

AAAP NEWS

1. The 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress August 23(Mon) ~ 27(Fri), 2010 in NPUST, Pingtung, Taiwan

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2. Scientific programs

Total numbers of scientific papers presented in the 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress were 739 from scientists representing 23 countries. There were 1 keynote address, 123 plenary session papers, 46 papers from 9 satellite symposium and 569 contributed papers from 24 concurrent sessions.

Host country, Taiwan (208) presented the highest number of papers followed by Thailand (116), Japan (102), Korea (94), Iran (84), China (36), Indonesia (23), Vietnam (16) and Malaysia (15).

3. Summary Report of the Congress

The 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress was successfully held from 23-27, August 2010 at National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan. Theme of the Congress “to help farmers to produce high quality animal products based on drug residue free, environment friendly, animal welfare, and management, then they can earn enough money for their family and some part for the society.”

A total of 2,629 delegates had participated in the 14th Congress, a record of high participation in AAAP history. 14 AAAP member countries represent 2,601 participants [Australia (9), Bangladesh (3), China (25), India (1), Indonesia (22), Iran (26), Japan (107), Korea (97), Malaysia (19), New Zealand (1), Philippines (3), Taiwan (2152), Thailand (112), Vietnam (24)] and 20 non-AAAP member countries represents 28 participants [Afghanistan (1), Arab Emirate (1), Cambodia (1), Canada (2), Denmark (1), Egypt (1), France (1), Gambia (6), Germany (1), Honduras (2), Italy (1), Kenya (1), Laos (1), Mexico (1), Mongolia (1), Nigeria (1), Singapore (1), Solomon Islands (1), UK (1), USA (2)].

Since the printed amount of full text proceeding was too much, full-text proceeding will be published in CD besides printed abstract proceedings.

Table 1. Summary of the papers presented at the 14th AAAP Animal Science congress

Country	Keynote Address (1)	Plenary Session (123)	Satellite Symposium (46)	Contributed Papers (569)	Total (739)
AAAP countries					
Australia		7			7
Bangladesh		1		1	2
China		4	1	31	36
India				6	6
Indonesia		2		21	23
Iran				84	84
Japan	1	22	8	71	102
Korea		12	5	77	94
Malaysia		4		11	15
New Zealand			1		1
Pakistan				8	8
Philippines		1	1		2
Taiwan		52	18	138	208
Thailand		13	1	102	116
Vietnam		3	1	12	16
Non-AAAP countries					
Canada		1		2	3
Denmark		1			1
France			1		1
Germany				2	2
Nigeria				1	1
UAE				1	1
UK			2		2
USA			7	1	8

The Opening Ceremony was held at Shu Yun Hall at 10:00 of 23 (Mon) Aug 2010. Dr. C. T. Wang, Deputy Minister of Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Taiwan and AAAP executive officers had officiated the ceremony. During the ceremony, the 8th AAAP Animal Science Award (awarded to Dr. Yukio Kanai, Japan), the 1st Woogene B&G Award (awarded to Dr. Thoru Matsui, Japan), and AJAS-CAPI Outstanding Research Award (awarded to Dr. Ruey Chee Weng, Taiwan, and Dr. Xiaoming Song, China) were awarded. Another two special awards present to Prof. Han in recognition of long-term contribution and outstanding member for the AAAP, and Prof. Ha in

recognition of long-term contribution and service as Secretary General of the AAAP, were also awarded in the Opening Ceremony.

Welcoming reception was held on the evening of the opening day (Mon) at First Restaurant. Approximately 600 participants had been welcomed at the reception with Taiwanese cuisine and traditional music, dances and performance. The Farewell Dinner was held at the Grand Ball room of Howard Plaza Hotel, Kaohsiung. Over 550 members had enjoyed music and dances performed by participants from different countries with Chinese-style dinner.

The Closing ceremony was held at Auditorium at 15:15 on 27 Aug 2010 (Fri). Excellent presentation Award was given to 10 scientists who had selected by Award Committee. The out-going 14th AAAP president Prof. Liang Chou Hsia, Taiwan had transferred AAAP flag to the newly elected president of AAAP. Prof. M. Wanapat, Thailand had given an invitation address for the next 15th AAAP Animal Science Congress on 2012 in Thailand.

