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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter for 2005. We are hoping that with the publication of this Newsletter we could share current information and issues in various areas of animal production, and promoting scientific and professional development among members. The Newsletter also could foster close relationships among members and individual or institutions in the field of animal production, an objective equally important leading toward mutual respect, confident, commitment and corporation among us. This is our tradition and our strength towards our excellent achievement throughout these years to be remembered and used for future challenges.

Since the establishment of the Society we have actively involved in many activities towards meeting all of the nine (i to ix) objectives of the Society. We had successfully organised many short courses, workshops, conferences and seminars from time to time. We are very proud that we have never failed in organising our Annual Conference and producing Scientific Proceeding of a quality throughout these years. This Newsletter can be another venue for members to contribute articles and share knowledge and experiences in the field of animal production and related areas. We are planning to publish this Newsletter twice a year; in March and September. Members are also receiving the Malaysian Journal of Animal Science free of charge posted to them for each issue; publish periodically in June and December. We are also currently updating our membership database and websites, and to include field of interest or expertise for each member to be known for advisory and/or consultancy services. It is our role to transform and uplift the animal production in the country.

The 26th MSAP Annual Conference this year will be held in Primula Beach Resort, Kuala Terengganu from 2 to 3 June 2005. All members are cordially invited to participate and get together as MSAP family in the Conference. In addition to the proceeding, in this year Conference we are also preparing the outcome or resolution of the Conference as an expert

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recommendation to the government and relevant agencies in the making of strategy, implementation of policies and R&D programmes for better improvement in animal production in the country. As a tradition, numerous awards to be take home from the Conference and special activities will be organised for the accompanying persons and children, and indeed yes it is a school holiday.

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to Professor Dr Zainal Aznam Jalan, the immediate Past President of the Society and his members of the Executive Committee 2002/2004 for their excellent contribution to the Society. Congratulations for the success in organising The 11th Animal Science Congress, The Asian-Australasian Association of Animal Production Societies 2004. Congratulations to the current members of the Executive Committee 2004/2006, we have big roles and responsibility, not only to sustain high benchmark placed by the previous Committee, but as well to further excel and face challenges with a lot of uncertainty. To Associate Professor Dr Loh Teck Chwen, Chief Editor of the Newsletter and his members of the committee, I would like to congratulate and extend our sincere thanks for your seriousness and hard work to ensure on issuing the Newsletter in time and of quality. The invaluable assistance and support from other members of the Society, institutions and individual is greatly appreciated, without it the Newsletter may not be a reality as what it is today.

Once again, I take this opportunity to invite and welcome all members and potential members of the Society both in the government and private sectors or industries to come together in joining the Society and work hand to hand as a team to further strengthen of our significant roles and contributions in the development and advancement of animal production in the country.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at The Primula Beach Resort, Kuala Terengganu on 2 to 3 June 2005.

With very best wishes, thank you.

Associate Professor Dr Mohd Hair Bejo

President

Malaysian Society of Animal Production

2-3 JUNE 2005, MSAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Call for papers for the MSAP Annual Conference 2005, held at Primula Beach Resort, Terengganu. We need your papers by 31 March 2005. Please contact Professor Zulkifli Idrus or Dr Awis Qurni Sazili for submission guidelines. They can be contacted through e-mail or phone. E-mail: zulkifli@agri.upm.edu.my or awis@putra.upm.edu.my . Tel.: 03-89466908 or 03-89466909.

The theme of 2005 MSAP Annual Conference is “Revitalising the Animal Industry Towards Food Security”. This in line with our Government policies to transform and uplift the animal industry, particularly the ruminant industry, from the current traditional small holder level to a commercial enterprise. However, the success of revitalizing the animal industry will require a continuous upgrading of knowledge, technical expertise and R&D on production, breeding, nutrition, disease control and prevention, product development and marketing network.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees for:

Member	RM380.00
Non-member	RM430.00
Student (member)	RM310.00

ACCOMMODATION

Primula Beach Resort RM180.00 (plus breakfast for 2)

Deadline for reservation: 11 May 2005

Contact person: Ms. Norazizah Othman
(Tel: 09-6222100 ext. 2075)

REPORT OF THE 11th ANIMAL SCIENCE CONGRESS OF THE AAAP 2004

The 11th AAAP Congress was successfully held from 5th to 9th September 2004 at Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Congress with the theme of “New Dimensions and Challenges for Sustainable Livestock Farming” was appropriate and timely to provide a useful forum for AAAP member countries to discuss new challenges in developing sustainable livestock industries in their respective countries.

A total of 427 participants from 12 AAAP members [Australia (15), Malaysia (78), Thailand (29), Indonesia (19), Philippines (5), Vietnam (4), New Zealand (1), Japan (94), Korea (76), Taiwan (57), India (1), Bangladesh (2)] and 13 non-members (USA (5), United Kingdom (5), China (3), Sweden (2), Iran (15), Jordan (3), Bhutan (1), Bosnia (3), Cambodia (1), Netherlands (2), South Africa (3), Sweden (2), UAE (1) and Saudi Arabia (1)) countries attended the above Congress. Since the Congress was held in Malaysia, it was able to re-attract many scientists from several South East Asian countries such as Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and Philippines to this auspicious biannual meeting. A total of 2 keynote addresses, 505 plenary and scientific papers covering the various disciplines of animal science were presented during the four days congress. These papers were documented in 3 volumes of proceedings totaling 1,340 pages. The Local Organizing Committee with the help of the International Advisory Committee had successfully developed attractive programs and financial grants to support or provide partial grants for more than 30 experts and young scientists to attend the Congress.

