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63RD EAAP ANNUAL MEETING BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

The abstract book of the annual meeting is now ready to go to print. The publisher Wageningen Academic Publisher (namely Mike Jacobs and his team), the chair of the Scientific Committee, Geoff Pollott, and members of all commissions worked hard to make this possible. The abstract book is a teamwork and has fixed time of deliverance and standards quality to respect.

Please remember that if you sent an abstract that was approved and you have not registered in time, your abstract will not appear in the book. But if you still wish to attend to Bratislava meeting, you can register on site or on the www.eaap2012.org website. Your paper will automatically be converted as a poster and the author can bring it in poster form and displayed it at the meeting. The abstract will then be published only on-line. This possibility works only for the abstracts that were accepted and not published in the abstract books because the author did register only after the deadline.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM FINALIZED!

Now that the scientific programme is confirmed and can be found on www.eaap2012.org/en/scientific-programme

BRATISLAVA and SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The EAAP annual meeting is always an opportunity to discover one city and one country of Europe. This year we are having our annual meeting for the first time in Slovakia. The country is a small and wonderful place in the heart of Europe. With the Tatra mountains, the Danube plains and woods surrounding fascinating ancient castles. Slovakia is also famous for the thermal sites. The cities of Slovakia are all worth a visit and the countryside is really wonderful, having all necessary to catch the attentions of the visitors: mountains, blue lakes, woods, plains rich in agriculture products.

The country of Slovakia has a little more of 5 millions inhabitants and is a landlock country being surrounded by Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria and Czech Republic.

The inhabitants are slovakina with a significant Hungarian minority.

The slovakian agriculture sector accomplishes for around 3% of the national product and is mainly based on wheat, barley, corn, potato and sugarbeet. The livestock industry is mainly made out of swine and cattle breeding.

Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is located on both banks of the river Danube and at the foot of the Carpathian mountain range. It is the seat of the Slovak president, parliament and the executive branch of the government. There are several universities, museums, theatres, galleries and other important cultural and educational institutions. Many of Slovakia's large businesses and financial institutions are also headquartered there. Bratislava is a city with a rich history. First settlements in the area of the present town date back to 5000 BC. During the years 1536-1784, in the period of the Turkish expansion, Bratislava became the seat of the Hungarian Parliament and the coronation town. Many Hungarian kings and queens were crowned in the gothic St. Martin's cathedral; Maria Theresa Habsburg being one of them. In 1886 the Slovak National Theatre was built. In 1918 Bratislava became the administrative, economic, political and cultural centre of Slovakia

within the newly established Czechoslovak Republic. Since 1st January 1993 Bratislava is the capital of the Slovak Republic.

Today Bratislava is a modern city and it has recently undergone a great reconstruction and cultural reawakening. The unique UFO-style New Bridge contains an eponymous bar high above the river. The pedestrian decks of the New and Old Bridges are good places to watch the river traffic, including huge Danube barges glide past. Alternatively, you can take to the water yourself: daily hydrofoil services link the city with nearby Vienna.

The monetary unit of the Slovak Republic is the Euro and the electrical system is 220 V, 50 Hz and the outlets are of two-round pin type.

The weather in Bratislava in August is usually sunny and hot with day temperature 20 - 30 °C (extremely 35) and night temperature 15 – 20 °C. Summer storms are very common.

The Castle (Bratislavský hrad) is the most famous landmark of Bratislava and well worth a visit.



Animal Impact Factor surges by 20% to reach 1.744



Animal, the International Journal of Animal Biosciences, has increased its impact factor (IF) to 1.744 and is now ranked 8 out of 55 in the category 'Agriculture Dairy and Animal Science'.

Animal, which was launched in 2007 by EAAP, INRA and BSAS has increased its influence and scientific quality to be amongst the leading journals in its category. Andrea Rosati, the Secretary General of EAAP said: "This is an excellent result for the journal and I want to thank all the authors, reviewers, editorial team and the publishers (Cambridge University Press) for this success. However we must continue to improve. We know how important it is for animal scientists to publish in high IF journals. We have increased our page numbers to cope with the increased submissions and we will be producing further special issues in hot topics to ensure that Animal publishes the best in Animal Science".



Obituary

EAAP is sad to report that Jean-Claude Flamant passed away on June 19th. Jean-Claude was an agricultural engineer specialized in quantitative genetics. He worked first in INRA centre in Jouy-en-Josas and then he went to work in Toulouse where, among the other activities, he developed the selection system of dairy sheep and he was President of the INRA centre of Toulouse. He was an assiduous participant of the EAAP activities, never missing an annual meeting and organised the very successful 41st Annual meeting in Toulouse (France) in 1990. For some years, he was the organizer of the EAAP "round table" a sort of discussion forum. He created a new magazine that he managed until now, "Mission des Agrobiosciences". Jean-Claude Flamant had many positive qualities and knowledge that are very rare to find in the same person. He had a large expertise of agriculture sector from all over the world. It was difficult to find a sector in agriculture in which he did not have competency. He also was passionate



Jean-Claude Flamant (on the right) with the the EAAP Past-President Aimé Aumaitre (on the left).

with the perspectives; he used his expertise and personal gifts to make sound predictions and perspectives. He was one of those persons that we need now more than before. In a period in which most of scientists become specialized in a narrow subject, our world needs people like Jean-Claude who was able to have a general view and to be able to make perspectives for guiding our society to take the right direction. We will miss his expertise but mainly we will miss his person.