The organizing Committee of 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress and Chinese Society of Animal Science would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants for their active participation and presentation. Sincere appreciation is also extended to government agencies, national associations, local and foreign agencies and companies that had contributed to make 14th AAAP Congress a great success.

September 30, 2010

Written by Liang Chou Hsia
President of the Organizing Committee
The 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress

2. Minutes of the 16th Council of the AAAP

August 26, 2010 in NPUST, Pingtung, Taiwan

Attendance

Bhattacharya, Birendra (India)	Onnom, Siriluk (Thailand)
Bush, Russell (Australia)	Ozawa, Takeyuki (Japan)
Ha, Jong Kyu (Korea)	Panivivat, Rapeepang (Thailand)
Hopkins, David (Australia)	Sato, Eimei (Japan)
Hsia, Liang Chou (Taiwan)	Skunman, Pakapun (Thailand)
Isariyodom, Supaporn (Thailand)	Suwanasopee, Thanathip (Thailand)
Isaryodom, Supaporn Thailand)	Tanaka, Toshio (Japan)
Kittayachaweng, Chayanon (Thailand)	Thien, Nguyen Van (Vietnam)
Kusmartono, Ir. (Indonesia)	Wanapat, Metha (Thailand)
Ohh, Sang Jip (Korea)	Wynn, Peter (Australia)



Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

The President of the AAAP, Professor Liang Chou Hsia welcomed all member country delegates to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He noted that 8 of the 19 AAAP member countries were represented and asked delegates to introduce themselves to the meeting. It was noted that representatives of Iran, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan, New Zealand and Sri Lanka were unable to attend the meeting.

Apologies

The following countries submitted apologies for the meeting:

Iran, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan, New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

Approval of the Minutes of the 15th Council Meeting

Professor Ha highlighted the key issues and moved that minutes of the 15th Council meeting held in Hanoi Vietnam on 24th September 2008, as recorded and circulated be accepted as a true record of the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Report from the President, Professor L. C. Hsia

Professor Hsia thanked all contributors to the meeting and then reported briefly on the 14th AAAP Congress in Pingtung. There were 123 plenary sessions in which a total of 123 papers were presented. Professor Hsia highlighted the importance of housing delegates to the Congress in University style accommodation to ensure that the cost of attending the Congress was minimized. He encouraged our member societies to encourage their membership to present papers at Asian conferences and not travel all the way to Europe. A total of 14 AAAP member countries sent 2,601 participants and 28 scientists came from 20 non-AAAP countries. Prof. Hsia concluded his report by expressing his gratitude to all member countries for their great support for the 14th AAAP.

Report from the Secretary General, Professor Jong Ha

Financial aspects:

Professor Ha presented a report on the financial status of AAAP for the period September 2008 to August 2010. This indicated that income was \$US16,985 and expenditure was \$US3,500 leaving a balance of \$US13,485 + 8.5M K₩

No additional support was provided from the KSAST beyond their maximum contribution of \$US1,000.

The AAAP budget for September 2010 to August 2012 was presented. This showed a projected income of \$US18,685, which included membership fees being held at the present level of \$US100 per country and support from KSAST of \$US1,000.

Prof. Ha presented a report of membership fees paid as of September 2010. This showed that Australia, China (Chinese Society of Animal Science, Taiwan), Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Vietnam had all paid through to 2010. India, Malaysia, The Philippines, Thailand, Iran, and China (Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine) were paid up to 2008. Other member countries had not paid membership fees since 2006. Bangladesh, Pakistan, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka had been exempted from paying fees owing for membership prior to 2008 at the previous council meeting in Hanoi. At that meeting Iran agreed to pay the last two years of arrears and India had agreed to pay the full amount owing from 2006 onwards.

It was moved that the Financial Report be accepted by the meeting (Hsia/Wynn) Passed.

Secretarial aspects:

Prof. Ha tabled a list of names with contact details of the current AAAP Council secretariat and delegates representing the 19 country members of AAAP. It was noted that the representation from Papua New Guinea was not known. Peter Wynn agreed to contact Dr Sue Low, from Curtin University, Western Australia, who might be able to assist in identifying a relevant person.

Prof. Ha reported that the 8th AAAP Animal Science Award was made to Professor Y. Kanai for which the Chinese Society (Taiwan) provided the cash prize of \$US3,000 and a plaque.

