



Summary of AMSA Student Memberships Fall 2013 Activities
Article written by Amanda King, Student Board President, University of Wisconsin



Since our last newsletter, highlighting the many exciting internships available to AMSA students, the Student Board of Directors has been focusing our efforts to plan an incredible line up of events for 2014. The group met earlier this fall in Madison, WI to discuss initial thoughts for programming for the coming year. Since then, however, there has been a substantial amount of time dedicated to forming those initial ideas into tangible plans for AMSA Student events. The fifth annual Student Leadership Conference is set for March 14-15th in Wichita, KS, and is sure to carry on the strong tradition of being an educational, enjoyable, professional development opportunity. Planning for the AMSA 67th Reciprocal Meat Conference, to be held June 15-18 in Madison, Wisconsin, is well underway! The student activities at this RMC will be the best yet! There will be exciting new opportunities added to many of the events we all enjoy at RMC. Keep your eyes on the AMSA website and eNews over the next few weeks as more information is released about these events!

In other news, the Student Membership has maintained a very sound budget from year to year, and with this financial stability, has decided to give back! As you may recall, the student membership voted to designate the funds raised in the 2013 RMC Silent Auction to go toward AMSA Mentor Recognition funds. The AMSA Student Membership has evenly split the \$3325 raised in that event across 6 student-focused



mentorship funds in the names of: Jimmy Wise, Boyd Ramsey, John Forrest, F.C. Parrish, Robert Cassens, and Dell Allen.

With all that these mentors have given to AMSA over the years, we are proud to honor their legacies and donate to these mentorship funds to help with future AMSA and student activities. An additional new venture for the AMSA Student Board is to fund two \$500 scholarships for

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students to attend RMC! The chosen students will be awarded complimentary RMC registration and \$500 toward travel expenses for the 2014 RMC in Madison. More details on this award will be released soon!

I encourage you all to engage with the elected directors on the Student Board and become active on committees for the causes that interest you! There are many opportunities to participate in the planning of these events and network with fellow meat science students. Feel free to contact any board member or myself with any questions regarding AMSA student activities, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2014!

From everyone on the AMSA Membership Student Board of Directors, Happy Holidays!

Student Leadership Conference Announced **Article written by Staci DeGeer, East** **Region Director, Auburn University**



How many times have you been asked, "What are you going to do with a meat science degree?" While there are traditional answers to that question, there are some non-traditional answers that may peek your interests. This year SLC will focus on entering the workforce. We will explore some "odd-ball" meat science careers that you may not have considered including areas in journalism, food distribution, animal handling, rendering, and non-profit organizations. Then we will explore the meaning of working well with others through personality profiling. What will you learn about yourself? We will conclude the conference with tips and tricks to approaching professional members.

Plan to join us Saturday, March 15, 2014 for the Student Leadership Conference. The conference will be held in Wichita, Kansas at the Cargill Innovation Center. Rooms are available at the Drury Inn just down the street at \$100 per night plus tax, with a maximum occupancy of 4 per room. Registration is limited to 80 students this year – so don't wait to register.

Registration fees:

\$100 for current AMSA students by February 21st
\$125 for AMSA Young Professionals by February 21st
\$150 for current AMSA students after February 21st
\$175 for AMSA Young Professionals after February 21st

Registration will close February 28th. [Click here to register for the 2014 SLC!](#)

The student board will be coordinating some optional industry tours on Friday, March 14. These tours will start in the morning. Watch eNews for more details. Don't miss

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out on this great networking experience. **See you in Wichita!**

**3rd Annual AMSA
Calendar Fundraiser
Article written by Aaron
Tapien, Midwest Region
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It is that time of year, time to purchase your university's spot in this year's AMSA student membership calendar! The Student Board of Directors will be designing calendars that feature 12 colleges/universities as well as highlighting AMSA dates and activities. In order to reserve your programs spot in this year's calendar, a donation of \$200 must be made to the AMSA student membership. Upon full payment you will have the opportunity to select your university's desired month. Months will be distributed on a first come first served basis. **This year's sign up will be distributed January 28th.**

Don't forget that you can also request the addition of individual dates. A donation of \$25 will be required for a single day event and \$50 for a multiple day event. If you are interested in reserving specific dates, please e-mail [Aaron Tapien](#). The deadline for individual dates will be February 14th. So be sure to keep an eye out for more details regarding the AMSA calendars!

NEW Student Scholarship to Attend RMC



**Article written by
Megan Webb, At-Large
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Would you like financial assistance to the 2014 RMC in Madison, WI?

