

## Minutes

Crop Science Society of America  
Division C6 Forage and Grazinglands Business Meeting  
2015 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting  
Minneapolis, MN  
Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 by C6 Chair Marisol Berti approximately 50 members attending.

1) Marisol Berti, C-6 Chair, introduced C6 officers:

Jamie Foster, Chair-Elect  
Twain Butler, Past Chair  
Yoana Newman, Board Representative  
John Guretzky, Incoming Chair-Elect  
Glen Shewmaker, Incoming Board Representative

2) Motion was made by Jamie Foster and seconded by Yoana Newman to approve minutes from 2014 C6 Business Meeting. Motion passed.

3) CSSA update: Certificate of Appreciation: Marisol Berti was recognized for her leadership in CSSA as C6 Division Chair.

4) C6 Program update:

Marisol gave an overview of C6 program. This year the C6 division had 22 graduate student papers, 44 poster presentations, and 15 oral presentations (5 presentations in C6 symposium – ‘The Value of Condensed Tannins’ sponsored by the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Organic Valley, and Forage Genetics International, and 7 presentations in the joint (C3 Crop Ecology, Management & Quality) symposium ‘Agroecosystems Research: Integrated Cropping Systems That Promote Ecosystem Services’.

5) Symposia report: Jennifer McAdam reported that the joint symposium was a success and novel ideas on the depth of tannin research were presented. The symposia was well attended by approximately 50 participants. The coffee break, due to sponsorship by the Samuel Noble Foundation, Forage Genetics International, and Organic Valley, was appreciated.

6) Robert F Barnes Graduate Student Competition Report: Twain Butler, Past Chair, announced that there were 22 graduate student presentations, the largest number ever. The separation into oral (11 PhD) and poster (11 MS) sessions was crucial to allow for time and judging. The winners were separated by 1 point and all participants are to be commended.

Winners for Oral Competition: 1<sup>st</sup>, Esteban Rios (\$400); 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marta Kohmann (\$250); 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Grev (\$100)

Winners for Poster Competition: 1st, Michelle L. Schultz (\$400); 2nd, Devan Catalano (\$250); 3rd Katherine Caswell, Alexandra Rucker, and Bradley Schick (\$100 each for 3-way tie)

7) Forage Roundtable Report: Jamie Foster, Chair-Elect, presented Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jon Biermacher, the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. The topic was interesting and generated a lot of questions from participants. Well attended by about 55 people.

8) Division webpage update: Jamie Foster (<https://www.crops.org/membership/divisions>) Send meetings, publications, relevant links, and pictures to Foster at [jlfoster@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlfoster@ag.tamu.edu). A new website coordinator was requested with no volunteers. Vanessa Olson did volunteer to take this role following the meeting.

9) C6 Board of Representatives Report- Yoana Newman, Board Representative, provided update to group. Membership of CSSA is up 73 members from last year. Financial reports of CSSA indicate \$2.4 million in total revenue and loss from operations of \$33,997, which was offset by investment income.

10) Publications Update:

a. Crop Science (Bisoondat Macoon):

In 2015 the 55<sup>th</sup> volume was published and the impact factor increased to 1.575 from 1.478. The journal had an increase in article length, we are at 10.5 pages and total number of pages increased despite a decrease to 267 (from 275 last year) articles. Publications to C6 was 16 this year plus publications from the 2015 symposia, which is down from 27 last year. Headquarters staff is engaged in actively promoting the visibility of the journal on Twitter and Facebook. The reviewer or associate editor can flag an article for promotion.

b. Crop, Forage, and Turfgrass Management (Daren Redfern):

Redfern announced that restructuring is continuing and the co-editor structure is likely to be replaced with a single editor and technical editor structure similar to Crop Science. There was a 58% acceptance rate and submissions down for all 3 disciplines. The journal is applying for an impact factor for 2016, which will be partial in 2017 and full in 2018. Attendees were reminded to review 2 papers for every 1 publication each year. Daren will remain as an editor or technical editor for an additional year.

Charlie Brummer, CSSA President-Elect, announced a new journal 'Agriculture and Environmental Letters' with a 2,500 word limit for short communications with special impact.

11) Annual Meeting: The 2016 Annual Meeting will be November 6-9 in Phoenix, AZ. The theme is 'Resilience Emerging from Scarcity & Abundance'. Symposia will be reduced to 2 hours in order to assist with scheduling.

C6 Symposia suggestions should be send via e-mail to Jamie Foster, some in-meeting ideas: Resiliency Of Grazing Systems submitted by Ben Tracy, whom volunteered for the planning committee. The preference is for 1 symposium and 1 joint symposium.

Previous symposia include;

2015 (Minneapolis) - The value of condensed tannins

2014 (Long Beach) – Challenges, opportunities, and applications of grazing research.

2013 (Tampa) – Belowground processes in grazinglands: linking grassland management to ecological research

2012 (Cincinnati) – Contemporary uses of forages

2011 (San Antonio) – Impacts of grazing management on production ecosystem health and profitability

2010 (Long Beach) – Green grazing for enhancing food and the environment  
2009 (Pittsburg) – Measuring forage quality – its relevance and limitations  
2008 (Houston) – Assessing multi-functionality of grasslands: future research priorities to address global change  
2007 (New Orleans) – Evaluating grasslands with remote sensing and georeferenced sampling  
2006 (Indianapolis) Beyond the Cow: 101 uses for forages and grasslands  
2005 (Salt Lake City) – Managing the ecosystem: CO2 dynamics of carbon sequestration

C6 Forage Tour suggestions: no suggestions for tour

12) CSSA elections/Nominations report: Names to board representative to Sara Uttech by November 30 or during the Annual Meetings. Candidates needed for 2016 ballot.

a. Chair-Elect 1/1/2017-12/31/2017 and Division Chair 1/1/2018-12/31/2018

From the floor, Joao Vendramini and James Rogers were nominated.

Bisoondat Macoon made a motion to accept nominations, seconded by Yoana Newman, motion passed.

9) New Business:

Announcements of Extension/Research split appointment position at University of Florida was announced.

An announcement of the AFGC tour to New Zealand in conjunction with the New Zealand Grassland Association was made. Information will be posted to the C6 webpage.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Foster  
C6 Chair-Elect  
19 November 2015