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Making the Most of the New meatscience.org

In the fast-changing world of internet technology, staying up-to-date with the latest software can be a challenge. In fact, this was part of some of the hardest decisions we had to make when putting together the new web site. One of our top priorities was to provide AMSA members with an information portal that they could access from any device – from a 30-inch desktop computer monitor down to the three-inch screens on our smartphones. To do this economically, we used some of the latest coding and scripting techniques available. And it works great if you are running a current web browser. Here is what we support:

- IE10 & later on Windows 7 and Windows 8
- The latest two versions of Google Chrome on Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows XP, and Mac OS 10.x
- Firefox 34.0 and higher on Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows XP
- Safari 7.1 and higher on Mac OS 10.x

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To update your AMSA membership information please [click here](#):

AMSA's Sustaining Partners

Diamond Sustaining Partner:

Cargill
Elanco Animal Health

Platinum Sustaining Partner:

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Zoetis

Gold Sustaining Partners:

Hormel Foods, Inc.
Merck Animal Health
National Pork Board
Tyson Foods, Inc.

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Corbion Purac
DuPont Nutrition & Health
Hawkins Food
Ingredients Group
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Kraft Foods Inc./Oscar Mayer
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AMSA 68th RMC ~ Registration is Open

Only at the AMSA 68th Reciprocal Meat Conference (RMC) can you find everything you are looking for! From June 14-17, 2015 in Lincoln, NE individuals interested

in meat science will come together to address the needs of the meat industry, the consuming public and our members. Attendees will be hosted by the University of Nebraska and ConAgra Foods at the AMSA 68th RMC.



Over the next few months AMSA will announce more information regarding the keynote, concurrent and reciprocation sessions. This is going to be one RMC you will not want to miss out on OR leave early! So watch your email as we continue to confirm speakers, sponsors and more!

Registration for the 68th RMC is open! The cost for AMSA professional members is \$570, AMSA student members is \$240 and nonmembers is \$850, registration increases to \$700 for professional members, \$300 for student members and \$925 for nonmembers after the April 30, pre-registration deadline. Make sure you register by April 30th so you don't miss out on the discount! [Click here to register today!](#)

RMC Award and Poster Competition Intents Due January 30th!

Award Nominations

- Please submit your RMC Award intents by January 30, 2015. All nomination materials must be uploaded to the AMSA Awards website no later than February 20, 2015. Complete information is located [online](#).

AMSA Announces Undergraduate Research Competition at the AMSA 68th RMC

- An [online intent form](#) is required for the undergraduate competition so make sure you submit your intent form no later than January 30, 2015.

Graduate Student Research Poster Competition

- An [online intent form](#) is required for the graduate competition so make sure you submit your intent form no later than January 30, 2015.

AMSA Student Membership Update:

Calendar Months Still Available for Purchase

The AMSA Student Board of Directors (SBOD) is excited to announce the renewal of the calendar fundraiser for the student

Kemin Food Technologies
Sealed Air's Cryovac® brand
Texas Tech University International Center for Food Industry Excellence

Bronze Sustaining Partners:

Certified Angus Beef
ICL Food Specialties
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Kerry Ingredients
Land O'Frost Inc.
Maple Leaf Foods
Oklahoma State University
Perdue Foods
Seaboard Foods
USDA, AMS, Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program
U.S. Meat Export Federation



To make a donation to the AMSA Educational Foundation please click below!

AMSA Educational Foundation General Fund - used in the area of greatest need

AMSA Meat Judging Fund

Mentor Recognition Funds

- *Melvin "Hunter" Hunt (supports student travel to international meetings)*
- *Robert G. Kauffman (support meat science student development)*
- *William Moody (supports meat science students)*
- *Robert Rust*

membership. If you would like your university/college featured as the main picture of a specific month, you can for a simple donation of \$200 to the AMSA student membership. Months will be distributed on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis and there are 2 spots left! So click the link to select your months! [Click here to purchase your month!](#)

AMSA RMC Undergraduate Quiz Bowl Competition

The 2015 Quiz Bowl will be held Sunday, June 14, 2015 during the AMSA 68th Reciprocal Meat Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. The preliminary rounds will be held on Sunday morning, June 14, at The Cornhusker Marriot and the final round will be held Sunday evening, June 14, during the Welcome Reception. Entries must be submitted to AMSA Headquarters no later than May 31, 2015.

