EDITORIAL

EDITORIAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Not everyone attending scientific meetings think that it is engaging and impactful and only some of the participants claimed the meetings they regularly attend deliver a positive experience.

EAAP annual meeting though has a very high level of attendee satisfaction. Every year we send to all participants a Survey to collect comments, evaluations and suggestions and every year the positive comments returned are the majority. Still we always pay attention to criticisms and suggestions because they help us to improve. After the experience of Tallinn, a few days ago, we sent the Survey to all participants. We received many answers already, but we are expecting much more. Therefore if you were in Tallinn and did not fill the questionnaire of the Survey, please do it - that is your way to help us to improve the quality of future meetings.

The landscape of scientific meetings and similar events is rapidly changing and EAAP believes that we are uniquely positioned to help animal scientists stay ahead of the change and deliver against their educational, professional and cultural objectives.

We are constantly aiming to understand what animal scientists and livestock technicians expect from scientific meetings and we must try to estimate future challenges for livestock industries and how meetings need to change to respond to those challenges.

As part of their overall learning journey, animal scientists attend scientific meetings to expand their knowledge, connect with peers, listen to thought-leaders and discuss new scientific advances.

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We believe that scientific meetings feature is the preferred channel for animal scientists to be updated about new developments. But will that always be the case?

With economic constraints and shifts in technology that facilitate remote learning, will animal scientists continue to travel around Europe for a scientific meeting taking precious days away from their daily activities and interests? Or will they become increasingly selective, looking for alternative informative channels and only attending meetings in person known to deliver a return on their objectives and time? These questions point to trends which look set to continue for the foreseeable future.

EAAP aims have been to find out what drives animal scientists to attend our meetings, what criteria they use in evaluating their value, and how they see the scientific meetings of the future evolving.

We believe that the more than 1000 persons, who were in Tallinn participating in our annual meeting, attended interesting scientific sessions, increased their network, presented their research to respected colleagues, had a good time with the great hospitality of the Estonian organizers. And we believe that they will show appreciation through the Survey, but we also already began working to improve further for next years annual meeting to be held in Dubrovnik (Croatia).

NEWS FROM EAAP

News from YoungEAAP
Young Scientist activities in Tallinn

As every year Young EAAP enjoyed to support the Young Train Session – Dairy innovation in research and extension. Congratulations again to the two winners of the competition! Carlotta Giromini was awarded with the Novus Award for her presentation entitled “A comparison of the in vitro ACE inhibitory capacity of dairy and plant proteins”. She obtained her Ph.D. in Biotechnologies applied to animal science and production from the University of Milan, Italy and is currently working as Post-doctoral fellow at the Department of Health, Animal Science and Food Safety at the University of Milan. Novus invites her to the US to present her work at the next Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Science Association. Enjoy the trip! Biaty Raymond received the Wageningen Academic Publisher Award for his talk on “Utility of whole genome sequence data for across breed genomic prediction”. Currently, he is Ph.D. candidate in Animal Breeding and Genomics at the Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands. He will get free admission to the next EAAP Annual Meeting. Phalla Miech (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) was the winner of the EAAP Rommert Politiek Award 2017 for the best poster, which was entitled “Growth of reared Cambodian field crickets (Teleogryllus testaceus) fed weeds, and agricultural and food industry by-products”. You can still have a look at it at the EAAP Facebook page!

On Wednesday the YoungEAAP Session on “Rules and guidelines for successful funding and research: Opportunities for young scientists” attracted many young scientists. Hans Spoolder (Wageningen Livestock Research), Claire Wathes (Royal Veterinary College London) and Gus Rose (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) gave us nice hints how to improve proposal writing. We will keep them in mind when we start to write a proposal next time! You can ask for the slides by mail to: christian.lambertz@unibz.it. After the session, networking was intensified in a nice atmosphere in the young scientist reception.
YoungEAAP board

During the last meeting in Tallinn the EAAP Council elected the new board of YoungEAAP, which is now composed of:

- Christian Lambertz, Free University of Bolzano, Italy, email: christian.lambertz@unibz.it (President)
- Anamarija Smetko, Croatian Agricultural Agency, Zagreb, Croatia, email: asmetko1@gmail.com (Secretary)
- Torun Wallgren, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden, email: torun.wallgren@slu.se (Secretary)

First of all, we thank Pauline Aad (Notre-Dame University of Lebanon) for her very enthusiastic effort during the last years in supporting YoungEAAP! We are happy to have Torun on board and will try to intensify the presence of young scientists at the EAAP. Please do not hesitate to get into contact with us!

