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Gibbs & Sigler Conduct Mare/Foal Workshop

DENTON, TEXAS (February 23, 2008) - Drs. Pete Gibbs and Dennis Sigler conducted a Mare/Foal Workshop in the North Texas area. The event was organized by AgriLife Extension Agent Eddie Baggs and the Denton County Extension Horse Committee, with collaboration from six different companies. Participants attended from two states and five Texas counties.

Bowman Selected for Distinguished Graduate Student Award

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (February 27, 2008) - Graduate student M. Coral Bowman, a Ph.D. candidate in Equine Science, has been selected to receive a 2008 Association of Former Students Distinguished Graduate Student Award for Teaching Excellence. The award is presented to nominees who exemplify excellence in teaching. Ms. Bowman will receive her award at a ceremony held at the J. Wayne Stark Galleries on March 27.

Wu Appointed as Editor & Changjiang Scholar

Dr. Guoyao Wu was recently appointed as an Editor of the international journal "Amino Acids". This journal is devoted to the study of amino acid biology and chemistry. Additionally, he was selected last month as a "Changjiang Scholar" by the Ministry of Education in China. This prestigious award recognizes Dr. Wu's outstanding research on the biochemistry and nutrition of amino acids in animals.

Academic Quadrathlon Team Finishes Third

DALLAS, TEXAS (February 2-5, 2008) - The Texas A&M University Academic Quadrathlon team finished third at the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science Meetings, winning the lab practical and placing third in the oral presentation. Texas A&M University Saddle & Sirloin members, graduate students, and faculty helped host the contest. The team is coached by Dr. Jodi Sterle, and members include: Wade Fisher, Courtney Pace, Candice Whitaker, and Jessup Yeaman.

Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day & Sale Set for March 14

SONORA, TEXAS - The annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for March 14 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station in Sonora, and will be conducted by Texas AgriLife Research and Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The event will start with an informal inspection of Rambouillet rams, and a catered lunch will be served followed by an educational program. Dr. Frank Craddock will direct the educational program, and topics will include a wool market outlook, the proper management of rams following the test, test comments, and selection objectives for sheep breeders when grain is expensive. The auction of eligible rams having completed the test will start at 2:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Drs. Frank Craddock or Dan Waldron at 325-387-3168.

Western Horseman Magazine Features Art & Heritage of Livestock Course

The February issue of Western Horseman magazine featured an article titled "Credit Hours for Cowboy Culture", discussing Animal Science 207: Art and Heritage of Livestock, taught by Dr. Jodi Sterle. The article has brought national attention to the course, which has spurred interest. The Stark Galleries in the Memorial Student Center will also feature a six-week "Livestock in Art" exhibit associated with the course this fall.

Upcoming Events

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (March 19 - 11:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Dr. Thomas Spencer, Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, will present. Please RSVP to Kristi Smith <k_hemann@tamu.edu> no later than Friday, March 14. For more information regarding the seminar series, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at 979-845-5065.

Ram Performance Test Field Day & Sale (March 14 - Sonora, Texas) - For more information, please contact Drs. Frank Craddock or Dan Waldron at 325-387-3168.

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Reproductive Biology Forum (March 28 - 12:00 p.m. - Room 210 VMS) - Dr. Nancy Wayne will present "Biology of GnRH neuronal development in the living zebrafish embryo". For more information, please contact Dr. Fuller Bazer at 979-845-5929.

Livestock Judging Clinic (March 29) - Register online at <http://www.judgingcard.com>. For more information, please contact Dr. Chris Skaggs <cskaggs@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616.



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