

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS

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British Society of Animal Science – Accreditation Register

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Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs

The BSAS Register of Animal Scientists and Technologists

17 February 2016, Aviation House, London

BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE – ACCREDITATION REGISTER

Members will receive an update from the British Society of Animal Science on the work this organisation is carrying out on the Accreditation of Animal Scientists and Animal Technologists; many of whom carry out research, teach, and advise on the feeding of farm animals.

Introduction & Background

- **The BSAS Register of Animal Scientists and Technologists has been going for about three years**
- **Operated by The British Society of Animal Science in partnership with The Royal Society of Biology, and strongly supported by Government**
- **Accords with other RSB Accreditation schemes**
- **Membership presently includes: Researchers, Teachers, Consultants, ..**
- **Scientists (Finders) and Technologists (Users)**
- **Associate and Certified**
- **Application is open to all Animal Scientists and Technologists**
- **Part of the BSAS remit in support of the Animal Industries**

Update on Developments Purposes of Accreditation

- **Assurance of competence to:**
 - **Provide for animal's needs**
 - **Deliver food safety and environmental sustainability**
 - **Provide high standard of service (in widest sense) to**
 - **Clients**
 - **Government**
 - **Society**
 - **Colleagues**
- **Career Development**
 - **Creating a culture of training and continuous learning**
 - **Career opportunity widening**
- **International Recognition**

Update on Developments

Essential Elements

- ***Independent* Oversight, Audit and Governance at International level (RSB, CSci, Science Council,)**
- **A Register of current and continuing competence**
- **Not a member's club, nor an automatic function of job description, position, presumptive deserts or past merit**
- **Skills and abilities at Professional Science and Technology level (other schemes cover craft and technician level)**
- **Activities Registered must be verifiable and open to test by peers**
- **Continuous (and contemporary) Professional Development is an integral requirement**

Future Initiatives

- **Strengthen credibility, by**
 - **Numbers**
 - **Names**
 - **Reputation / usefulness**
 - **Difference**
- **Remain a choice, but become an ‘imperative’ rather than a ‘consideration’**
- **Improved web-based application, assessment and CPD recording**
- **Greater involvement in the scheme’s developments by other bodies such as Industry, Government and policy-makers**
- **Overseas memberships**

Go to

<http://www.bsas.org.uk/>

- **To see the Register**
- **To Apply**
- **For Continuous Professional Development recording**
- **To see background rubrics (being updated)**

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