President’s Piece

May 2019

Conference time is coming around fast again – the editorial office is a hive of activity with papers going through the editorial process. The Society is grateful to the many reviewers of papers this year for their timely responses and constructive feedback, and we are looking forward to an excellent programme in July.

A highlight of our conference programme this year is the farmer day. We’d like to remind farmer members that we have discounted conference registration for farmers, and we’d like to see a good turnout of farmers to stimulate some good farmer-scientist interaction. This really is a good symbiotic relationship; we both have so much to learn from each other.

Behind the scenes at NZSAP currently we have a few plans in action. You may have noticed that the hardcopy of the Journal has included abstracts from the NZ Sheep Dairy Conference in recent years. In 2019, it will also include abstracts from the NZ Parasitology Conference. We are also looking at increasing our online database to include some key historical New Zealand animal science publications. Watch this space.

Animal production is in an interesting and ever-evolving space. There are some exciting projects happening throughout New Zealand at the moment, and as always, we need to be thinking about future needs and challenges. The speed at which the landscape is changing has been brought home to me at a personal level recently – many of you know I had a baby early in 2019. What is less well known is that like my first baby (born 9 years earlier), he is intolerant to cow’s milk protein and in order to feed him, I am eating a dairy-free diet for his first year. Nine years ago, this was difficult, and largely required changing my diet drastically to avoid foods that would normally include milk/yoghurt/cheese etc. In 2019, I have been able to simply substitute a plant-based alternative for almost everything, without requiring much effort at all. And, they taste good! (Ok, vegan cheese is nowhere near as good as real cheese, but give them another 9 years and then see...). The competition is here, I’m excited to watch our animal production systems meet the challenge.

Finally, the management committee will have a few spaces on it at the upcoming AGM. If you or someone you know are interested in a committee role, contact myself or Vice President Rene Corner-Thomas. See you all in Palmy in July.

Rebecca Hickson
NZSAP President
MURRAY WOOLFORD YOUNG DAIRY SCIENTIST AWARD

The management committee is pleased to announce we are calling for applications for the first award of the Murray Woolford Young Dairy Scientist Award in the July round.

The objectives of the Award are to provide opportunities for early career scientists (less than 10 years following Award of PhD) to build their professional network by travelling to research institutions, technology development companies, or dairy industry organisations in countries engaging in dairy production. In particular, the Award is intended to support the acquisition of new technical skills or exposure to new ideas through travel to a conference and/or visits to relevant organisations that have the potential to benefit the New Zealand dairy sector. Preference will be given to applicants displaying a passion for innovation, creativity and lateral thinking in their current research program.

See the awards page on the website for more details

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NZSAP CONFERENCE 2019 UPDATE

The organisation of the 2019 NZSAP conference is progressing well. The organising committee has engaged the services of Nicky Vallender from EventIT as Conference Organiser. The 2019 NZSAP conference will be held at Massey University, Palmerston North from 2nd to 4th July 2019. The conference will start at 10am on 2nd July to allow attendees to travel on the day.

Accommodation is available at Massey University in student accommodation or in Palmerston North City (details on accommodation options are included on the NZSAP website). A farmer day has been organised for Wednesday 3rd July and will showcase a range of applied research, a series of field visits and a BBQ/networking hour.


We would also like to thank our 2019 NZSAP conference sponsors:

Lydia Cranston
On Behalf of the Conference Organising Committee
NZSAP PROCEEDINGS — FREE ONLINE

The proceedings of the NZSAP is open access and can be accessed using the following link: www.nzsap.org/proceedings

NOTICES

Save the date!

9th MODNUT will be held at Itamambuca Eco Resort, Ubatuba, Brazil from Saturday, September 14th to Monday, September 16th 2019. MODNUT is an international workshop that offers the opportunity to network, present, and learn from colleagues who are engaged in modelling applications to Animal Science. MODNUT attracts around 100 delegates from across the globe to present their latest research findings.

The 7th GGAA — Greenhouse Gas and Animal Agriculture Conference will be held from August 4 to 10 at the Hotel Golden Park Internacional Foz Convention and Events Center, in the city of Foz do Iguassu/PR. This is the premium international event on the subject of greenhouse gas emissions due to animal agricultural practices and takes place every 3 years, moving from continent to continent and 2019 will mark the first time in Latin America.
The NZSAP would like to welcome our new members:

- Kimberly Capdevila
- Marvin Pangborn
- Lukshman Ekanayake
- Konagh Garrett
- Kelly Froehlich
- Jo Holter
- Matthew Beck
- Timothy Luke
- Ying Chin
- Yangfan Ye
- Jacobus Kok
- Yang Li
- Omar Al Marashdeh
- Thomas Maxwell

**TO NOMINATE SOMEBODY FOR A POSITION ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO THE EXEC. SECRETARY NZSAP.INC@GMAIL.COM:**

- Position
- Name of Nominee (Printed) and signature of Nominee
- Proposer (Print name) and Proposer’s signature
- Seconder (Print name) and signature of Seconder
- Date

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Email: Kirsty.Hammond@agresearch.co.nz
The 78th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Animal Production Inc. will be held at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

**Agenda**

- Apologies
- Minutes from 2018 Meeting
- Matters Arising
- Presidential Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Editor’s Report
- Publication Manager’s Report
- Election of Officers
- General Business
- Awards

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**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2018**

Meeting Date: 11 July 2018  
Meeting Time: 17:00 h  
Meeting Place: Stewart 2, Lincoln University, Lincoln, New Zealand

President Rachael Bryant declared the meeting open at 17:15 h on the 11th July 2018.