The committee has made a few changes this year so please read the below details very carefully.

1) This year, university teams MUST consists of 4 team members. If for any reason a school is not able to find 4 eligible members, the team's coach can contact the AMSA Coordinator to be paired with alternates from another school. Alternate preference will be given to schools with less than 8 Quiz Bowl participates.

2) The question source list has been up-dated to reflect the addition of new topics. New topics include but are not limited to: Inedible and Edible Meat By-Products; Exports; Exotic Animals; Ingredients, Product labeling, Regulatory, Function of Equipment, Picture Questions & Current events. Please see the "Official Quiz Bowl Rules" for a full list and possible study resources.

3) As in previous years, each team will be required to submit 30 new questions or 45 new questions if there are two teams from a given school with their registration. NEW: This year, if schools submit their questions with their registration BY May 15th, that school will be entered into a drawing to receive a bi for Round 1 (Provided there is a bi in the bracket). See website for full contest details.

For more information and to view the additional rule changes for the 2015 Undergraduate Quiz Bowl competition, [click here](#).

Entries must be submitted to AMSA Headquarters no later than May 31, 2015. A \$50 entry fee is required for each team. Registration information is [available online](#).

Texas Tech University and Fort Scott Take Top Honors

Congratulations to Texas Tech University and Fort Scott Community College for taking top honors at the 2015 National Western Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest which was January 18th at JBS USA, LLC in Greeley, Colorado.

In total, 115 contestants representing 14 teams participated in the Senior division contest with Texas Tech University, coached by Bo Hutto, Dan Crownover and Dr. Mark Miller, placing first. Texas Tech's team members include: Sean Morrow, Darby Gonzales, Clay Bendele, Erin Beyer, Melani Howell, Cody Shannon, Landon French,

- (supports meat science students)*
- *H. Russell Cross (supports meat judging and student activities)*
- *Robert Cassens (support PhD students)*
- *C. Boyd Ramsey (supports undergraduate students)*
- *Jimmy Wise (support meat judging activities)*
- *F. C. Parrish (support will endow AMSA student activities)*
- *Dell Allen (supports meat judging)*
- *John Forrest (supports AMSA programs)*
- *Dale Huffman (supports AMSA programs)*
- *Robert Bray (supports R.C. Pollock Award)*
- *Vern Cahill (supports R.C. Pollock Award)*
- *C. Ann Hollingsworth (supports student scholarships)*
- *Donald Kinsman (supports student international program)*
- *Roger Mandigo (supports RMC)*
- *Robert Merkel (supports RMC)*
- *Gary Smith (supports meat judging program)*
- *R. C. Pollock (supports R.C. Pollock Award)*

Morgan Boyer. Michaela Pinder, Liz Burgess, Kyle Lambert, Zena Doty, Bebe Clark, Scotta Faulkenberry, Hallie Hutto Erin Klein and Madison Langemeier. Texas Tech was followed by the University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, Oklahoma State University and Kansas State University.

Darby Gonzales (Texas Tech University) was high individual and Clay Bendele (Texas Tech University) was second. Melani Howell (Texas Tech University) won the alternates contest.

Texas Tech University



Darby Gonzales



In total, 39 contestants from six universities and colleges participated in the A-Division contest. Fort Scott Community College won this division, coached by Jenilee Martin. Team members include: Kaylee Hill, Ben Walker, Ty Wood, Callahan Grund and Britton Francis. Fort Scott was followed by Clarendon College, Garden City Community College, Australian National and Western Texas College.

Kaylee Hill (Fort Scott Community College) was high individual and Clara Collison (Australian National) was second. Lauren Rush (Clarendon College) was high individual in the alternates contest.

Fort Scott Community College



Kaylee Hill



For more results from the 2015 National Western Meat Judging contest [please click here.](#)

Upcoming Meetings and Webinars

State of the Association AMSA Webinar Friday, January 23 at 11:30 am CDT. The American Meat Science Association is coming off of a string of successes due to the hard work of AMSA members, leaders and staff. Join us on January 23 as AMSA Executive Director Thomas Powell and Director of Scientific Communications and Technical Programs Deidrea Mabry discuss the major achievements of the AMSA team and some of the top priorities for the year to come. This webinar is interactive and will last approximately 60 minutes including Q&A. Registration is

complimentary but you must first register by clicking on the enrollment link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3557545002168834817>.