The Congress was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Malaysia, YB Dato’ Kerk Chew Ting on the evening of Sunday, 5th September 2004 at Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur. The event over dinner was accompanied by colourful presentations of cultural dances from the Malaysian Tourism Board and traditional music from the Cultural Centre, Universiti Putra Malaysia. Several awards were given to senior and young scientists of AAAP for their outstanding research and contributions. The Congress Dinner was held at Corus Hotel Ballroom on Wednesday 8th September 2004 that was attended by almost all members. The eventful night was accompanied with musical performances from the Cultural Centre, Universiti Putra Malaysia, the Japanese makeshift group and members from countries that attended the Congress. The Closing Ceremony was held at 5 pm on Thursday, 9th September 2004. The out-going President of AAAP, Prof Dr. Z.A. Jelani, the Secretary General of AAAP, Prof J.K. Ha and the newly elected President of AAAP, Prof In K. Paik delivered closing speeches. Ten awards were given to young scientists who were outstanding in their presentation (5 oral and 5 posters) of scientific papers during the congress and the AAAP Flag was then handed to the new President of AAAP. The Korean Society of Animal;

Science and Technology shall organize the next meeting in Seoul in September 2006. Let us show our support by attending the 12th Congress.

Malaysian Society of Animal Production, the Local Organizing Committee of 11th AAAP Congress, would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants, local governmental agencies, local and foreign sponsors and all individuals who had contributed to make the above congress a big success.

Prof. Dr. Zainal Aznam Jelani,
Organising Chairman. 2004 AAAP

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2004-2006

President:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hair Bejo
Vice-President:	Mr Wong Hee Kum
Secretary:	Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Idrus
Assistant Secretary:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Loh Teck Chwen
Treasurer:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halimatun Yaakub
Committee Members:	Prof. Dr. Norhani Abdullah
	Prof. Dr. Wan Khadijah Wan Embong
	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abd. Wahid Haron
	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Idris
	Mr. Khairudin Minhaj

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY MJAS

The first issue of the Malaysian Journal of Animal Science (MJAS) was published in 1995. MJAS, therefore, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year (2005)! A total of 29 articles were published in 2 volumes in the first year. However, the following 8 years have not been easy for the Editorial Board to gather sufficient articles to publish the bi-issues journal annually. Although through the hard work of the Editorial Board, MJAS is still alive, however, the shortage of articles is getting more and more serious each year. For example, due to the shortage of articles the Editorial Board is still working very hard to get the back dated 2004 issues to be published, hopefully in the first quarter of this year.

We need full continuous support from MSAP members and non-members, especially through contribution of articles to ensure the survival of MJAS. Contribution of papers can be in the form of current issues, research reports or review papers in animal science and livestock production. For those of you who are interested to contribute, kindly send your articles or contact the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Liang Juan Boo at the Department of Animal Science, University Putra Malaysia, 43400 UPM Serdang. Dr Liang can also be contacted via email at jbliang@agri.upm.edu.my or telephone 03-89466898

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE CONGRESS, MALAYSIA, AUGUST

The Malaysian Scientific Association (MSA) will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2005 with many activities; in conjunction with this event, the International Science Congress (ISC) will held between August 3-6 at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur. The theme of the Congress is "Science for Humanity". The conference will encompass

agriculture, food and nutrition, life sciences, medicine and health sciences, chemical and physical sciences, engineering and environmental sciences, information and communication technology. For further information, including registration details for the Congress see www.msa.org.my.

INTERESTING WEBSITES / OTHER MEETINGS

GOOGLE SCHOLAR - NEW SEARCH TOOL ON INTERNET

A new search tool for academic content called Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/> has been released by Google. It searches for keywords and phrases in peer-reviewed journal articles, theses, books, and technical papers, as well as preprints (articles available on the Internet prior to publication).

CAB INTERNATIONAL

Various disciplines of Animal Science books published by CABI can be found in this website: <http://www.cabi-publishing.org/>.

ANIMAL SCIENCE.COM

<http://www.animalscience.com> is available on new and improved CAB Direct platform. This website is the home of the **Animal Science** database. It has database covering animal production and veterinary sciences with indexes records from over 2000 serials, covering literature from 130 countries. It also covers books, conference proceedings, bulletins, reports and published theses.

VIV Asia 2005 – MARCH 16-18, BANGKOK, THAILAND

The VIV Asia 2005 will be held on 16-18 March 2005 at the Bangkok International Trade Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Thailand. For detailed information on the trade exhibition, contact the VNU Exhibitions Europe at viv.asia@vnuexhibitions.com

WORLD CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FAT RESEARCH (ISF) 2005 – SEPTEMBER 25-28

The ISF Congress and Exhibition will be on 25-28 September 2005 at Hilton Prague, Prague, Czech Republic. Contact: International Society for Fat Research at the American Oil Chemists' Society, info@aocs.org or www.ifnet.org or www.aocs.org."

REMINDER

Have you paid your RM50.00 annual membership fee for 2004 and 2005? Please do so to help YOUR SOCIETY to move forward. Why not upgrade your status to LIFE MEMBERSHIP for only RM500.00 and not to worry about future payments. For those who are interested to become a new member, please feel free to enquire any information from any executive committee or contact mdhair@vet.upm.edu.my or hkwong@mardi.my or zulkifli@agri.upm.edu.my. If you don't receive this Newsletter, may be your mailing address is not updated in our mailing list. Please contact tcloh@agri.upm.edu.my.

ANY COMMENTS or CONTRIBUTIONS

We look forward to hearing from you for any constructive comments. If you have any interesting information such as announcements of new books, local or international animal science related information or websites and you think worth to share with our members in our Newsletter, please contact tcloh@agri.upm.edu.my.