



Welcome



Message from our President

Allow me to extend a warm welcome to you as valued members of BSAS. Your decision to join us signifies a commitment to advancing animal science and embracing its impact across various sectors. Whether you're a seasoned researcher, a dedicated student, or a professional practicing animal science in industry or primary agriculture, your membership of BSAS connects you with a dynamic community dedicated to progress and collaboration.

Within these pages, you'll find a glimpse of the many opportunities awaiting you as a member of our society. From career advancement resources to networking events, BSAS is here to support your growth and development every step of the way.

As a charitable organisation, we rely on the support of generous donors, sponsors, and, of course, members like you. Together, we aspire to position BSAS as a leading provider of evidence-based scientific information, showcasing the vital role of livestock in a sustainable agri-food sector while at the same time promoting human and planetary health.

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Our mission extends beyond academia and industry; we strive to raise awareness of the profound impact animal science can have on addressing societal challenges and driving value throughout the animal sectors and supply chains. At the heart of our society are our members, whose active engagement is crucial to our success. I encourage each of you to explore the myriad of opportunities for involvement in BSAS, whether that be through our Early Careers Council or by lending your expertise and experience to various initiatives.

Once again, I extend my warmest welcome to you, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to connect and collaborate as we collectively advance the field of animal science.

Together, let us shape the future of our society and make a lasting impact on the world around us.

Warm Regards,

David

David Kenny, BSAS President

What is BSAS?

The British Society of Animal Science (BSAS), established in 1944, is a charity which is dedicated to supporting animal science in the UK and Ireland. The society covers all aspects and application of animal science from livestock, companion animals, equine, zoo species, agriculture and aquaculture and represents all sectors, including research and academia, knowledge transfer, as well as applications of work within industry.

Through its committees and diverse, growing membership, BSAS, as a charity, provides improvements in:

- The welfare and productivity of farmed animals to help produce quality, safe and environmentally sustainable food.
- Animal health and welfare and the care of equine, companion and zoo animals.

The British Society of Animal Science unlocks opportunities for networking and development across all species and specialisms because our rich membership represents the range and variety of all aspects of animal science and technology both in academia and industry.

The society works collaboratively through shared knowledge and expertise to deliver the society's objectives whilst helping members to achieve their personal and professional development goals.



Vision, Purpose and Principles

To be the leading provider of evidence-based scientific information supporting the central role of livestock in sustainable agri-food production systems, supporting human and planetary sustenance and health.

Leading the communication of factual scientific research on sustainable livestock systems that deliver real impact and improvement in the sector, informing policy and championing scientific debate.

Collaborating with the wider science, veterinary and agricultural sectors to deliver activities that support holistic and sustainable livestock systems, animal health and welfare; and the care of equine, companion and zoo animals.

Through our activities, we support BSAS members' development so they can deliver positive impact throughout their careers.

BSAS aims to be a respected, sustainable, financially viable society that espouses transparency and good governance, operating with integrity, objectivity, open-mindedness, inclusiveness and commitment.

A society that is of value to our members, and that values the opinions of our members and our partners.



80 years of history!

Nineteen-forty-four, the year of the foundation of The British Society of Animal Production, and the early years that followed, were filled with urgent opportunity – these were the post-war hunger years and the beginnings of the second agricultural revolution. The time was ripe for research and development in Animal Science.

In 1995, the British Society of Animal Production passed at its AGM a resolution to change the name of the Society to the British Society of Animal Science. This was not as revolutionary as it appears. It was an inevitable reflection of what had come to be the fact-of-the-matter. For good or ill, the primary focus of much (but by no means all) of the membership was no longer the ‘production’, but the ‘science’.

Read [more](#) about the history and activities of BSAS

Member benefits – so what do you get?

Access to:

✓
Access to animal family of journals, articles and blogs
20% APC discount for animal

✓
Accreditation and CPD

✓
Global industry expertise and academic links

✓
Authoritative speakers and comment

✓
Discounted conferences, events and networking opportunities

✓
Training workshops

✓
Jobs, awards, grants and scholarships

✓
Complimentary EAAP Membership and related annual conference ticket discounts
(available to those based in EAAP member countries)

Member support via:

✓
Early-career mentor and buddy schemes

✓
Academia and industry working together to ensure current relevance and future benefit of animal science

✓
Individual member profile and business directory

✓
Connecting key sector influence expertise

✓
Partnership working with like-minded societies

✓
Members' Toolkit

'Go for it, the benefits will far outweigh the costs! Do read the journal, do attend meetings, and do ask questions of the speakers – don't rely on others to ask the questions that you know you want to ask – because the rest of the audience will also just remain silent.'