First Amino Acid Academy this month!

The First Amino Acid Academy (http://amino-acid.eaap.org) will be held in Paris on September 28th and 29th in the amazing location of the Grand Amphithéâtre du Muséum within the National Museum of Natural History of Paris (www.mnhn.fr). EAAP and Ajinomoto Eurolysine S.A.S., jointly organizing the workshop, invited world-known speakers to share scientific papers and to effectively contribute to the dialogue between industry and scientific research. The workshop will be an in-depth opportunity to focus on the three pillars of sustainability: economy, society and environmental benefits from the protein and amino acid nutrition perspective. The entire program is available at http://amino-acid.eaap.org, where you can also find how to register on-line. If you are interested to participate you must speed up because there are still few available places.

Animal introduces new subsections: PLF and Health Management

Animal, the international Journal of animal biosciences, is celebrating over 10 years of collaboration between BSAS, EAAP and INRA. Its scope is centered on animal production and management practices. The Journal publishes around 250 high quality papers every year which is reflected in the current Impact Factor (IF) of 1.92. Animal, published by Cambridge University Press, is now ranked 5th out of 58 in the Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science sector. Contents are freely available one year after publication. 2018 will see two new subsections:

- The first one will be on Precision Livestock Farming, a new concept aimed at the development and implementation of animal-centric, sensor-based technologies to support husbandry and management decisions.
- The second one will be about Health Management, encompassing preventive medicine which is critical to limit development of diseases and the recourse to curative medicine in all types of production systems worldwide.

The promotion of Precision Livestock Farming and Health Management from the initial scope to new separate subsections will support the development of research in those areas.

Moreover, Animal has a new website! Here you will find more information on the Journal and how to...
Christian Lambertz was recently elected as president of the YoungEAAP club and served as secretary of YoungEAAP since its start in 2014.

Christian was born in 1983 in a small village in the centre of Germany and grew up close to the farm of his grandparents, where his interest in livestock farming was born. His dream since the first years in school was to start a deer farm. In 2010, this dream became true and he is now taking care of 20 fallow deer.

He studied Agricultural Sciences at the Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany and specialized from the beginning in Animal Science. He obtained his BSc (2006) and MSc (2008) in the field of Animal Nutrition and changed to the Livestock Production Systems Group, chaired by Matthias Gauly, for his Ph.D studies. In 2011, he obtained his Ph.D in Animal Sciences on “Immune response of Bos indicus cattle against the antigen Bm91 derived from local Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) microplus ticks and its effect on tick reproduction under natural infestation”. For these studies, he went to a commercial beef farm in the North of Thailand, immunized cattle against ticks and then collected ticks to measure their reproductive performance in response to the immunization. After his graduation, he continued to work as Post-doctoral fellow in the Livestock Production Systems Group. There he became involved in teaching at BSc and MSc level and co-supervised a number of BSc, MSc and
Ph.D theses. His research covers a wide range of species from cattle, pigs, poultry to small ruminants. He studied climatic effects in dairy cattle and sows on performance and health parameters. Later, he was involved in research projects assessing welfare in cattle and pig farms and evaluating alternative farrowing systems for sows. After his supervisor Matthias Gauly decided to move to South Tyrol (Italy), he followed him in 2015 to the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano. Besides teaching, he travelled across South Tyrol to collect faeces from sheep and goats and tests dual-purpose chicken in a mobile house.

He is married for 7 years to his wife Maren, which he met at high school. Besides enjoying spending time with their 3-year old son Noah, they enjoy travelling throughout Europe and being out in nature. In his spare time, Christian enjoys jogging or cycling up the mountains in the beautiful scenery of South Tyrol. In winter, he enjoys skiing with Matthias in the Dolomites. His motto is: Life is a journey, not a destination!

FROM SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

Prof Roel Veerkamp has been appointed as Head of the Breeding and Genomics department of Wageningen Livestock Research.

