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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (February 16, 2008) - The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team finished second at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Kansas State University won the overall team competition, while Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, and Colorado State Universities completed the top five teams overall. Individually, Christian Fridye and Brice Mund finished sixth and seventh overall in individual competition. The team is coached by Dr. Chris Skaggs, and graduate students Blake Bloomberg and Zach Rambo. Team members include: Dustin Burke, Christian Fridye, Brice Mund, Lucas Neumayr, Ryan Page, Gwen Powers, Faris Simon, Cody Sloan, Ben Warfield, and Randa Yezak. The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo marks their next competition in March.

Smith Presents at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Stephen Smith presented "Changing the fatty acid composition of beef: An argument for oleic acid" to Dr. Scott Grundy, faculty, and staff of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for Human Nutrition. The seminar series is co-hosted by the Texas A&M University Institute of Obesity Research and Program Evaluation, directed by Dr. Peter Murano.

Aggie REPS Seek Applicants

The Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science Aggie REPS are currently seeking applicants. The group is a service organization that facilitates the Department of Animal Science recruitment and public relations efforts, communicates the scope of all academic majors and disciplines within the department to prospective students, and their parents, teachers, and leaders, and provides prospective students a contact at Texas A&M University who cares and is available to assist with the transition from "prospective student" to Aggie. For more information, please contact coordinators Dr. Ronnie Edwards <r-edwards@tamu.edu> and Samantha Cunningham <sfcunningham@gmail.com>. To download an application, please visit http://animalscience.tamu.edu/aggiereps. Applications are due to Samantha Cunningham in Room 434 Kleberg no later 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6.

Upcoming Events

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Reproductive Biology Forum - (February 29 - 12:00 p.m. - Room 210 VMS) - Dr. Yanan Tian, Texas A&M University Department of Veterinary Physiology & Pharmacology, will present "Epigenetic regulation of transcriptional activity of pregnane X receptor". For more information, please contact Dr. Fuller Bazer at 979-845-5929.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (March 5 - 11:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Dr. Mike Tomaszewski, Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, will present. Please RSVP to Kristi Smith <k_hemann@tamu.edu> no later than Friday, February 29. For more information regarding the seminar series, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at 979-845-5065.



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