Ian Lane, Retired



A black and white dog, possibly a Border Collie, is standing in a field of sheep. The dog is looking to the left and has its tongue hanging out. The sheep are in the background, and the scene is outdoors.

Corporate Membership

- Corporate membership of BSAS assists organisations in recruiting (free job adverts on website and promoted via social media), training and retaining the very best animal scientists
- Through attendance at BSAS conferences and workshops, and networking with other BSAS Members, your staff will gain access to the latest research applications and developments in livestock science and practice from around the world
- Membership enables corporate members to join the professional register to demonstrate and develop their level of professional competence and status to employer and customer
- Additionally, your members can join our committees to help shape the future of BSAS, and help BSAS to ensure animal science is relevant to the needs of your sector and drive future research in the livestock sector to ensure relevance and positive application

If you have 10 staff in your corporate membership, you can save £1500 on BSAS annual conference fees

Find out more about [Corporate Membership](#)



BSAS Global Membership

BSAS Global has two categories of member societies: “Global Member” and “Global Associate Member”.

BSAS Global Member - Key Benefits

- Access to BSAS member resources and society member discounts
- Access to BSAS accreditation
- Collaboration and discussion on a global platform; Co-development of the Global session(s) at BSAS annual meeting
- Opportunity to influence policy and future direction – working with BSAS to ensure activities meet current and future people and place, animal science and global sustainability needs
- Early career community that supports, encourages and provides a podium for our future animal scientists and technicians
- Potential for joint applications - international research funding

Find out more about [Global Membership](#) including details regarding Global Associate Membership

Global Member Fees

Societies / Associations with up to:
500 members - £1500.00 / annum
500-750 members - £2000.00 / annum
750 plus members - £2500.00 / annum

'animal' – Family of Journals

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

- It is for scientists by scientists
- BSAS Member's get a publishing discount –worth 300 Euros
- Publishing in 'animal' supports BSAS as it generates significant income for BSAS
- Quality journal with impact factor of 3.73

The animal family of journals is comprised of **animal**, **animal - science proceedings**, and **animal - open space**. The journals are published by a consortium of not-for-profit scientific organisations BSAS, EAAP and INRAE.




animal publishes the best, innovative and cutting-edge science that relates to animals (farmed or managed) used for animal production, and that is relevant to whole animal outcomes, and/or to animal management practices.

animal - science proceedings publish high-quality conference, symposium and workshop proceedings on aspects of the life sciences with emphasis on farmed, other managed animals, leisure and companion animals and the use of insects for animal feed and human food.

animal - open space fully embraces Open Science and its philosophy is that all carefully conducted research, the data linked to that research and the associated points of views of the authors should contribute to knowledge.

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Early Career Opportunities

So, what does BSAS offer members who are in the early stages of their career?

As a learning and knowledge-transfer based society, there are multiple opportunities for Early Careers members to develop their skills and knowledge within a recognised and reputable framework. The society offers many opportunities for Early Careers scientists to get involved and demonstrate their credentials via our publications and events.

BSAS Mentor Scheme

By requesting a BSAS Mentor, you will gain invaluable access to the knowledge, feedback and advice of a more experienced academic or industry member in animal science.

BSAS Buddy-Up Scheme

The BSAS Buddy-Up Scheme allows those at a similar stage in their career to meet on a more informal basis to share experiences, act as a sounding board and offer each other more general support.

Undergraduate Council

Are you an undergraduate student undertaking animal science studies who is keen to actively promote BSAS membership, news, conferences, workshops, awards and publications? Then you could make the perfect BSAS Undergraduate Ambassador or Undergraduate Council member. Please contact bsas@bsas.org.uk for more information.

Early Careers Council

The Early Careers Council provides an unrivalled platform for BSAS early career animal scientists to engage, internationally, with those that are studying or working in the field of animal science. Council representatives are involved in trustee meetings and in proposing and running initiatives directed at those in the first stages of their careers. They are an active and represented voice in BSAS and in shaping the future of animal science.

'Through my membership I have had the opportunity to meet and network with a number of animal scientists from a variety of universities, across multiple areas of research that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to work with, which has proved invaluable as I begin to make the transition from student to professional.'

Victoria Lindsay, University of Glasgow



Graduate Opportunities

BSAS Early Career members have access to latest and greatest graduate vacancies and research opportunities both in the UK and overseas:

[CLICK HERE.](#)



Mentoring

Making the transition from student to professional can be overwhelming, but a BSAS mentor can help you successfully navigate your way, as you take your first fledgling steps into the world of animal science.

