAS/BES) Keele University
http://www.bsas.org.uk/Meetings_&_Workshops/Meetings/

6-7 June, Animal Husbandry Production - Meat quality and safety, Kaunas, Lithuania, organized by the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy & BSAS **Call for papers Abstracts by 31 March 2007 please!**
Registration fee: 150 Euros(75 EUR for Eastern European participants)

30-31 August, Fertility in Dairy Cows- bridging the gaps, Liverpool Hope University, UK. See http://www.bsas.org.uk/Meetings_&_Workshops/Meetings/for application forms and full details

The purpose of this International conference is to provide an update new research into diverse aspects of dairy cow reproduction and the development of new technology and applications in the field. as a forum for bridging the gaps between the different disciplines involved and between researchers, practitioners and the industry. The conference will include sessions on:

- ◆ Factors pre-disposing reproductive disorders
- ◆ Towards better indices of reproductive abilities
- ◆ New Opportunities in Fertility Management

The conference runs immediately after EAAP 2007, Dublin, and is just a short low-cost flight from Dublin in the exciting city of Liverpool. Liverpool Hope University is just a short taxi ride from Liverpool John Lennon airport and the local metro trains into Liverpool. The campus is 5 minutes from the end of the M62. Excellent value quality accommodation is available on site in comfortable en-suite single study bedrooms.

BSAS Summer Placements - Apply now

BSAS is once again offering £500 for summer placements to support undergraduate students undertaking to gain experience in some aspect of animal science research. The sum should be matched in kind or cash by the participating company or institution.

The scheme gives young people a chance to consider career opportunities and make contact with potential employers. The placements normally last for 6-8 weeks normally over the summer period. Students will be expected to follow a planned programme agreed with the supervisor at the placement. Students will also be given a free subscription to BSAS if not already a member.

If you are an interested student or can provide a placement please visit the Funds/Awards and Scholarships page at www.bsas.org.uk Please email your application form to bsas@sac.ac.uk

ANIMAL

Our new partnership journal **Animal: An International Journal of Bio-Sciences** was launched on time in February 2007. As a BSAS member it's FREE to you online so have a look at it through the website. Please let us have any feedback and suggestions.

The next meeting of the Animal management board will be in Edinburgh on May 15th. If you have any issues or thoughts please contact us.

Animal, published by Cambridge University Press, has its own website at www.animal-journal.eu/ Papers can be submitted through www.editorialmanager.com/animal