The 10th AJAS-CAPI Outstanding Research Award with a monetary award of U\$2,000 donated by Cargill Agripurina Inc., Korea was shared between Dr. R. C. Weng (Taiwan) and Dr. Xiaoming Song (China).

The 1st Woojin B & G Award for Outstanding Research was made to Dr Tohru Matsui of Japan.

Professor Hsia suggested that the host country provide the \$3,000 prize for the AAAP Animal Science award from 2010 onwards. Following discussion it was suggested that a commercial sponsor be found for this award from each host country as the conference rotates around venues. This was agreed upon.

Reports from Member Countries

Written reports were tabled at the meeting from Australia, Vietnam and China (Taiwan) and brief reports were presented by representatives from India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

Progress Report of AJAS : Editor-in-Chief (Prof. Jong K. Ha)

Prof. Ha tabled a progress report on AJAS over the period 2005 to 2009. This showed that the number of manuscripts received had increased steadily and had reached about 750 in 2006 and 2007, but had declined to 644 papers by 2009. Approximately 260-280 papers were published annually in 2006 and 2007, but this had declined to 222 papers in 2009. The rejection rate was about 70% but had decreased to 67% in 2009. The total number of editorial board members had reached 112 by 2009. The time to reach publication from the point of receipt of manuscript was 9.7 months. The journal was striving to decrease this time. The requirement for the editing of English has increased from 61-66 papers in 2006 and 2007 to 112 manuscripts in 2009.

The impact factor had remained relatively stable at 0.85-0.87 until 2007. At this time the journal was ranked at 23 for Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science journals.

At this point the journal lost its Impact Factor due to an increase in the increasing incidence of self-citation in manuscripts. It had gradually increased from 62% in 2001 to reach 78% in 2007. It is expected that this will be decreased to 25% by 2010.

The financial statement showed that in 2009 total annual income was \$US246,202 and total annual expenditure was \$US175,987.

The total number of subscribers, both regular paying and complementary (non paying), which was reduced from 954 in 2006 to 790 in 2007 decreased dramatically to 357 in 2009; this was due to a marked reduction in subscribers to the print version of the journal, offset by a substantial increase in the number of on-line subscribers.

Prof. Ha tabled the new subscription rates for the printed journal and new page charge policy which had been endorsed by the Editorial Board on 22 September 2008. These changes were aimed at 1) increasing the impact factor and reducing self-citation 2) meeting the global trend for free access to on-line journals; and 3) making authors responsible for a major portion of the publication cost of their papers.

Under these changes, free access would be provided to the on-line journal, subscription fees for the printed journal would be increased and page charges increased to authors with a minimum increase for Category B member countries. Professor Ha indicated that these fee increases would generate an estimated US\$12-15000 per year, offsetting the loss of income from making on-line access free, and will apply from 2009.

In response to a query, Professor Ha indicated that rejection rate of submitted manuscripts was high because many submissions were of poor quality.

The progress report on AJAS was commended and approved by the meeting

Steps taken to resolve the self citation issue

A number of initiatives have been taken to resolve this issue.

1. Title service: e-mail titles to all on-line visitors after publication of each issue.
2. Free on-line version: from 2009 January

3. Pubmed/Medline: do not consider at this moment
4. Google scholar: applied without response
5. Invited review paper: 2 in 2009 and 2 in 2010 were invited.
6. Letters to editorial board: 3 times to request citation of AJAS
7. Co-publication with international publishers

Of these points the one that generated most discussion was on the partnering with a major publishing house. One of the key issues here was the fact that we have a low membership (19) if each country society is considered a member.

Currently preliminary discussion is going on with two publishers.

One example:

- The current “Open Access” model for subscribers would need to change to a subscription-based model. Institutional and Personal subscribers would then be charged for a print and/or online subscription. At the same time, submission restrictions would be taken away by removing page charges.
- The publication model which we envisage would require the creation of individual society member subscriptions, whereby we would ask the AAAP to guarantee a minimum of 1000 member subscribers. Each member would pay an annual fee (to be agreed upon) for electronic access to the journal (print member subscriptions could also be considered). Individual members could be a member of AAAP or any of the other national societies belonging to AAAP. Along these lines the company was looking at a minimum membership of 1,000.
- The current government grant to the journal would need to continue for at least the next four years.