In attendance: 29 members.

**Apologies**

Grant Edwards, Sara Pain, Kirsty Hammond, Kate Crookston.

*Apologies received and accepted.*  

**Approval of Minutes**

No errors were identified in the previous minutes.

Motion that the minutes of the AGM held on the 28th of June 2017, as circulated in the newsletter, are accepted as a true and correct record.


**Matters arising from the minutes**

None.
President’s Report

Key points:

- **Membership:**
  - 150 financial members at 31 December 2017
  - Decrease from last reported membership (195)
  - Since December 2013, members that have been inactive for two years have been removed

- **Finances (as at year end 31st December 2017):**
  - Net assets $635,006
  - Total revenue $45,984 and expenditure $73,674
  - Net deficit (after impairment of investments) of $20,976.

- **Travel Awards and sponsorship:**
  - Animal Science Awards: Rhiannon Handcock, Isabel Tait, Emma Pettigrew.
  - Allan Crawford Travel Awards (formerly AgResearch Animal Genomics Award): Mary Wheeler, Neville Amyes, Sharon Hickey, Wendy Bain and Hannah Henry.
  - The Society continued its sponsorship of the Future Beef – Hoof & Hook program.

- **The NZSAP objectives are:**
  - To provide an organisation to bring about active collaboration among those involved in the science of producing food, fibre and other products from livestock.
  - To provide an annual meeting for members which will encourage both intra- and interdisciplinary exchange and discussion of findings.
  - To assist young people in a manner which develops an interest in the science of food and fibre production.
  - To provide visions for the future of animal production in New Zealand.
  - To promote the value of science in the development of animal production.
  - To take such action as may be deemed necessary to foster improvement in animal production.

- **Awards in 2017:**
  - McMeekan Memorial Award: Steve Davis
  - Sir Arthur Ward Award: Sheryl-Anne Newman
  - Young Members Award: Charlotte Reed
  - Lincoln University Centennial Award: Not awarded in 2017
  - NZSAP Jubilee Anniversary Award: Massey University: Tracy Ferguson
  - Lincoln University: Jack Scahill
  - NZSAP Innovation Award: Not awarded in 2017
  - Living Legend Lecture: Garry Waghorn
  - Life Member: John McEwan
  - Technician Award: Dean Burnham

Move that the President’s report be accepted. Moved: Rachael Bryant. Seconded: John Booker. Carried.

Treasurer’s report

Presented by Thomas Lopdell.

Key points:
• Revenue of $65,202 which is approximately $2,000 down on previous year. Expenditure $48,342 which is down from 2014. This resulted in a net surplus, after impairment of investments of $14,196.

• Main items of note in revenue were:
  o Conference income of $2,893 which was up on previous year.
  o Interest similar to previous year
  o Proceedings sales are down from previous year by approximately $3,000, but Occasional Publication sales increased by approximately $4,000 from previous year.
  o No longer receive any income from SciQuest, now that the Proceedings are open access.

• Main items of note in expenditure were:
  o Audit fees are up by approximately $500 on last year.
  o Awards substantially decreased. Nearly $18,000 less monies were awarded in 2015 than in 2014.
  o Publications and printing costs were significantly down from 2014.

• Closing equity of $652,623.
  o Total Assets: $675,670 which is comprised of Current Assets of $63,919 and Non-current assets of $611,571.
  o Total liabilities have increased by approximately $1,000.

• Murray Woolford Young Dairy Scientist Award
  o There is no award criteria yet, and there has not yet been sufficient interest to award a substantial amount of money.

Move that the treasurer’s annual financial report as circulated be accepted as an accurate record of the Society’s accounts.
Moved: Thomas Lopdell. Seconded: Rebecca Hickson. Carried.

Move that the annual subscriptions for 2018-19 remain at $95 for full members, $47.50 for student and retired members and US$95 for overseas members outside Australia.
Moved: Thomas Lopdell. Seconded: Sam Peterson. Carried.

Move that the cost of Occasional Publications remain the same for the 2018-19 year.
Moved: Thomas Lopdell. Seconded: John Booker. Carried.

Move that the AGM give leave to the Management Committee to appoint Auditors for the Society accounts in the 2018 financial year.

Editor’s report

Presented by Sam Peterson.

• The Editor’s job is to:
  o Make your paper read well and correctly
  o Maintain the style and standard of the Journal
  o Publish the Journal
  o Follow society guidelines
  o If you don't like red ink, don't submit a paper
If you don’t follow the editor’s instructions/suggestions please tell the editor and say why. I’m not infallible!

