

BSAS Newsletter

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**BSAS Annual Meeting 20-22 March 2000
Summaries wanted!**

The Annual Meeting 20-22 March

Summer is hardly over, but we expect you to start thinking about summaries for the BSAS Annual Meeting in March 2000! The deadline for receipt of summaries is the 29th October 1999.

This year we are going to be very strict, summaries received after Friday 29th October (by post or e-mail) will not be processed. We also require your finished (final version) summary at that date. Last year we had several authors sending one version by e-mail and a very different one by post!! We will only accept the first version to arrive. We are happy to receive your summary by e-mail or by post. It is no longer necessary to send both. Summaries must conform to BSAS guidelines (example included). Please remember to read the BSAS guidelines before completing your summary!

Programme

Programme Committee have a number of invited sessions in mind for BSAS 2000.

As our President is Professor Bill Hill from Edinburgh University, this year's meeting has a genetics flavour to many of the sessions reflecting his area of expertise. The Hammond will be given by Michel Georges from the University of Liege in Belgium. He will tackle *Livestock Genetics*. The Presidents session will address *Genetic Problems and genetic solutions*. The possibility of a Monday morning satellite session on *animal breeding* is also under consideration - if you are interested in this please contact Steve Bishop, Roslin Institute (0131 527 4200 or stephen.bishop@bbsrc.ac.uk)

Invited technical sessions will include

- '*Sex determination in animals. Opportunities and challenges*' (to cover all species).
- '*The raw materials of the future*' (to cover factors affecting the sourcing of raw materials in the future, including genetically modified material.)
- '*What do people want from animal science?*' (A series of short presentations followed by a general discussion).

- This year's farmer session will be on *meat production, processing and retailing*. The session will cover what the industry sectors want from meat, with an emphasis on ruminants.

In an attempt to have a more co-ordinated meeting the session on sex determination is to be linked to a submitted theatre session on *Recent advances in reproductive technology* and an accompanying poster session on *Reproduction*. If you work in these areas we would be keen for you to submit a summary for either a theatre or poster presentation. Please mark your summary 'sex determination'.

Instructions and guidelines for preparation of summaries are enclosed with this newsletter - please read them.

We are happy to receive your summary as a hard copy or as an e-mail. This year we do not want them on a disc in the first instance. Once they have been accepted, and amended we would be grateful for any final electronic version, which can be either e-mail/disc. The summary, including tables and figures, must be presented on one A4 page as in our sample. Summaries not conforming will not be acceptable.

Following on from the success of the CD-ROM version of the book of summaries we intend to repeat this exercise and make CD-ROMs available to all delegates, all members of BSAS and subscribing libraries. The book of summaries will still be available at the meeting for delegates and, if needed, on request by members.

Powerpoint

Following the overwhelming success of Powerpoint at this year's Annual Meeting, the Programme Committee are encouraging all theatre presenters to try using Powerpoint, with acetates as a back-up. Slide projection will still be available for those unable to provide a Powerpoint presentation.

York

Members of the Programme Committee will be visiting York University in early September to look at the facilities so that they may take a view on whether or not the Annual Meeting should move to York in 2001.