It was decided that discussions would be held with other publishing houses in time for the 2012 Congress.

Report on Progress with the Development of the 15th AAAP Congress in Thailand: Dr. Chyanont Kitayachaveng

Professor Wanapat delivered a comprehensive address on progress with the organization of the Congress. The program, venues and accommodation have been well organized. The theme of the meeting was to focus on improving small-holder and industrial scale animal production through contemporary animal science and welfare techniques. The program is designed to attract younger scientists to present their work.

The venue is within Bangkok at the Kasetsart University. There will be very attractive pre- and post-conference tours organized for delegates.

In finishing Professor Wanapat moved a vote of thanks to Professor Hsia and his team for organizing such an outstanding conference in Taiwan.

In developing the program for the meeting Professor Ha was keen to have the organizing committee invite one speaker from each of the member 19 countries of the AAAP. These speakers would then be encouraged or obligated to attend the council meeting to represent their respective countries. This was agreed to.

Professor Wanapat identified Cambodia and Laos as two countries we should encourage linkages with so that their young scientists will attend our meeting.

Decision of the Venue for the 16th AAAP Congress

New Zealand Society of Animal Production showed interest in hosting this meeting at the 15th Council meeting.

Dr Wynn had contacted the current Vice-President of the Society, Dr Steve Morris prior to the present council meeting. He was able to offer the information that the NZ Society was unable to commit to the organization of the 16th AAAP Congress in 2014.

Dr Wynn was then asked if the Australian Society of Animal Production could commit to the organization of the conference in conjunction with the ISNH/ ISRP joint Congress to be held in Sydney in 2014. He agreed to canvas opinion from the membership of the Australian Society and report the result as soon as possible after returning to Australia.

The possibility of finding other venues was discussed. Indonesia was suggested as a possible venue.

Other venues considered were Iran and Bangladesh. Japan was considered but suggested as venue of 17th AAAP.

Election of a New Secretary General: President

Professor Ha outlined his plans for succession planning within the AAAP organization. He was keen to focus his activities with developing linkages between member countries and also working with the AJAS as it recovers its rightful position among the world's Animal Production journals. It had been decided in Sydney in 2000 to retain the Secretary General's position in Korea for the sake of continuity. After discussion, Professor Sang J. Ohh was elected as a new secretary-general with the term of 6 years from the end of the 14th AAAP.

Consideration of the Time and Venue of the 17th Council Meeting

This meeting will be held in Bangkok in 2012.

Other business:

Professor Hsia stated that his organizing committee will be able to pass on finances to the next council for the 2012 Congress. The thought was expressed that the proceeds from the sale of proceedings of the conference could go towards defraying the cost of the AAAP Animal Science Award.

Delegates at the meeting congratulated Professor Hsia and his committee for their commitment to providing such a highly regarded conference. The meeting ended with applause.

Closing of the Meeting

Professor Hsia and Professor Ha closed the meeting and thanked the delegates for their attendance.

26th September 2010
Minutes taken by Peter Wynn (Australia)

3. Minutes of the 9th Section Editors and 10th Editorial Board Meeting

Asian-Australasian Journal of Animal Sciences (AJAS) August 23, 2010 in Pingtung, Taiwan

Attendance

Chae, Byung Jo (Korea)	Maeda, Teruo (Japan)
Chang, Jongsoo (Korea)	Ohh, Sang-jip (Korea)
Chen, Ming-Ju (Taiwan)	Pyun, Kyong Soon (Korea)
Choi, Chang Weon (Korea)	Sato, Eimei (Japan)
Ha, Jong K. (Korea)	Seo, Seongwon (Korea)
Hwang, Inho (Korea)	Song, Man-Kang (Korea)
Kashiwazaki, Naomi (Japan)	Takahashi, Junichi (Japan)
Kim, Chang-Hyun (Korea)	Wanapat, Metha (Thailand)
Kim, Sung Woo (USA)	Wynn, Peter (Australia)
Lee, Deukhwan (Korea)	Yang, Ji Young (Korea)
Lee, Hoon Taek (Korea)	Yang, Tien-Shuh (Taiwan)



Opening Remarks, Introduction of Participants and Adoption of Agenda

Professor Jong Kyu Ha, Editor-in-Chief of AJAS, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance at the combined 9th Section Editors and 10th Editorial Board Meeting, which was held during the 14th AAAP Animal Science Congress at the Pingtung University of Agriculture.