- **In 2018:**
  - 6 papers rejected 8 withdrawn
  - Finally 44 papers plus living legend (24% culled)
  - The Journal costs the Society about $13,000 per year

- **Communication:**
  - For editorial matters always use the editor’s email address (so it does not get lost in the Massey spam detector or my email inbox)
  - Associate Editor: Emma Pettigrew handles the email unless it is controversial or contains messages for me

- **Reviewing:**
  - My thanks to reviewers – especially those who are prompt
  - The Society depends upon the generosity of reviewers to give their time
  - Reviewers are suggested by the committee
  - Best reviewers provide positive and negative feedback
  - More outright rejections this year than usual
  - Most do an excellent job
  - If you are likely to do little or nothing and do it late please decline the request EARLY and perhaps suggest an alternative.

- **Reviewer’s anonymity**
  - If you use “track changes”
    - your identity can be determined
    - we can remove your visible details but never erase your actions completely.
    - It would help us if reviewers removed their ID from files, but computer experts can still ID you.
    - If you write your report in a word document or in an email, we can lift the text into a new “clean” file.
  - We can then send your anonymous report to the authors

- **Authors:**
  - To annoy the editor:
    - Format your paper for another journal
    - Ignore my corrections and suggestions
    - Make the same errors in new text and corrections (and on conference slides)
    - Submit so late that you can’t get though the reviews and do corrections in time
  - Should not assume that they have correctly identified the reviewer
    - Not every tough reviewer is Garry Waghorn

- Any feedback on the new format is appreciated.
- If there are minor errors (punctuation etc.) in papers that can be fixed in the online PDFs, that is possible. If there is an error in the data, this would have to be a separate retraction.

- Andy Greer suggested a list of publications with corrections, and the date these were made.

Move that the Editor’s report be accepted. Moved: Sam Peterson. Seconded: Nicola Schreurs. Carried.
Publication manager’s report
Presented by René Corner-Thomas.

- Occasional Publications 14 (Pastures and Supplements for Grazing Animals) has been updated and is now available through the website.

_Move that the publication manager’s report be accepted. Moved: René Corner-Thomas. Seconded: Kathryn McRae. Carried._

Election of officers (2018-2019)
Nominations for the following positions were received:

- Past-president: Racheal Bryant (Lincoln University)
- President: Rebecca Hickson (Massey University)
- Vice President: René Corner-Thomas (Massey University)
- Treasurer: Thomas Lopdell (LIC)
- Secretary
- Newsletter: Kirsty Hammond
- Publication Manager
- Website Manager: Sara Pain (Massey University)
- Conference Organiser: Lydia Cranston
- Co-opted member: John Booker (farmer liaison)
- Co-opted member: Mark Illston (farmer liaison)
- Executive Secretary: Pauline Penkith
- Proceedings Editor: Sam Peterson (Massey University)

8.1 Succession planning for treasurer
Need a succession plan for Thomas in the next six months. There were several suggestions to follow up: Chris Rodgers (Massey University), Jen Burke (Massey University) and Arjan Jonker (AgResearch).

8.2 Nominations for Minutes Secretary
Nick Sneddon (Fonterra) was nominated for Minutes Secretary.

8.3 Nominations for Publications Manager
Kathryn Hutchinson (AgResearch) was nominated for Publications Manager.

8.4 Nominations for Student Representative
Anita Flemming (Lincoln University) was nominated for the student representative.
Moved: Rachael Bryant. Seconded: Lucy Burrows.

_Move that the above officers are declared elected._
Moved: Rachael Bryant. Seconded: Chris Logan. Carried by acclamation.

General Business

9.1 Membership and registration fees for students, farmers and retirees
Rachael Bryant spoke to this.
John Booker also spoke to the value of farmer members, who can be put off by the cost of attending the conference. There also needs to be some discussion around how a farmer is defined before the next conference.

Move that conference registration for students is free, if students are members of NZSAP. Also move that conference registration is half price for non-member students, farmer members, and retired members.
Moved: Rachael Bryant. Seconded: Jamie Ward. Carried by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 18:12 h until the conference dinner.

Meeting reconvened at 19:36 h on 11th July 2018 at the Conference Dinner, Te Kete Ika Dining Hall, Lincoln University.

Awards
- Awards in 2018:
  - McMeekan Memorial Award: Nicolas Lopez-Villalobos
  - Sir Arthur Ward Award: LIC
  - Young Members Award: Megan Scholtens
  - Lincoln University Centennial Award: Not awarded
  - NZSAP Jubilee Anniversary Award: Massey University: Lily Hare
  - Lincoln University: Andrew Milsom
  - NZSAP Innovation Award: Not awarded
  - Landcorp Farming Ltd Lecture: Not presented
  - Living Legend Lecture: Andrew Sykes
  - Life Member: Ian Brookes

Meeting finished at 20:88 h, 11th July 2018.