Through sharing their extensive knowledge and experience, a BSAS mentor can help you achieve your goals more quickly and effectively than if working alone and build a network of expertise to draw on that can benefit both yourself and others.

Learn more about [BSAS mentoring](#)

BSAS Events

BSAS is renowned for high quality, impactful events including our annual Conference and occasional meetings and Workshops which

- focus on the research and application of the latest animal science advancements, future trends, opportunities and challenges
- stimulate interest and share practical experience through exchange of information, ideas and experiences
- provide excellent networking opportunities and enable the sharing of knowledge, acquiring new contacts, meeting potential employers or employees, connecting with prospective partners for funding and projects
- provide an opportunity to win awards and prizes

**Members save £150 on
annual conference ticket price**





Awards

Whatever your interest, specialism or career stage, whether you're just starting out, or looking for new ways to showcase your expertise, there's an award or scholarship for you. Winning an award can help you achieve personal goals and widen your professional horizons. Applying for and winning an award can help you fulfil your potential.

Awards and prizes range from specific grants for travel bursaries or attendance at conferences, to research projects and best presentations at the BSAS annual meeting. Some awards are specifically targeted to early careers members, while others are open to all members.

For full details of the awards available, [CLICK HERE](#).

'I'm very grateful for the unanimous vote of the committee in recognising my hard work, which I thoroughly enjoyed. It has given me a huge amount of confidence as I start my journey to becoming a vet.'

Phoebe Abrahams
Undergraduate Thesis of the Year Winner

'Winning the award was a fantastic encouragement to myself as an early career researcher. Not only did it give me an opportunity to plan, re-plan and execute my own project, but also to learn the ins-and-outs of how a project is actually run 'behind the scenes'.

Jennifer McIntyre
Steven Bishop Award Winner

BSAS Register

BSAS Accreditation provides a mark of assurance and representation of your work achievements.

Registration is currently free for members of BSAS. There is a cost of £150 to those that are not members of BSAS.

Who can become Accredited?

Accreditation is open to all those working in the Animal sciences and technologies, including food production, animal welfare, equine, companion animals and zoo animals in the topics of animal science, animal technology or animal care in the academic, industry or government policy sector.

You can apply to be registered as one of the following:

Seeker of knowledge – ‘conducting’ animal science

- Animal Scientist (Associate) – Early Career
- Animal Scientist (Certified) – Professional level

User of knowledge – ‘applying’ animal science

- Animal Technologist (Associate) – Early Career
- Animal Technologist (Certified) – Professional Level

Benefits of becoming accredited

Recognition of competencies

Evidence of career progression

Certified professional status

Public register of accredited members



Continuing Professional Development

Individuals can only remain on the register upon receipt, by BSAS, of evidence of their Continued Professional Development (CPD), which can be logged through the CPD portal via the BSAS online system.

Work-based

Self-directed

Formal Training

**Sector and
Specialist**

Individuals remain on the register through evidence of continued professional development (CPD)

CPD credit is accrued through demonstrating participation in learning activities



Get involved

Your opinion and your input matters. Whether it's ideas, time or a longer-term commitment, your support is invaluable to the ongoing success of the society. Get involved by joining one of our committees that helping to shape the future of animal science.

If you're fresh into the industry or still in education, we'd love your perspective. If you're passionate about your specialism, we'd love your expertise.

If you're approaching or enjoying your well-earned retirement, we'd love your experience and knowledge as a mentor.

'I've met many of my favourite research collaborators at BSAS conferences. I also took up the opportunity to become a Registered Animal Scientist and have greatly benefited from this recognition.

I would definitely recommend becoming a BSAS member, as the networking opportunities are endless and it helps you to stay in touch with what the new research is in other areas, not just your own. I also recommend student membership to my students, as it is very reasonably priced and gives access to so many CPD and conference events.'