Professor Ha indicated how pleased he was to see everyone here in Taiwan, however pointed out that there were a number of apologies for the meeting. These included Dr John Steele, who would normally take the minutes of the meeting, but was not able to attend for medical reasons. Dr Peter Wynn was assuming this duty.

Each of the delegates to the meeting then introduced themselves. Professor Ha highlighted the fact that this was an important meeting as the AJAS faced a number of challenges in the coming years.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda proposed by Professor Ha was adopted unanimously without alteration.

Minutes of the 8th Editorial Board Meeting

Professor Ha summarized the proceedings of the previous Section Editors and Editorial Board meeting. The minutes of the 8th Editorial Board meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 22th September 2008 were then adopted without alteration.

Progress Report of the AJAS

Professor Ha presented a comprehensive report of the progress of the journal over the past two years. Some challenges had been encountered in that the Science Citation Index (SCI) has withdrawn the impact factor for the journal on the basis of a high self citation rate. The implications of this for the journal would be discussed later in the meeting.

He then expressed his appreciation to the editors for their continued efforts in meeting the demands of the reviewing process.

1) Business

The journal continues to maintain a healthy financial reserve, the balance carried forward to 2008 was US \$53,584 and at the end of 2009 was US\$54,697. Support of 53.408 Million (M) Won in the form of donations was received including a donation of 10M Won from Professor Kim Y.Y. for which Professor Ha expressed his thanks. Income from advertisements decreased from US\$49,800 in 2007 to 41.400M Won in 2008 and 32.500 M Won in 2009. Income from subscriptions increased from US\$20,332 in 2007 and 18.338M Won in 2008 to 31.041M Won in 2009. Income from page charges increased from \$US39,496 to 43.339M Won and then to 60.568M Won for the same years. Income from reprint charges did not change significantly over the 2 year period from US\$15,135 in 2007, 17,056M Won in 2008 to 13.710M Won in 2009. Total income for 2009 was 246.202M Won compared to US\$226,940 in 2007 and 228.123 M Won in 2008.

Overall expenditure over the years 2007-2009 did not change significantly, remaining at 175.987M Won in 2009. The cost of postage and handling decreased over the period as these operations had been moved on line, but there was a proportional increase in editorial costs over the same period.

A payment had been made to the bank of 20M Won to help defray the outstanding loan that we retain of 50M Won. The goal is to repay the loan completely during Professor Ha's term as Editor-in Chief. The aim is to have a significant positive bank balance by the time that a new editor in chief was appointed for the journal within 2 years.

The same 6 companies which had advertised in 2007 continued to do so in 2008 and 2009.

The number of regular subscriptions from AAAP and non-AAAP countries was 120 and 30, respectively, in 2009. The number of complimentary subscriptions given by the journal to AAAP and non-AAAP countries has been reduced from 158 in 2007 to 150 in 2009. Total subscribers for printed versions were 357 for 2009 which is a substantial decrease from 854 in 2006. Of these 357, 126 were for institutes.

Discussion of these numbers lead to the realization that the offering of complimentary access to the electronic version of the journal through its WEB site will continue to impact on the number of hard copies sold. However the number of hits in the WEB site had increased over the past

year or so. The point that libraries are increasing their rate of cancellation of hard copy journals yearly suggests that the management of the E version of the journal will be critical to its success. It was noted that many libraries do not have the AJAS as an offering in their list of electronic journals even though it is complimentary. It was suggested that librarians be corresponded with to suggest that they add the journal to their list. This needs to be at minimal cost for the library.

It was noted that page charges had remained the same as approved in Vietnam in 2008. The importance of these page charges to the journal and their management would be discussed later in the meeting.

Professor Ha referred to a summary of current subscription fees, page and reprint charges for the two categories of membership of the AAAP. Membership of the 2 lists is based on economic development of member countries and membership on each list had not changed since 2008.

