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Association Suisse pour les Sciences Animales
Swiss Association for Animal Sciences

December 2022

Dear Members of the Swiss Association for Animal Sciences

Fortunately, we were able to enjoy a return to a new normal in 2022 with regard to the Corona pandemic. This has enabled many of us to meet up with old acquaintances and make new contacts at small and large events. Unfortunately, however, many new uncertainties have emerged as a result of the war in Ukraine and its global consequences, which also confront the livestock sector.

In September this year we sadly received the news that our Honorary Member Prof. Dr. Niklaus Künzi has passed away. Many of us will fondly remember him as a passionate professor of animal breeding at the ETH. Prof. Niklaus Künzi had a great influence on Swiss animal breeding for many years and he played a leading role in the SAAS for many years, for which we are very grateful to him.

We would like to thank you for your loyal membership. With your network, you can help us to attract new members. At the end of this letter, you will find the web address of our homepage where new members can register. With its activities, the SAAS builds bridges between science and practice in the fields of genetics, nutrition, husbandry, health, physiology and animal welfare, and this for all major animal species. Every person working in the livestock sector is therefore a potential member of SAAS!

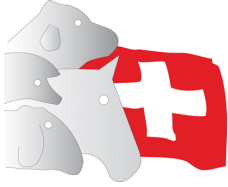
We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to register as an **individual member of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP)** (<https://members.eaap.org/apply>). This is free of charge for SAAS members and gives you the opportunity to be part of the largest European network in the field of animal science. In addition, EAAP individual members benefit from discounted participation fees for the annual EAAP Annual Conference. For further details, please see the enclosed letter from the EAAP President. Another good reason to become an SAAS member.

In future, we will mainly rely on **electronic communication**. We will only send paper documents and letters at your express request. With next February's annual statement, you will therefore receive your contact details deposited with us for checking purposes.

As usual, we would also like to draw your attention to two exciting events next year:

The SAAS spring meeting will be held at HAFL in Zollikofen on Wednesday 19 April 2023. The meeting will this year again be devoted to current Swiss research. The call for abstracts will be sent out by e-mail in January. Invited presentations will be devoted to the implementation of research results in practice. Our **General Assembly** will take place before the meeting. Please reserve the date and think about contributions you would like to submit to the meeting - this conference lives from you and your collaborators!

The **annual meeting of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP)** will take place in Lyon from 26 August to 1 September 2023. This year, there is an almost unique opportunity to attend the **World Association for Animal Production (WAAP) World Conference** and the **Interbull** Conference there at the same time. The latest scientific findings will



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be presented in the various disciplines of animal science. For more information, please visit www.eaap2023.org.

Thanks to sponsorship agreements, SAAS can financially support **young scientists** not only for presentations at these and other conferences, but also for education and training abroad. Please check our website (link below) for more information.

The SAAS would like to thank all sponsors who support the fund for the promotion of young talents. The main sponsors are listed at the end of this letter.

Thank you very much for your loyalty and support! We wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Kind regards

Swiss Association for Animal Sciences

Dr. Veronika Maurer
President

Beat Bapst
Managing Director

PS:

At the beginning of the year, the SAAS Board, together with an external consultant, carries out an assessment of the current situation of the association. We would like to hear the opinions of our members at two online meetings with MIRO-boards. We cordially invite you to participate in this process and to share your expectations/opinions with us. Please reserve one of the following dates:

Wednesday 8 February from 16:00-17:00

Thursday 16 February 12:15-13:15

In the course of January we will send you the access data and further information by e-mail. We look forward to your cooperation. Thank you very much!

New SVT members can register here:

<https://www.svt-assa.ch/mitglied-werden.html>

And here you can find information on the promotion of young talent by SVT:

<https://www.svt-assa.ch/nachwuchsfoerderung.html>

We thank our main sponsors of the youth development!

A junior promoter:

- **Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association (ASR)** (www.asr-ch.ch)

B junior promoters:

- **UFA AG** (www.ufa.ch)
- **Covetrus/Provet AG** (www.covetrus.ch)
- 1 place as a B junior supporter is still available. If you are interested, please contact our office.

We would also like to thank all sponsors of the EAAP Conference in Davos who waived their contribution in favour of the Young Scientists Fund.

From: Isabel Casasús
President of the European Federation of Animal Science (2020 - 2024)

To: Swiss Association for Animal Science
Switzerland

Presentation of EAAP to national members

The European Federation for Animal Science (EAAP, www.eaap.org/) is a non-profit international organization that aims to promote research, dialogue and dissemination of animal science findings amongst scientific communities, agri-food industries, civil society and groups with interests in sustainable livestock production. The federation was founded in 1949, and has its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

The EAAP has currently 34 member countries, 24 of which are members of the European Union and three belong to the Mediterranean area. These country members participate in the governance of EAAP through its General Assembly, where all members are represented and have a vote, and the Council, where 10 council members representing these countries are in charge of the day-to-day management of EAAP. We currently have more than 4600 individual members from over 900 institutions.

