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Bazer receives Pioneer Award at international symposium

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA – Dr. Fuller Bazer was recognized with the Pioneer Award at the 8th annual International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium held Sept. 3-7, 2010 in Anchorage, Alaska. Bazer is a regents fellow, distinguished professor and holder of the O.D. Butler Chair in the Department of Animal Science.

The Pioneer Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to science through the development of novel technologies, the creation of new knowledge, and the mentoring of the next generation of ruminant reproductive biologists.

Dr. Bazer has a comprehensive knowledge and passion for reproductive biology and its implications in the broader world of scientific research which has been acknowledged by his receipt of numerous awards. He has had a lifelong commitment to graduate education and training postdoctoral fellows, and his research has involved partnerships with more than 90 trainees (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows).



Livestock Judging Team starts fall competition season with 2nd place finish at National Barrow Show in Minnesota

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA – The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team finished in second place behind Western Illinois University at the National Barrow Show Contest in Austin, Minn., on Sept. 13, 2010.

Iowa State University and Oklahoma State University finished third and fourth, respectively.

A&M team member Joe Rathmann of Bastrop secured the highest overall individual award and teammate Lance Bearb of Churchpoint, La., was third high individual.

Team members include Webb Fields of Mt. Pleasant; Kevin Gleason of Waxahachie; Kaitlyn Grimshaw of Pleasanton; Rebecca

Hamilton of Woodbine, Md.; Cassidy Hayes of Port Lavaca; Casey Henly of St. Augustine; Kenton Kirkpatrick of Bryan; Kasey Lettunich of Stephenville; Chance Muehlstein of Kerrville; Corey Taylor of Humble; Dustin Valusek of Rosharon; Brian Weaver of Center Point; Caleb Wendt of Needville; Sydney Wilkinson of Trinidad, Colo.; and Paul Wunderlich of Brenham.

The team is coached by Carl Muntean, Cody Sloan and Jake Thorne and coordinated by Jake Franke.

The team competes Sept. 24 and 25 at the Flint Hills Classic in El Dorado, Kan., and the Mid-America Classic in Wichita, Kan.

Wu presents keynote lecture at international conference

PARMA, ITALY – Dr. Guoyao Wu presented a keynote lecture called “Biochemical and physiological limitations to efficiency of amino acid utilization for animal growth” at the 3rd International Conference on Energy and Protein Metabolism in Parma, Italy, held Sept. 6-11, 2010. Wu is a professor in the Department of Animal Science and University and AgriLife research faculty fellow.



Dairy Industry Short Course scheduled Oct. 12-14 in Amarillo

AMARILLO – Individuals interested in learning about large herd management and major issues facing the industry in the Southwest should plan to attend the Dairy Industry Short Course Oct. 12-14 at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 W. Interstate 40 in Amarillo.

This short course is specifically designed for individuals who are either new to the industry or wish to learn more about how large dairies operate in the Southwest, said Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas AgriLife Extension Service dairy specialist in Dallas.

The Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium, in conjunction with New Mexico State University and AgriLife Extension, developed this service course in response to industry requests, Jordan said. The industry wanted a shortened version of the successful Southern Great Plains Dairy

Consortium-Teaching program held for university students each summer.

The course will run daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for each of the three days and provide a knowledge foundation regarding the life cycle of the dairy cow for those individuals serving the industry, she said.

Pre-registration for the class, which is limited to 20 people, is required by Oct. 4. The cost is \$500 per person. Complete registration and schedule information can be obtained by visiting <http://texasdairymatters.org> and downloading the registration form or by calling Choyia Holley, 254-968-4144.

Specific presentations will include: calving and transition cow management; calf and heifer raising; lactating herd management (nutrition, reproduction, health and lactation); environmental issues such as air, water

and nutrient management; economic impact; and labor management.

Instructors include: Dr. Todd Bilby, AgriLife Extension and Texas AgriLife Research, Stephenville; Dr. Ralph Bruno, AgriLife Extension, Canyon; Jordan; Kevin Lager, AgriLife Extension, Canyon; and Dr. Robert Hagevoort, New Mexico State University Extension, Portales, N.M.

The Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium is a multi-university, multi-disciplinary and inter-agency consortium focused on developing and adapting technologies in an environmentally sound manner, as well as delivering educational programs to enhance the efficiency and quality of milk production and processing and their related impact on the Southern Great Plains economy and dairy industry.

Upcoming events

CenTex Beef Cattle Symposium (Sept. 24, 2010 - McGregor Research Center) - For more information, go to <http://agnews.tamu.edu/showstory.php?id=2072>.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (Sept. 29, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - noon) - Dr. Gary Snowden, associate director for the Institute for Countermeasures Against Agricultural Bioterrorism, will present, "Overview of the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense." For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Coffee Break (Oct. 1, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.) - Animal Science faculty, staff and graduate students are invited. For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Saddle & Sirloin Fall BBQ (Oct. 5, 2010 - TAMU Beef Center) - For more information, contact Colton Atkins at <coltonatkins07@tamu.edu>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Meeting (Oct. 13, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 5:15 p.m.) - For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.



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