2) Editorial

In 2009, 644 manuscripts were submitted to the journal which represents a decrease from 725 in 2008 and 751 in 2007. The rejection rate was 66.9% in 2009 and 71.6% in 2008. The journal published 222 papers and a total of 1747 pages in 2009. This represents a slight decrease from 252 papers and 1,834 pages in 2008 and 264 papers and 1,931 pages in 2007.

Countries contributing the greatest volumes of papers were China, Korea, India and Iran. There had been a significant increase in the number of submissions from Iran and neighbouring countries. The majority of papers has been in ruminant nutrition and forage utilisation followed by non-ruminant nutrition and feed processing (19%) and then breeding and genetics and reproduction.

The average time for a reviewer to accept responsibility for a review was 6.9 days and they took on average 16.9 days to complete their assignment. Improvements in this turnaround time are attributable to the success of the on-line system, although the average time of 4.6 months from submission to acceptance represents a small improvement from 2007 (4.8 months). The time from acceptance to publication is currently 5.1 months which is an improvement from 2007 (6.4 months). Total time for publication is now 9.7 months which is an improvement over 2007 (11.2 months). However it was noted that some reviewers took 2-3 months to complete their assignment.

Professor Ha noted that the Editorial Board, totaling 112 reviewers, still contained the highest number of Korean reviewers (43) and that he has continued to include greater numbers of reviewers from other countries. There are now a total of 21 countries represented on the Editorial Board. However there was an additional 81 *ad hoc* committee members from various countries making a total panel of over 200.

The mechanism of operation of section editors was queried from the floor. In general rejected papers resulted from inputs from 2-3 members of the editorial board in any specific area.

Report on AJAS – CAPI Outstanding Research Award

The mechanism for the awarding of the AJAS-CAPI Outstanding Research awards was questioned. It was explained by Professor Ha that this was a committee decision based on inputs from the sub-editors of each section of the journal. In effect it is a corporate decision made by a large proportion of the editorial board.

The tenth awards were presented at the opening ceremony of the 14th AAAP Congress to R.C. Weng from Taiwan and Xiaoming Song from China.

Report on Journal Ranking and Citation Status

The AJAS had lost its impact factor awarded by the SCI as it was claimed that the self-citation index had increased to 78%. This was a significant blow for the journal as a non rating journal is difficult to sell to potential contributors and subscribers. A decrease in submissions has already been noticed.

With significant efforts self-citation has been reduced to 70% by the end of the 2008 and the target is for 25% for 2009. There are a number of ways that this can be achieved and one of these is to increase the rejection rate of manuscripts. As mentioned this was 66.9% for 2009, but perhaps this has to go higher.

Our application for the reinstatement of the Citation index would be reviewed in 2 years time. It was pointed out that 80% of journals operating in our fields of interest had self-citation rates around 20%. A number of steps have been taken and these have included:

- The provision of a title service;
- The provision of free on line versions. The success of this initiative was discussed in the minutes already.
- Application for inclusion for Pubmed and Medline. This was considered to be inappropriate because of the nature of our subject material and also the cost of this registration which is prohibitive.
- Application for joining Google scholar. No reply had been received although it is recognized that this is also a difficult pathway to follow.
- The issuing of invitations to submit 2 high quality reviews per year for 2009 and 2010. It was agreed that this was a good way of improving our potential impact factor.
- The submission of letters from the editorial board to the SCI for reconsideration of their decision.
- Consideration of joining with major international publishers. This is an approach used successfully with other organizations. The approach to Elsevier resulted in them asking us to remove our page charges. They also requested a minimum of 1,000 subscribers with an annual membership fee minimum of \$US50. This was felt to be an implausible request given that our membership consists of 19 countries: we do not have membership offered on an individual basis. Discussion ensued highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of how we might move in this direction.

The points made included:

- Many international journals had linked with Blackwells publishing
- The US Journal of Dairy Science has linked with major publishers.
- Professor Ha suggested that the next Editor-in-Chief write to the Thomson organization

seeking reinstatement of our citation index.