From the 1th of September the management team of Wageningen University and Research Animal Breeding and Genomics (WUR-ABG) is completed with the appointment of Prof Roel Veerkamp as head of the Breeding and Genomics department of Wageningen Livestock Research. Earlier this year Prof Martien Groenen was appointed as chair holder of Animal Breeding and Genetics group and Lucia Kaal as general manager of WUR-ABG. WUR-Animal Breeding and Genomics is a joint venture of the Department of Breeding and Genomics of Wageningen Livestock Research and the Chair Group Animal Breeding and Genetics. The management team shares on behalf of the founders, the responsibility to perform excellent animal breeding and genomics educations and science to create knowledge which contributes to sustainable livestock and fish production in an international context. Our robust research group of 90 enthusiastic members, combines fundamental biological, genomics and applied animal breeding research to remain the top supplier of well-trained animal breeders in the world. At the same time the group aims to develop even stronger connections with partners (breeding organisations, other stakeholders), international research organisations and with our collaborators within Wageningen University and Research.

Extra B vitamins profits pig performance

Adding extra B vitamins to the pig’s diet, on top of the requirements, has a positive effect on growth, carcass characteristics and feed intake. Researchers from the University of Kentucky in the US concluded this after conducting 3 experiments involving a total of 405 crossbred pigs. A common vitamin premix (VP) that provided adequate amounts of vitamins (4 fat-soluble and 7 B vitamins), was added at varied levels in the first 2 experiments and for different age groups. In the first experiments, weanling pigs with an initial body weight (BW) of 7.5 ± 0.2 kg were used. The results demonstrated that average daily gain (ADG) and average daily feed intake (ADFI) linearly increased (P < 0.005) with increasing VP levels during day 14–21, day 21–28, and the overall 28 day period. Read more on this topic on All About Feed.
Higher intake of poultry increases type 2 diabetes risk

Eating some cuts of poultry and red meat can increase the risk of people developing type two diabetes, according to new research by the Singapore-based Duke-NUS Medical School. The study involved recruiting 63,257 adults between the ages of 45 and 74 and following their eating habits for an average of 11 years. It found a positive association between intakes of red meat and poultry and the risk of developing diabetes, with those eating the most poultry having a 15% increase risk of diabetes compared to those in the lowest quartile. Read more on this topic on Poultry World.

FAO will support scientists to attend the World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production to be held in February 2018 in New Zealand.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will support scientists, from developing countries, who attend and present their work at the upcoming World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production to be held 11-16 February 2018 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Priority will be given to:

1. Scientists from Least Developed Countries
2. Scientists working within their home countries and with local genetic resources
3. Papers selected for oral presentations
4. Participants who require only partial funding, particularly those persons with alternative funds for their flight ticket

Furthermore, FAO will only support participants who have already obtained a visa for entry into New Zealand (www.immigration.govt.nz). Therefore, interested persons should begin the visa application process as soon as possible!

To be considered for support, please inform Mr Paul Boettcher (paul.boettcher@fao.org) of your interest.
when submitting your paper for the Congress, providing copies of the paper and summary and indicating the session to which it has been submitted. The submission deadline has been extended to 30 September 2017.

**Conditioning: A new way of feeding animals**

Through the use of nutritional programming, livestock animals can be ‘conditioned’ to be healthier or more productive. Vaughn Holder from Alltech clarifies this new, but somewhat complex, way of looking at feeding our farm animals. With new tools and techniques, such as genomics, we enter a new era of diet formulation for farm animals. But there are different terms circulating in the animal feed industry. Think of nutritional programming, nutrigenomics, epigenetics, blueprinting and conditioning. Are they all related? “Yes”, says Vaughn Holder, research project manager at animal nutrition company Alltech. “These concepts are all related, and – quite frankly – can be confusing at the same time. Read the full article on All About Feed.

**South Africa struggles to bring AI outbreak under control**

Avian influenza is continuing to spread across South Africa where 300,000 birds have been culled in the past 2 months. On Monday (28 August) at least 30,000 chickens were found to have died from the disease on a farm in the Paardeberg region of the Western Cape. Bird culls continue. South Africa’s Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) reported that its officials had culled a further 110,000 birds in a bid to control the disease. Read more on this topic on Poultry World.

**JOB OFFERS**

**Post-doctoral position at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Uppsala, Sweden)**

An accomplished post-doctoral position in population genetics is available at The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, in Uppsala. The post-doc will work within the ReDiverse project, an EC funded project on the biodiversity within and between European Red dairy breeds.

Main duties:

1. To investigate genetic connectedness between different populations, determine genomic relatedness and distances between breeds, and quantify the consequences of missing pedigree information on genetic analyses.

2. To take part in the management and reporting for this project and international project meetings.

3. To contribute to teaching, (co-) supervision of MSc and PhD students. The post offers ample access to training courses for both personal and professional development.

