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FASS Announces Release of CD; Product of Successful Avian Influenza Seminar

Savoy, IL.—The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) has recently held another seminar in the professional series program. The full-day event, held April 29, 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia, was entitled, "Avian Influenza: The Emerging Global Impact." Seventy participants attended the seminar, representing industry, academia, veterinarians, media, commodity groups, and research scientists. For those unable to attend, the seminar CD product is being offered through the FASS e-commerce site or is available by calling the FASS Headquarters office to request such product.

Speakers at the event included David Swayne, Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory; Jack Shere, Western Region, USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services; Annette Whiteford, California Department of Food & Agriculture; Thomas J. Myers, USDA-APHIS; Kevin Walker, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture; Nathaniel Tablante, University of Maryland; Bruce Stewart-Brown, Perdue Farms; Dennis Senne, National Veterinary Services Laboratory; Jackie Katz, Immunology and Viral Pathogenesis Unit, Influenza Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Fidel Heggngi, USDA-APHIS-VS, National Animal Health Policy and Programs, Certifications and Control Team (Poultry Programs); Susan Trock, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; and Jeremy Stump, Homeland Security Director, Office of the Secretary, USDA. With the exception of one presentation, each speaker provided his/her PowerPoint presentation for distribution on the CD product available from FASS. For details on the speakers and presentations, see the FASS web site at <http://www.fass.org/publications/ai.asp>. The CD product is available for \$40.

As a testament to the success of the seminar, recorded here are some of the comments from attendees:

"I thoroughly enjoyed this conference. I feel that AI was addressed from most all of the different aspects of the current situation. I learned a lot today."

"Great job!"

"This seminar set the awareness of Avian Influenza as a true health or social issue."

Equally pleased with the success of the event was Dr. Gary Cromwell, Chair of the FASS Food Safety, Animal Drugs, and Animal Health Standing Scientific Committee, the group from which the smaller planning committee for the event was borne.

"This seminar was of great interest to a variety of individuals, as the content ranged from discussion of diagnosis to eradication to human crossover to bioterrorism. I am pleased to have chaired the FASS committee responsible for developing a program for such a vast audience. Our planning committee created a thoughtful and informative forum to address this critical topic of importance to so many stakeholders in food and animal safety."

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FASS extends its sincere appreciation to the sponsors of this event for their generous donations and philosophical support of open and engaging discussions of Avian Influenza:

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For more information on this event or to order a CD of the presentations from the day's activity, contact Amy Kemp, Publication Projects Coordinator, at the Federation of Animal Science Societies.

FASS, the Federation of Animal Science Societies, is a model in association management for animal science and animal agricultural associations. Founded January 1, 1998 by the American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Animal Science, and the Poultry Science Association, FASS provides its member societies with a unified voice for animal agriculture; supports common interests, and is an effective advocate for scientific perspectives to the general public. FASS consists of four departments from which services may be chosen: Information Technologies, Membership Services, Editorial and Production, and Accounting and Human Resources. According to FASS' own strategic plan, drafted in 2002, one of the five primary organizational goals is to provide science-based information for global animal agriculture, animal products, and food systems. The professional seminar series is a reflection of this goal.

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