- However the establishment of individual membership would be a total reconstitution of the statutes of the AAAP and the AJAS. This idea was not pursued.
- It was felt that an international publisher may be the way to proceed. However this is not always easy. The new journal “Animal” (combined EAAP, BSAS and INRA publications) is published by Cambridge Press now.
- Coverage through ISI Web of Knowledge was seen not to be a problem.
- However the British Society (BSAS) has over 600 members each paying 60 British pounds membership and therefore qualifies on the basis of membership numbers.
- Professor Ha stated that it was difficult for the journal to meet with Elsevier guidelines, however there are other companies who could be negotiated with.
- Co-publication would help with the quality of papers
- The provision of a free on line service was thought to be beneficial.
- Maybe page charges for member countries should be less than for authors from non-member countries. The journal was not sustainable without the page charges and yet the major publishers do not charge per page.
- The Japanese society publishes their reproduction journal themselves but co-publishes the broader Animal Science with Blackwells.
- Various views were expressed on these lines about how to maintain financial sustainability. Free subscriptions to the journal were not favoured by some.
- Professor Ha stated that there was significant expertise within the Korean Society to make a judgment on the best way forward. This would be forthcoming in the coming weeks.
- It was explained that when our impact factor was re-allocated that it might be as low as 0.4-0.8, however it was agreed that this at least provided a basis from which the editorial team could rebuild the reputation of the journal again.

Date and venue for next meeting

The next meeting of the Editorial Board will be held in 2012 during the 15th AAAP Congress in Thailand.

Other Business

Professor Ha stated that he had recruited a possible replacement for himself as the Secretary-General of the AAAP and as Editor –in-Chief of the AJAS. He highlighted the considerable work of these two positions held together. He also explained that the Associate Editors needed to share more of the responsibility with the editor in Chief. Professor Ha would be able to announce his replacements at the next Council meeting in Thailand in 2012.

Closing of the Meeting

Professor Ha thanked the Editorial Board for their support and attendance and closed the meeting at 5.00pm.

23rd August 2010
Minutes taken by Peter Wynn (Australia)

4. Biodata for the 2010 AAAP Awardees

Winner of the 8th AAAP Animal Science Award Sponsored by Chinese Society of Animal Sciences

Dr. Yukio Kanai (Japan)
Presented on August 23, 2010 in NPUST, Pingtung, Taiwan

Prof. Kanai is an outstanding and highly respected Animal Scientist in Asia. He is widely recognized for his dedicated research efforts and professional teaching, as well as for regional and international contributions to animal science societies. He has about 30 years of collaborative research experience in Asia and elsewhere, initially with joint FAO/IAEA Division in Vienna as a research agreement holder, and until recently with Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) at UPLB as visiting Professor. During his tenure as Professor in University Tsukuba in Japan, he developed many co-ordinated research projects between several leading universities in Asia such as UPM in Malaysia, Kasetsart University in Thailand, UPLB in the Philippines, and provided an extraordinary opportunity to do research for many young scientists by inviting them in his projects. To nurse the next generation of animal scientists, he also accepted many foreign students to his university from AAAP region including Indonesia, China, Philippines, Australia, Taiwan, Vietnam and Myanmar. Some of his graduates are now taking an active part in the progress of animal science in this region.



He has an outstanding research record in many disciplines of animal science such as production systems, environmental physiology and reproduction, and conservation of animal genetic resources. Among these researches, the focus of much of his original effort has been in the area of buffalo production and also the efficient use of the available feed resources. The contribution to new knowledge in these fields led to the evidence-based recognition for the real potential of buffaloes as meat producers to utilize local feed resources. Despite the progress in mechanization of agriculture, buffalo population has been continuously increasing in Asia as well as in the world, reflecting an inevitable need of buffaloes for a million of small farmers in AAA region. The relevance of his efforts has been extended to many buffalo researchers and producers not only in Asia but also in Latin America currently.

Another focus of Prof. Kanai's original research effort has been in the area of reproductive failures in heat-stressed animals widely recognized under hot environments, particularly in high performance animals with stress-sensitive. To address this important issue, he established an original experimental model in goats and laboratory animals, and revealed that maternal heat stress generates an oxidative stress in the ovary and oviduct at the cellular level, and this in turn results in the ovulatory failure and early embryo death. His new findings led to a new approach of the use of antioxidant as a practical countermeasure against the stress-mediated reproductive failure. The final verification of this theory in cattle and buffaloes is still ongoing, but the relevance of these new findings has been recognized among many reproductive scientists internationally.

