
Association News

Providing travel assistance for young WPSA members and students to participate in regional and global WPSA Conferences

It is generally agreed that enhancing the educational, research and experience opportunities of young poultry science professional and technical people is critical to the pace of development of more efficient poultry production, whether it is in an intensive technological industry or in small-scale, family production systems. It should also be stressed that any travel assistance we can provide should be independent of and in addition to that currently provided by World's Poultry Congresses, Regional Conferences or individual Branches. It should target and benefit additional students and young members, including young poultry producers from developing countries and students from developed countries. A scheme of open competition for such WPSA Travel Scholarships now is available. Applicants must be a member of WPSA for at least half a year before they can apply for a Travel Grant.

Applications must be accompanied by a short CV.

Deadlines

You must submit your application at least 3 months prior to the meeting.

Application form

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat (wpsa@xs4all.nl) or you can download the application form from the WPSA website (www.wpsa.com).

Please send the complete application form (preferably by e-mail) to the General Secretary of WPSA, Dr Roel Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: roel.mulder@wpsa.com or wpsa@xs4all.nl or fax to +31 207508941.

WPSA Website: www.wpsa.com

The WPSA website provides much valuable information about the organisation and activities of the Association, its regional federations and country branches. In addition there are regularly updated news reports from branch meetings, conferences and symposia organised by the specialist Working Groups, as well as a calendar of future events.

In order to keep it regularly updated, the

Association welcomes information and pictures from Branches, Regional Federations and Working Groups concerning activities of the various WPSA organisations, as well as news about appointment of officers and members.

Please send your information to Mrs D.M. Kleverwal, e-mail wpsa@xs4all.nl.

WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that branches in low income countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers, and furthermore, expert speakers on certain topics are not always readily available in these countries.

So the Board decided to create a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and help facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). Local expenses like accommodation are to be paid for by the local organizing branch. WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

The Speakers' Bureau is an expensive initiative and it is important that optimum value be obtained from the money spent on travel. This can be achieved by insisting that the visiting speaker provides more than just one paper at a conference. The visiting speaker could contribute in a variety of ways, e.g., present a second paper on a related topic, conduct a workshop for graduate students,

have small group or one-on-one interaction, especially with students, visit industry groups, visit university groups, etc.

Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee.

If a branch or a group of branches want to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain application conditions as follows:

Application conditions

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

The speaker must be a member of WPSA for at least 1 year at the time of application.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting than just presenting one paper.

The speaker will be paid by the WPSA Treasurer and not by the local Branch.

The completed application form should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl

or by fax to: +31 207 508 941.

If you do not have access to e-mail or fax you can send your application to:

WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen,
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Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevorderen Pluimveewetenschappen

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress.

As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevorderen Pluimveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

1. the stimulation of international congresses and the promotion of participation in these events, and

2. the support of initiative having the objective of establishing WPSA-branches in countries which do not yet have them”.

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these branches by covering for three years part of the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support

by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: h.hupkes@zonnet.nl. An application form will be send on request.

The Board of directors of the Foundation meets three or four times a year. In case of requests for financial assistance to attend conferences, congresses and symposia, applications should be received by the secretary at least 3 months before the meeting.

Application forms should be filled out completely and can be send through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be send by regular mail.

It is the Boards policy not to fund individual applicants more than 2 times.

Online Journal subscription for WPSA members

The World's Poultry Science Journal has been available to subscribers on-line for the past three years. As a result of a change in our publishing partners (the on-line edition will be available from Cambridge University Press instead of CABI) and the work of a small sub-committee appointed at the 2005 WPSA Board meeting, members will have the option of receiving the Journal on-line instead of the print edition.

The system will be upgraded to permit searching of references, tracing citations etc. with a full range of electronic facilities.

The print version will continue to be the normal method for receiving the Journal. **if you wish to receive the on-line version instead, you must indicate this by completing the form on the WPSA website (www.wpsa.com).**

Most of the content of the Journal will now be included in the on-line edition with the exception of the advertisements. We will be developing a new page in the on-line version where all of our Gold and Silver sponsors will be identified, and provide direct links to their company websites.

E-mail WPSA Newsletter

WPSA has introduced a new version of the WPSA Newsletter that will be e-mailed to individual members, on request. To receive

this, please subscribe to the e-mail Newsletter on the website (www.wpsa.com).

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For further information, or to purchase the WPSJ Digital Archive, please e-mail jnlsales@cambridge.org.

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maintenance fee of £45/85, payable from the second year of the deal.

www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

Dr Roel Mulder, the new General Secretary of WPSA starting on January 1, 2009



Roel Mulder (62), The Netherlands, studied chemistry at Delft University of Technology and obtained his PhD at the National Agricultural University in Wageningen, The Netherlands. He then worked in several different

positions (last position as acting director) at the Spelderholt Centre for Poultry Research, Beekbergen, before he took up the position of Manager International, Research and Public Affairs for ID-Lelystad and the Agricultural Research Organisation at Wageningen. He also spent 3 years in Brussels, Belgium, at the European Commission Directorate General Research, COST Agriculture and

Biotechnology. After that he started his own consulting business in 2002.