In the case of Switzerland, the representative is the Swiss Association for Animal Science, which allows all Swiss residents and members of the Association to become individual members of EAAP for free (members.eaap.org/apply). Individual members have access to all the activities and information generated by EAAP and become part of the largest network in animal science, which provides excellent opportunities for knowledge exchange, dissemination and partnership at the European level and beyond.

Our scientific structure involves 11 Study Commissions, focused on livestock species (Cattle, Pigs, Sheep and Goat, Horses, Insects) or disciplines (Genetics, Health and Welfare, Nutrition, Physiology, Livestock Farming Systems, Precision Livestock Farming), and 14 Working Groups, dealing with specific regions or emerging topics (<https://www.eaap.org/study-commissions/>). Across these groups, the Young EAAP integrates researchers in their early career, offering specific activities and scholarships. Vacant positions are open in these commissions every year for scientists and industry representatives.

The most well-known activity of EAAP is our Annual Meeting, one of the most important animal science meetings in the world, and certainly the most important in Europe and the Mediterranean area. The last one was held in Porto (Portugal) from the 5th to the 9th of September 2022 (www.eaap2022.org/), and in the following years we will meet in Lyon (2023), Florence (2024) and Innsbruck (2025). Information from past and future meetings is available on the EAAP website, as well as the publications, presentations and videos offered by the speakers at these meetings (<https://meetings.eaap.org/>, <https://members.eaap.org/>). Throughout the year we also organize industry workshops, conferences and training courses, as well as monthly webinars on different topics related to animal science and livestock industry

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(<https://meetings.eaap.org/webinar/>). EAAP also participates as partner in charge of the dissemination of 12 EU projects (<https://www.eaap.org/eu-projects/>).

Our dissemination network consists of our website, social media and biweekly newsletters, together with other publications like our Books of Abstracts or our journals. Regarding the latter, EAAP is part of the animal consortium, responsible for the publication of the academic journal *animal*, *animal-science proceedings*, and *animal – open space*, all published by Elsevier (animal-journal.eu/). EAAP is also partner in the journal *Animal Frontiers* (academic.oup.com/af), aimed for larger dissemination of global issues in animal agriculture.

Finally, EAAP cooperates with several partners at the European and global level, fostering the interaction between science, the agri-food and livestock industry, civil society and policy representatives, especially those involved with agriculture and research programmes. Our network comprises the national animal science societies that are part of the federation, as well as other international societies like the World Association for Animal Production, the Latin American Association for Animal Production, Canadian and American Societies of Animal Science, and the American Dairy Science Association, with which we have a regular exchange of speakers and scholarships. EAAP also collaborates with the major international organizations in the field of animal farming, like the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Organization for Animal Health, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies, the Animal Task Force, the European Regional Focal Point for Genetic Resources or the International Committee for Animal Recording, with which we organize regular meetings and joint sessions.

Specific services to EAAP individual members

- Possibility to participate to EAAP management and scientific groups (Council, Working Groups, Study Commissions)
- Networking with research institutes, industries and scientists at the European and world level facilitated by EAAP, as well as promoting partnerships for international R&D projects
- Participation to the EAAP annual meeting, conferences and workshops at a discounted registration fee
- Bundle discounted memberships with other international organizations (currently ASAS)
- Participate for free to the EAAP webinars that are organized monthly
- Receiving by e-mail the EAAP Newsletter published every two weeks that is translated in four national languages www.eaap.org/publications/translated-newsletters/, and information about our open access journals and other publications also in through our social media
- Free access to the EAAP Restricted Site (members.eaap.org/) with many additional services and the opportunity for networking within the 4600-member database, with several community groups.

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- Free access exclusive to individual members to books of abstracts, presentations and videos of EAAP meetings, conferences, webinars and other resources
- Participation in the Young EAAP (www.eaap.org/young-club/), for scientists under 35 years of age or within 10 years after graduating as PhD, with specific activities and 20 scholarships offered annually for young scientists presenting their research at the EAAP annual meeting.

The European Federation for Animal Science would like to express their gratitude to the the Swiss Association for Animal Science for its support. We kindly ask to disseminate this information about EAAP to animal scientists, students, technicians and stakeholders in your livestock farming sector, and encourage them to become individual members of EAAP and enjoy the benefits of being part of our network.

Isabel Casasús

President of EAAP (2020 - 2024)

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