Once you have registered, you will receive an e-mail message confirming your enrollment status and information that you need to join the event.

AMSA Student Membership 2015 Leadership Conference

March 13-14. The 2015 SLC conference will be held in Springdale, Arkansas at the Tyson Discovery Center. We will bring in Dale Carnegie training and concentrate on two main modules: handling mistakes and communicating to lead. In addition, Tyson R&D professionals will be sharing their knowledge in a workshop on Friday where students will then be able to utilize this information in an Iron Chef style event Saturday morning. This training will be sure to impress industry professionals and provide you with a competitive lead on internship and career opportunities! Registration is open and closes February 28th. [Click here to register for the 2015 SLC!](#)

2015 Beef Industry Safety Summit March 3-5. The Beef Industry Safety Summit brings industry leaders and safety professionals together from all sectors of the beef chain. Registration for the 2015 event is NOW OPEN. The Summit will be held in Dallas, TX at the Hyatt Regency DFW. You must book your room by February 11, 2015 to receive a discounted rate. Click on the following links for **REGISTRATION** and **HOTEL reservations**. For general event information, [click here](#).

International Livestock Congress Set for March 4-5. The 2015 International Livestock Congress - USA will bring together an elite group of livestock and meat industry international leaders to discuss a variety of proactive strategies that address the ever-changing beef industry. The ILC-USA will be held March 4-5, 2015, at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, Texas. All segments of the beef industry, both domestic and international, should plan on attending. The ILC in Houston will offer tremendous opportunity to interface with industry and government leaders worldwide, said Russell Cross, Ph.D, ISEF board member. Cost to attend is \$150. Student registration is \$50. Register online at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ILC>. A complete schedule of events can be found online at <http://www.theisef.com>.

AMSA Meat Science Career Center

Current Job Postings:

- Regulatory and Specification Manager ~ Cargill
- Outreach Specialist (Meat Science) ~ University of Wisconsin
- Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory Manager ~ Cargill
- Sanitation Supervisor ~ Kraft Foods/Oscar Mayer
- Assistant Professor in Animal Science ~ Western Kentucky University
- Sr. Food Scientist ~ Cargill
- Process Authority Scientist- Research and Development ~ Hormel Foods Corporation
- Assistant or Associate Professor of Food Safety and Program



Meat Industry
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- Leader ~ University of Nevada, Reno
- Assistant Professor of Applied Food Safety ~ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - National Cattlemen's Beef Association Internship - Summer and Fall ~ National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 - Corporate Food Safety and Regulatory Manager ~ Cargill/Cargill Animal Protein & Salt/Cargill Turkey and Cooked Meats

To view all the job postings please go to the [AMSA Career Center](#), if you have any question please contact Deidrea Mabry, dmabry@meatscience.org.

Got news? Send information and news items to [Deidrea Mabry](#) for inclusion in a future edition of AMSA eNews.

2015 AMSA Calendar of Events

January 26 - AMSA PORK 101 1/2 Day Course - International Production & Processing Exposition - Atlanta, GA

January 27-29 - International Production & Processing Exposition - Atlanta, GA

February 1 - Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest Frontier Meats - Fort Worth, TX

February 21 - Iowa State University Meat Judging Contest Iowa State University - Ames, IA

March 3-5 - Beef Safety Summit - Dallas, TX

March 4-5 - International Livestock Congress-USA – Houston, TX

March 7 - HLSR Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest - Houston, TX

March 29 - April 1 - Meat Animal Evaluation Contest Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, OK

June 14-17 - AMSA 68th RMC University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE

Reciprocal Meat Conference 2015-2016

June 14-17, 2015 - University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Nebraska

June 19-22, 2016 - Angelo State University - San Angelo, Texas

International Congress of Meat Science and Technology

August 23-28, 2015 – Clermont-Ferrand, France

2016 – Bangkok, Thailand

2017 – Cork, Ireland

2018 – Australia

2019 – Germany

2020 – USA (joint meeting with the Reciprocal Meat Conference)

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