Lorna Cameron,
Senior Lecturer, Hartpury University

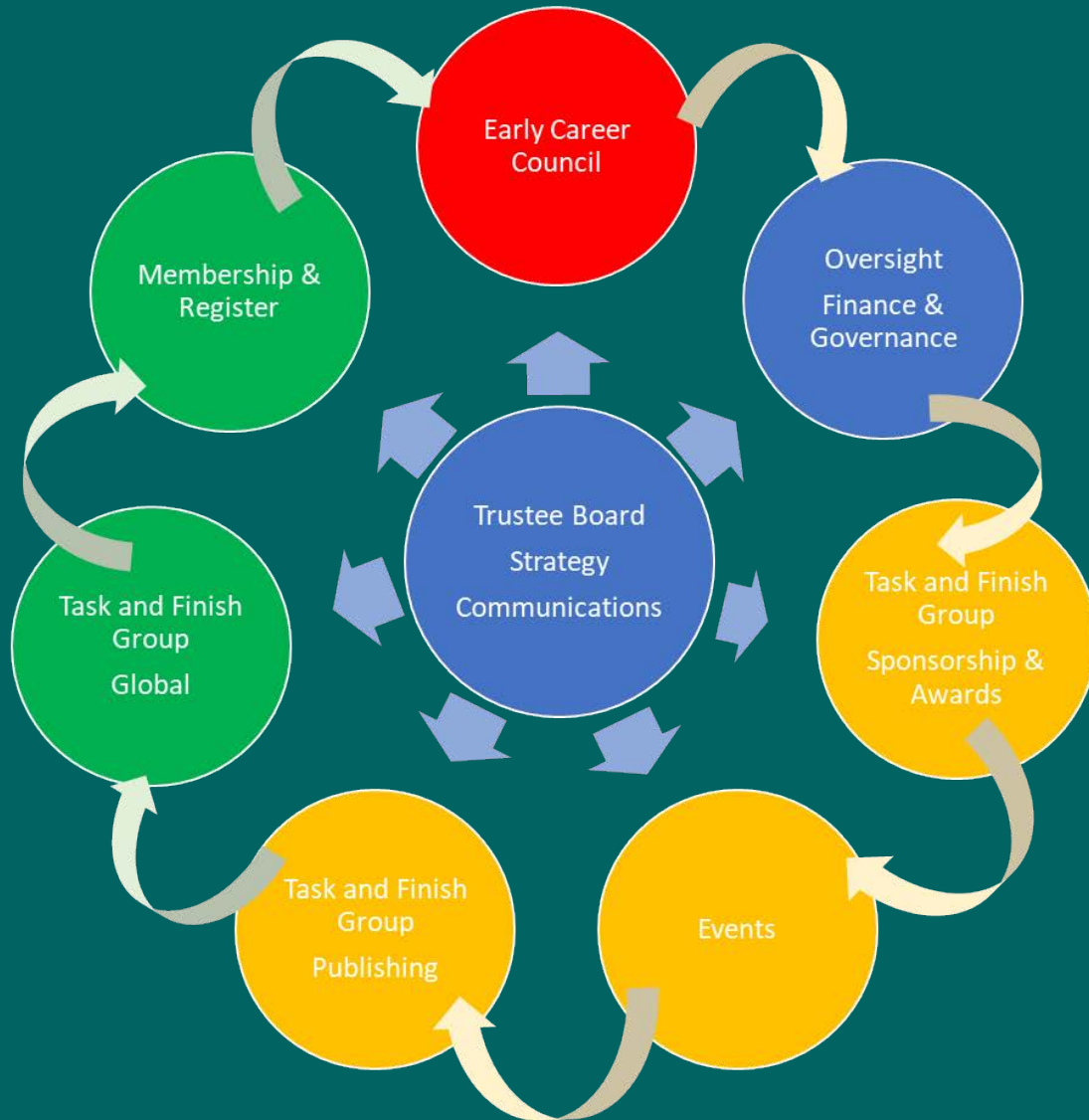


Meet the Trustees

Our experienced board of Trustees ensure that BSAS continues to be a focused, valued, viable and professionally managed Society, providing transparency and full accountability to its members and stakeholders. For further details on the Trustees and their role within the Society, [CLICK HERE](#).

Committees

The BSAS committees are the backbone of the society, featuring trustees, members and maybe even you. Email bsas@bsas.org.uk if you would like to join a BSAS committee.



A silhouette of a man and a woman shaking hands in a field at sunset. The man is on the left, wearing a cap and a short-sleeved shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a cap, a plaid shirt, and a jacket. They are standing in a field with a bright sunset in the background.

Partners and Stakeholders

BSAS stakeholders and partners, play an integral role in strengthening the global reach of the Society, assisting in its objectives to increase animal science collaboration within, and between, academic and industry organisations.

We work with our partners on an international platform to ensure that research remains relevant and applied. While also working closely together in a number of mutually beneficial ways, from speaker exchange and partner discounts, to creating joint events and meetings that reflect the needs of the animal science and related sectors world-wide.

A champion of emerging and established talent, our partners are also fundamental in driving learning experiences and knowledge transfer, together with fostering networking opportunities that reach all career areas and stages.

BSAS welcomes new partnerships and new openings.

Contact Us

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