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The supplement of the Journal of Animal and Feed Sciences contains all short papers accepted for presentation either orally or as posters at the Xth International Symposium on Ruminant Physiology in Copenhagen 2004.

The papers are grouped after the sessions they have been submitted to. The distribution of the papers between the different sessions therefore reflects the emphasis of the ongoing research in the field. However, the emphasis of research changes over time as new challenges arise and new techniques become available. We hope that this is reflected in the topics chosen for the symposium and that the papers presented will be an inspiration for further progress in the field of ruminant physiology.

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