

Conference Report



“Global Livestock Production in Challenging Environment”

The 18th Asian Australasian Animal Production Congress

1-5 August 2018

Borneo Convention Centre Kuching,

Sarawak, Malaysia

This conference is held biennially considered a platform where among the largest number of animal scientists and professionals meet to discuss current advances in animal sciences and technology. The Asian-Australasian Animal Production, is a consortium of animal societies, founded in 1980 with 8 charter members representing the animal production societies of Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Thailand, organized the first AAAP Congress in 1980 in Malaysia. Later, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, India, Vietnam, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran, Sri Lanka and China joined as member countries. The 18th AAAP Congress to was held in Kuching, Malaysia from 1st – 5th August 2018.

This conference deliberated on issues aimed at maximizing production in the currently very challenging environment. Animal scientists, students, technologists, farmers, breeders, and those directly and indirectly involved in animal industry made oral presentation and posters on a wide range of topics, such as: feed and food security, animal science, livestock and climate change, animal production, animal nutrition, animal diseases, farm management, animal biotechnology, animal breeding and genetics, animal welfare, aquaculture, and wildlife.

The major highlight of the conference was that it was structured in such a way that it provided solutions to current problems. The keynote speaker (Assoc. Prof. Peter Thomson, presented on how we can use big data to solve our problems in agricultural production, hence the title of his presentation “The digital Future: The Role of Big Data For Agricultural Development In The Region”. The conference was world-class, as it was well synchronised with the Director General of Veterinary Services in Malaysia introducing the theme of the conference with his presentation titled “Global Livestock Production in Challenging Environment”. From August 1-3 every morning sessions were held at the Great Hall and thirteen plenary speakers, very experienced experts on their fields took turns to present and share their findings on the wide array of topics. It was exciting to me that Professor Emeritus Dr. Liang Chou Hsia from our university (National Pingtung University of Science and Technology/ Yu Chou Research Institute) was among the plenary speakers. The late morning and afternoon sessions were held in different halls where presentations were held simultaneously according to the area of speciality and interest.

I made an oral presentation on “Smart Estrus Detection Technique on Sows Suitable for Less Productive Regions”. My abstract was allocated number 111 in Animal Production category and is page 37 in the proceedings of the 18th AAAP Congress. I made 12 minutes’ presentation and 3 minutes for the question and answer session. The last day was basically for technical visits.

This conference provided a very good learning experience as it gave me an opportunity to related what I am currently studying with the world. This provided a benchmark from which I could calibrate the output of my work with what great researchers are doing in other parts of the world. With this international exposure, I am already realigning my work such that it is in accordance, complement other studies and is of good quality and standard to be published in good journals. The tea breaks and lunch breaks allowed me to have some chat with the presenters with no barriers, it was quite a very good enabling environment when I felt inspired as I make my final strides in pursuit of my doctorate.

I am very grateful to the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology for taking such a good initiative of encouraging and inculcating the culture of research among its student through providing such financial support systems to students attending international conferences. This demonstrates that our university is committed to research and indeed we are very grateful and humbled for such learning opportunities.

Attached are my pictures taken immediately after registration, during the day of presentation, and lastly while presenting.