You are in luck, NEW this year is the RMC Travel Scholarship! **Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants.** Winners will also receive complimentary registration to RMC. Applications will be open to undergraduate and graduate students the beginning January and will close February 17th. Watch eNews and the AMSA website for applications and more details to be released soon!

Taste of RMC University Competition
*Article written by Megan Webb, West
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& Megan Myers, At-Large Director, Iowa
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Don't forget about Taste of RMC this year! The AMSA Student Board of Directors is excited to announce this year's theme: **"Food Cart/Quick Serve"** items! **Thanks to the sponsor of the 2014 Taste of RMC, Smithfield Foods!**



Following in the tradition of previous RMCs, the Taste of RMC products will be featured during the RMC Picnic on Monday, June 16th.

Smithfield This year's picnic will be held at the home of the Madison Mallards baseball team, so the environment during product presentation matches the theme perfectly! The team who can develop the most tasty and desirable product that is portable, convenient, and easy to heat and eat will be featured by both AMSA and Kraft Foods/Oscar Mayer as the winners of the event! Also this year a "new" feature will be the product's Concept Board.

The student board is also planning Taste of RMC Webinars to be held during the spring semester to help teams in preparation for the contest. What a great way to showcase your abilities as a meat scientist and develop a new product! Remember this year we will continue to have a "People's Choice Award" as well as the official judging panel. What are you waiting for? Form your team today! Registration is \$50 per team and teams must be registered by May 1st. Watch for registration information and more contest details on the student website soon!

**Iron Chef Product Development and
Processed Meats Workshop**
*Article written by Megan Webb, West
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The AMSA Student Board of Directors and Kraft Foods/Oscar Mayer are excited to announce that the 2014 Iron Chef competition will be held on Saturday, June 14th at the Oscar Mayer headquarters! Don't miss out on this year's creative Iron Chef Challenge! Students will be given a list of protein options and key ingredients to create an unforgettable recipe in the test kitchens at Oscar Mayer. The recipes will be judged by a panel and winners will be featured on the Kraft Foods/Oscar Mayer

website! Don't get chopped!

Along with the Iron Chef contest, students will have the opportunity to participate in meat processing workshops throughout the day on Saturday. These hands-on sessions will be hosted by the processing experts in the Oscar Mayer pilot plant facility and are designed to connect classroom concepts to real world research and development problems.

Registration is \$25 per student and will include lunch on Saturday. This year's Iron Chef will be capped at 100 participants, so make sure to select the Iron Chef Product Development and Processed Meats Workshop when registering for RMC! We look forward to tasting your creativity this June in Madison, WI!

2014 AMSA 67th RMC Networking and Career Fair

Article written by Loni Woolley, At-Large Director, Texas Tech University



The 2014 RMC Networking and Career Fair will be held on the afternoon of June 15th at the beautiful Monona Terrace in Madison, WI, prior to the Welcome Reception. While overlooking Lake Monona, you will have an opportunity to interact and network with industry leaders and universities from around the country. Whether you are looking for employment or not, the Networking and Career Fair will be an invaluable experience that will allow you to meet with the many AMSA professional members interested in getting to know you! If you are interested in internships and employment opportunities, please meet with your advisor to update and revise your resume. As always, don't forget to check out the [AMSA Career Center](#) to upload and update your resume. Hope to see you there! This is one you do not want to miss!

AMSA RMC Mentoring Program

Article written by Amanda King, Student Board President, University of Wisconsin

The Student Board of Directors will be coordinating the student/professional mentor program at RMC again this year. This year's breakfast, which is included in student registration, will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, at 7 am on Monday, June 16th. The program is designed to match up students with professional members based on backgrounds, as well as career interests and goals. Informational surveys for prospective mentors and mentees will be sent out in late April 2014. Be sure to sign up for the mentor program when you register for RMC!

AMSA Promotional Items

Article written by Aaron Tapian, Midwest Region Director, Kansas State University

Get your AMSA gear at RMC! New to this year's items will be AMSA hooded sweatshirts. These sweatshirts will be available in navy blue and grey, with pictures to come. Sweatshirts will be available for purchase online as well as at RMC. The fundraising committee is continuing the "I Survived RMC" t-shirt campaign. Keeping with tradition, the University of Wisconsin will be designing the t-shirts so make sure you keep an eye out for pictures of the 2014 design, which will be posted on the website and shared in upcoming eNews. Similar to last year, the "I Survived RMC" shirts will be available for pre-purchase during registration only, so make sure to sign up for one during the registration process. Also available at RMC will be AMSA t-shirts, koozies, therm-o totes, carcass hats, coffee tumblers, and of course the 3rd annual AMSA calendars. Be sure to stop by the promotional booth at RMC and check out all the apparel!

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