Main qualifications:

1. A PhD degree obtained in the last three years in Population Genetics or a comparable field, with demonstrable experience of working with outbred species. Additional
experience in quantitative genetics will be considered a strong merit.

2. An interest to work with the conservation of livestock species. We value your ability to interact successfully with colleagues with different backgrounds and levels of seniority.

3. A strong track record in scientific publications as well as some experience in research grant applications will be also considered merits for this position.

4. Excellent English, verbal and written skills.

5. Right personality traits.

Starting date: as soon as possible, temporary employment initially for two years.

The application, written in English, must be marked with Ref no. SLU ua 3311/2017 and include: 1) CV inclusive publication list, 2) Proof of PhD exam, 3) Description of resent research interests and a description of the research you want to evolve further (1-2 pages). Name and contact information for at least 2 contact persons. Please submit your application to the Registrar of SLU, P.O. Box 7070, SE-750 07 Uppsala, Sweden or registrator@slu.se no later than October 10, 2017.

For more information please read the [vacancy announcement](#).

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**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

**September 18th - 19th, 2017 in Karaj, Iran**

**World Goat Day 2017**

The World Goat Day Symposium (Commemoration, Exhibition and Tourism) will be held in Animal Science Research Institute of Iran, Karaj. This is an opportunity for policymakers, investors and scientists to discover the old historical heritage and potential forward in Small Ruminants production in Iran. The program will also include technical presentations and cultural exhibition with an arts and crafts marketplace, a show on the diversity of goat breeds and production systems in Iran, and their contribution in the livelihood of the community. For further information and updates, please visit the [conference website](#).
September 19th – 22nd, 2017 in Johannesburg, South Africa

13th African Dairy Conference & Exhibition (13th AfDa)

For more than a decade, the African Dairy Conference and Exhibition has brought the latest trends and developments in dairy, giving participants a deeper understanding of what is happening in the African dairy industry and the world at large. For more information and registration, please visit the 13th AfDa website.

September 20th – 22nd, 2017 in Hinxton, Cambridge, UK

Conference: Animal Genetics and Diseases

The conference will be hosted by Wellcome Genome Campus and will bring together specialists working on the interface between genomics, genetic engineering and infectious disease with the aim of improving animal and human health and welfare. The meeting will showcase recent advances in genomics, genome editing, and mathematical techniques to understand disease resistance, pathogen evolution and vaccination success. For further information and registrations, please visit the conference website.

September 21st – 24th, 2017 in Chania, Greece

8th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies in Agriculture, Food & Environment (HAICTA 2017)

HAICTA 2017 aims to bring together professionals, experts and researchers working on Information and Communication Technologies in Agriculture, Food and Environment. It additionally aims to emphasize on the applicability of ICT solutions to real industry cases and the respective challenges. The Conference will take place from the 21st to the 24th of September, 2017, in Chania (Crete, Greece). The event is co-organized by the Hellenic Association for Information and Communication Technologies in Agriculture, Food and Environment (HAICTA) and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh), in cooperation with several other Institutions. For further information on the event and paper submission, please visit HAICTA 2017 website.

September 28th – 29th, 2017 in Paris, France

Amino Acid Academy Workshop

“Amino Acid Nutrition and Sustainability” is the title of a workshop jointly organized by Ajinomoto Eurolysine and EAAP. Ajinomoto is a Japanese food and chemical corporation which produces seasonings, cooking oils, TV dinners, sweeteners, amino acids, and pharmaceuticals. The amino-acid production for animal use is the division of the company organizing this workshop with EAAP. The mission of such division of Ajinomoto is to provide products and services for animal feed additives with the best guarantee of safety for people and the environment. The workshop “Amino Acid Nutrition and Sustainability” will be held in Paris on 28th and 29th September 2017. Further information and registrations will be available on EAAP website and through the next EAAP Newsletters.

September 28th – 29th, 2017 in Balotesti, Romania

14th International Symposium of Animal Biology and Nutrition
The 14th International Symposium of Animal Biology and Nutrition will be held on September 28 - 29, in Balotesti, Romania and it is organized by the National Research-Development Institute for Animal Biology and Nutrition. The event gathers experts and scientist in biology and animal nutrition from all over the world, presenting their most recent research and current scientific trends. The main topics of the 14th Symposium will be: Quality and safety of animal products; Low input / sustainable animal production systems; Genetic biodiversity, breeding and reproduction; Feeding efficiency & environment; Animal welfare. For further information, please visit the symposium website.