For WPSA, Dr Mulder has been active since the 1980's, when he was involved in organising several symposia for working groups of the European Federation of WPSA. In 1992, he served as the chairman of the scientific committee of for the World's Poultry Congress that was held in Amsterdam. In recent years he has served as assistant secretary and director of communications for WPSA.

In his new position he expects to work closely with the Board of Directors, and to continue the work of Piet Simons, who started to give WPSA more visibility and exposure at conferences and exhibitions. He will also continue to build good relations with industry and other professional personnel and organisations.

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WPSJ President in East Timor and with the FAO in Rome

Between 5th and 9th November Dr Bob Pym, the new President of the WPSA, visited East Timor in connection with a small-scale poultry development project supported by the Australian Centre for Agricultural Research (ACIAR). The project work, which focuses on defining the constraints to meat and egg production from semi scavenging household chickens, is to be conducted by Mr Eduardo Serrao, former Head of Department of Animal Science at the National University of Timor Lorasa'e. The study forms part of Mr Serrao's PhD through the University of Queensland, which is supervised by Dr Pym. Following surveys and monitoring of production and disease status (Newcastle Disease and HPAI) across five districts of east Timor and involving up to 300 household flocks, the aim of the project is, through a farming systems approach, to identify and test suitable interventions that

will minimise bird mortalities and maximise profitability.

Indigenous chickens make a very important contribution to poultry meat and egg consumption in East Timor, especially in the rural areas; as there are no commercial broiler or layer units in the country. All of the available broiler meat and eggs from commercial layers, are imported. There is a real need for inputs to stimulate development of the poultry industry. Whilst there, Dr Pym held discussions with Mr Valentino Varela, the Secretary of State for Livestock, and with Mr Lourenco Fontes, the Director General of Agriculture, to explore possibilities for a role for WPSA in this regard. Arrangements are underway through Mr Serrao, for the development of an East Timor branch of WPSA.

Dr Pym went on from East Timor to Rome where he attended a 2-day meeting (13-14

November) of coordinators of reviews on the impact of technology on livestock production, for the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations *State of the World's Food and Agriculture (SOFA) Report* for 2009. Dr Pym was asked to coordinate the poultry technology review, which included chapters on: genetics and breeding; nutrition

and feed processing; disease prevention; housing, environment and welfare; and poultry meat and egg processing. The other co-authors of the review were; Dr David Farrell, Dr Clive Jackson, Dr Phil Glatz and Dr Roel Mulder. The poultry review will be extracted for the SOFA report; the full review will be published separately in WPSJ.

Branch News

Argentinean Branch

Between September 10th and 12th the Argentinean Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) was pleased to collaborate in the organization of the 8th Meeting of the Poultry Veterinary Association (AMEVEA). This scientific meeting was held at Colon city, Entre Rios Province. It was attended by more than 300 producers, students and professionals, representing one of the most important events of the Argentinean poultry community. Delegates from Uruguay, Bolivia, Peru and Brazil also attended the conferences.

The WPSA provided expert speakers to give two of the 16 papers of the meeting, supported by the "WPSA Bureau Speakers" program. One of the expert speakers was Dr Piet Simons, who presented a lecture about the global production,

consumption and international market of poultry meat & eggs, and the other was Dr John Blake, who presented a lecture about broiler waste management.

Ever since Peter Hunton (Former President of the WPSA) visited Argentina in the year 2000 and began work with the local Council of the Argentinean Branch, the number of local members has increased from 27 to more than 90 members. The current aim of our branch is to bid for the organization of the World's Poultry Congress 2020.

Marcelo J. Schang
President

Julian E. Melo
Treasurer

Lebanon Branch

The Lebanon Branch of WPSA held its annual meeting on November 1st, 2008, at the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences of the American University of Beirut. There were 38 members out of a total of fifty registered currently with the Branch, along with 15 guest delegates (non-members). The president of the branch, Dr N.J. Dagher, welcomed the group in his introductory remarks, pointing out that the branch is now 45 years old, having been established in 1963 and is one of the oldest branches in the Middle East region. He introduced the secretary of the branch, Mr Abdul-Ghani Mishlawi, who read the annual report which included all the activities of the branch and the work of the executive committee during the past year. This was

followed by a presentation of the financial report, that was given by Dr Nada Usayran as the treasurer, Mr Samir Cortbawi, was absent due to illness.

The president introduced the main speaker Dr Hafez Muhamad Hafez, Head of the Institute of Poultry Diseases at the Free University in Berlin, Germany, and President of the World Veterinary Poultry Association. Dr Hafez lecture was entitled 'Respiratory Disease: A Continuous Global Threat to Poultry Health'. The lecture concerned three key respiratory diseases; Mycoplasma, Avian Influenza and Infectious Bronchitis. In the case of Mycoplasma, Dr Hafez emphasized the importance of freedom of parent flocks from the disease and reduced dependence on

medications. He then gave an excellent update on Avian Influenza World wide. In addition to basic information on Infectious Bronchitis, he

stressed the importance of type of vaccine used, its concentration and its handling.

The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed and attended this meeting.