In addition, he has been actively involved in the management of AAAP for many years and contributed to successful operations of past AAAP Animal Science Congress as a council member and/or thoughtful adviser. The AAAP Animal Science Award is therefore very timely.

Awardee of 1st Woogene B&G Award

Dr. Tohru Matsui (Japan)
Presented on August 23, 2010 in NPUST, Pingtung, Taiwan

Professor Dr. Matsui has investigated in the field of animal nutrition for 30 years. He has published more than 120 papers in peer reviewed scientific research journals.

He studied phytate metabolism in animals, because the excreted phosphorus resulting from dietary phytate causes serious environmental problem. He found that dietary wild-type phytase produced by a genetically-modified yeast for high productivity was beneficial for improving phosphorus bioavailability in pigs, but its efficacy was lesser than that of widely-used fungal phytase because of lesser stability of yeast phytase in the gastric condition. Next, he investigated the efficacy of yeast phytase with genetic modification for improving the stability against pepsin under acidic condition on phosphorus bioavailability in pigs, and indicated that the genetically-modified yeast phytase improved phosphorus bioavailability more than wild-type yeast phytase and as effective as the fungal phytase. Furthermore, he clarified that 1) dietary phytase increased true absorption of zinc, which was the first research to determine true zinc absorption using a stable-isotopic zinc as a tracer in pigs, 2) phytase in brewer's yeast was not suitable for supplemental phytase source but the soaking treatment with brewer's yeast was an alternative method for improving phosphorus bioavailability in corn-soybean meal diets, 3) the treatments with formaldehyde and heating suppressed ruminal degradation of phytate in oilseed meal, resulting in reducing phosphorus bioavailability in sheep, 4) the fermentation with *Aspergillus usarii* effectively degraded phytate in soybean meal without substantial loss of nutrients, leading to the improvement of phosphorus and zinc bioavailabilities in poultries and pig.



Also, he has studied bovine adipocyte differentiation; he clarified that vitamin A suppressed its differentiation. He also showed that plasma vitamin A level was the key determinant of plasma anti-adipogenic activity in fattening cattle. Based on these researches, the method of controlling vitamin A nutrition for high marbling beef was developed, which is widely used in Japan.

Additionally, he developed a method for determination of bovine bone in diets contaminated by other materials derived from bovine products such as defatted milk. It is now adopted as the official method for detecting bovine bone in feeds in Japan.

Brief Biography of Awardees for 2010 AJAS/ CAPI Outstanding Research Award

Presented on August 23, 2010 in NPUST, Pingtung, Taiwan

(1) Dr. Ruey-Chee Weng (Taiwan)

Dr. Ruey-Chee Weng received his BS from National Pingtung Agriculture College, Taiwan in 1987 and then moved to Aberdeen, UK to continue his post-graduate studies. Dr. Weng received his MS in 1994 and Ph. D in 2000 in animal environment, physiology and behavior at University of Aberdeen. With his strong background in pig nutrition area, he was hired to a number of positions. Some of examples are: Assistant Researcher of Innovation and Practical Training Center, Animal Production Division, NPUST, Taiwan and Assistant Professor of B. S. T. Dept. and Dean of General Affairs. Then he joined Pingtung National University of Science and Technology, Taiwan as an assistant professor. Dr. Weng published many good papers in international journals in the area of animal environment and behavior. He won the 10th AJAS-CAPI Outstanding Research Award with his excellent work published in Asian-Aust. J. Anim. Sci. Vol. 22 No. 11 : 1574 (Effect of Individual, Group or ESF Housing in Pregnancy and Individual or Group Housing in Lactation on Sow Behavior).

**(2) Dr. Xiaoming Song (China)**

Dr. Xiaoming Song received her BS and MS from NorthEast Agricultural University, Harbin, China in 2000 and 2003, respectively, and then obtained Ph.D degree from China Agricultural University, Beijing in 2008 with thesis title of “The expression and regulation of lanosterol 14 α -demethylase in mouse during folliculogenesis, embryo development and embryo implantation”. She published a number of excellent papers in well-known international journals. She won the 10th AJAS-CAPI Outstanding Research Award with her excellent work in Asian-Aust. J. Anim. Sci. vol. 22 NO 3:319 (Stage-specific expression of lanosterol 14 α -demethylase in mice oocyte might be related to fertilization and pre-embryos development).