**October 3rd – 5th, 2017 in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain**

Joint Seminar of the FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats: “Innovation for Sustainability in Sheep and Goats”

The seminar, which will be held in Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain) on 3-5 October 2017, will gather together the Subnetworks on Nutrition and Production Systems and it is jointly organized by Neiker-Tecnalia (The Basque Institute of Agricultural Research and Development), the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ-CIHEAM), and the H2020 project “iSAGE” (Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe), with the collaboration of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). You can find the complete announcement of the event and all relevant information at the seminar website.

**October 4th – 6th, 2017 in Colonia, Uruguay**


The National Institute for Agricultural Research (INIA) of Uruguay is eagerly organizing the 3rd Conference of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Animal Agriculture Production Systems of Latin America (GALA 2017). GALA 2017 will allow to share once more the scientific progress, the knowledge, and experience of colleagues from Latin America and from the rest of the world, strengthen the ambitious efforts of countries to combat climate change and adapt agricultural systems to its effects. GALA 2017 will have sessions on:
1. Quantification and mitigation of methane from agricultural systems;

2. Quantification and mitigation of nitrous oxide from agricultural systems;

3. Advances in GHG modeling;


For further information and registrations, please visit the GALA 2017 website.

**October 16th – 19th, 2017 in Batu, Indonesia**

**6th International Conference on Sustainable Animal Agriculture for Developing Countries (SAADC 2017)**

The 6th SAADC Conference will be held with the theme of: “Wisdom of Using Local Resources for Development of Sustainable Animal Production in Developing Countries”. Besides providing a platform for researchers and industry stakeholders to share science and experiences for the development of sustainable animal agriculture in the developing countries, a major focus of SAADC is to provide assistance to young scientists to prepare high quality scientific papers to be presented and discussed in the SAADC conference program and then published in reputed international scientific journals. For further information, please visit the [conference website](#).

**October 18th – 20th, 2017 in Budapest, Hungary**

**2nd World Conference on Innovative Animal Nutrition and Feeding**

The AK Congress, which is a member of the Wolters Kluwer Group (The Netherlands), organizes the 2nd World Conference on Innovative Animal Nutrition and Feeding (WIANF) on 18th-20th October, 2017 in Budapest, Hungary. EAAP is one of WIANF professional partners. The Conference aims to present how the latest developments of animal nutrition and related disciplines can be applied in animal nutrition to produce high quality and safe animal derived foods and to ensure production in a sustainable manner. For further information on the topics of the conference, registrations and abstracts submissions, please visit the [WIANF website](#).

**October 20th – 22nd, 2017, in Beijing, China**

**1st World Conference on Sheep**

The International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS), together with its host, Institute of Zoology Chinese Academy of Sciences, supporters and partners, will organize “The 1st World Conference on Sheep (WCS 2017)”, on 20-22 October 2017, in Beijing, the capital of China. The theme of WCS 2017 will be “Sheep Omics in a changing world”. If you are interested in give a talk, please submit your abstract at the conference webpage. For the details of the conference and the program, please visit the [conference website](#). Deadline for online registration: 22nd September 2017.

**October 25th – 27th, 2017, in Osijek, Croatia**

**International Scientific-Expert Conference on the Preservation of Animal Genetic Resources**
The conference is organized by the Croatian Agricultural Agency, the University of Zagreb, the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and the University of Zadar. It provides the possibility for verbal presentation, presentation via posters and the presentation of your institution/company or as a participant. For further information, please read the first notification of the conference.

October 29th to November 3rd, 2017 in Belfast, UK

**IDF World Dairy Summit**

Wide-ranging and engaging, the **IDF World Dairy Summit 2017** programme will provide a comprehensive examination of all the major issues making a difference to the world of dairy, as well as insights into how delegates can, in turn, make a difference to the sector’s future.

The conference opens on Monday 30th October with the World Dairy Political/Agricultural Leaders Forum. This brand-new Forum will provide a platform for the political and agricultural leaders that will shape the sector’s operating environment. This will be followed by the World Dairy Leaders Forum which will see senior company leaders discuss their vision for the sector’s future. The IDF will then showcase its work in the IDF Forum in the afternoon.

For further information and registrations, please visit the summit website.

**November 15th - 16th, 2017, in London, UK**

**Future of Biogas Europe 2017 Summit**

The “**Future of Biogas Europe 2017 Summit**”, organized by Active Communications International, will bring together senior executives and experts from the full value chain to provide a forum for all parties active in the field of anaerobic degradation of organic matter and renewable energy production in the form of biogas. Power producers, technology providers, agricultural sector, food and beverage industry, waste industry and leading technology and solution providers are all impacted by the development of biogas. The conference will provide a forum to discuss the latest challenges and developments making an impact on the industry. For further information and tickets, please visit the conference website.

**November 16th – 17th, 2017 in Liège, Belgium**

**Conference: Insects in feed or food?**
May 15th – 20th, 2018, in Wuhan, China

2nd International Conference “Insects to Feed the World” (IFW 2018)

The 2nd International Conference “Insects to Feed the World” aims to address all aspects related to insects as food and feed and will bring together research scientists, government officials and private sector representatives from the food and feed sector from both developing and developed countries. The overall objective of the conference is to further explore the potential of edible insects for food and feed security.

For more information, please get in contact with Dr. Longyu Zheng (Huazhong Agricultural University, China. Email: ly.zheng@mail.hzau.edu.cn), Dr. Arnold van Huis (Wageningen University, the Netherlands. Email: arnold.vanhuis@wur.nl), and Dr. Jeffery K. Tomberlin (Texas A&M University, USA. Email: jktomberlin@tamu.edu).

June 20th – 22nd, 2018, in Bozen – Bolzano, Italy

1st European Symposium on Livestock Farming in Mountain Areas

The Symposium is a joint initiative of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, the EURAC Research Center, FiBL Switzerland, Università degli studi di Padova and EAAP. It will be held for the first time in 2018 at the Eurac Research Center in Bozen-Bolzano. The overall objective of the Symposium is to bring together scientists that deal with questions regarding livestock farming in mountain areas in Europe. Mountain regions face challenges due to their environmental condition that affect the success of production and that are similar regardless of geographic location. Therefore, the symposium covers a broad range of topics including all species relevant to mountain farming. Invited speakers, theatre presentations as well as poster presentations are foreseen.

Important dates:
Call for abstracts: 12/2017
Deadline for submission of abstracts: 03/2018

Abstracts notifications and final programme: 04/2018

For further information please see the attachment or get in contact with Prof. Dr. Matthias Gauly (Matthias.Gauly@unibz.it).

**June 24th-27th, 2018, in Knoxville, TN, USA**

**JADSA Annual Conference and Tradeshow**

Mark your calendars now for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), the most comprehensive dairy science meeting in the world. As a global forum for professionals, educators, and students, the meeting will attract more than 1,500 dairy foods and production specialists with common but diverse interests in the future of dairy science. For further information and registrations, please visit [ADSA website](https://www.adsa.org/).

**August 27th - 31st, 2018 in Dubrovnik, Croatia**

**69th EAAP Annual Meeting (EAAP 2018)**

The Organising and the Scientific Committees are delighted to announce that Croatia has been chosen as the venue for the 69th Annual Meeting of the European Federation of Animal Science. The meeting will take place from 27th to 31st August 2018 in Dubrovnik, one of the most prominent tourist destinations in the Mediterranean. The venue for the meeting will be the Valamar Resort. EAAP 2018 builds on the success of previous EAAP meetings, and it will provide an excellent opportunity for scientists working with a wide range of animal species and in related disciplines to meet and discuss the latest developments in animal sciences. For registration and other information about the European animal science annual meeting, please visit [EAAP 2018 website](https://www.eaap.org/).

**September 5th-7th, 2018, in Utrecht, The Netherlands**

**6th European Veterinary Immunology Workshop**

The European Veterinary Immunology Group (EVIG) and the local organizing committee are organising the 6th EVIW, EVIW2018 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. Plenary and concurrent session topics will include:


Further information on registration, abstract submission and deadlines will be available soon at [https://www.eviw2018.com/](https://www.eviw2018.com/).

**September 3rd– 6th, 2019 in Leipzig, Germany**

**International Symposium on Ruminant Physiology**

The Symposium about Ruminant Physiology will be held in Germany in 2019 at the Kongresshalle am Zoo of Leipzig. The Symposium is the major international conference on ruminant physiology. It provides an overview of current, important scientific findings and areas of research in the physiology of ruminants of all kinds. For more information, please visit the [symposium website](https://www.eviw2018.com/).
“Every word has consequences. Every silence, too.”

(Jean-Paul Sartre)