
Association News

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

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for young WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and students from developed countries to

attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

WPSA Travel Grant programme for older scientists (>40 yrs) from developing countries

For many years, the WPSA Board has supported a travel grant programme for members 40 years of age and younger, to enable them to attend international WPSA-sponsored meetings in other countries. Application for these grants is open to WPSA members from both developing and developed countries. It is recognised that older scientists from developing countries, even those in relatively senior positions, frequently have considerable difficulty in finding funds to attend international meetings. It is even more difficult for scientists in this age group who have only recently obtained a higher degree. Because of the lack of available training opportunities, many scientists in developing countries are near to 40 by the time they obtain a higher degree and be in a position to present their work at international meetings. The value of interaction with other scientists with similar interests and expertise, is well recognised.

It is for these reasons that WPSA has instituted a new travel grant programme to assist older (>40 years) WPSA members from developing countries to attend and present a paper (oral or poster) at international meetings. The programme is designed to

provide some financial assistance, NOT to cover the entire costs of the travel to and attendance at the meeting in question. As a not-for-profit organisation, WPSA has limited funds to allocate towards the programme, which means that the number of grants and the size of the individual grants, will not be great. Successful applicants are encouraged to use the grant as leverage in application for additional funding from the applicant's institution or other bodies. The programme is competitive and applicants are required to provide information about their research, and current status and about their planned contribution to the meeting in question, as described below and on the application form. Successful applicants will be expected to provide on their return, a brief report on the meeting and on the benefits derived by their attendance.

All applications will be assessed by a travel grants assessment committee set up under the WPSA Board. The committee will make its recommendations to the Secretary, who will advise the applicants in due course. The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

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 expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created 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 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). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

Given the high cost of international air travel it is important that optimum value be obtained from this expenditure by WPSA. 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. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary. Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

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 contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.

Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.

A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.

The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.

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

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl or by fax to: +31 207 508 941

Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering 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 Bevordering 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.

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.

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www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

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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15th European Poultry Conference 2018



**EUROPEAN
POULTRY
CONFERENCE**

The Croatian branch of the WPSA had a very successful year, winning in the first ballot and in the second voting cycle in Stavanger, during the EPC 2014. The preparations for the EPC 2018 already started, and local and international organisers, together with the scientific committee will do ensure the diverse and balanced scientific programme that will cover most relevant and up to date scientific topics related to all of the WPSA's working groups. Technical visits will be offered, as well as other social events during the conference. Participation of young poultry experts will be highly encouraged and Youth programme of 3-4 days will be organised in cooperation with universities and poultry producers. Unique for its impressive medieval forts, churches, monuments and palaces, Dubrovnik is a modern European city and easily accessible tourist destination with a wide network of transport infrastructure (airport, sea port) and excellent public transportation. Rich cultural heritage and wonderful opportunities to explore the magnificence of the highlands and spectacular scenery of its coast and islands will ensure unforgettable experience to each participant.

The Croatian branch, European Federation of WPSA and entire Croatian poultry community, extend their invitation to visit Croatia and a pearl of Adriatic Sea, Dubrovnik, in 2018, September 17-21, for the 15th EPC. Dubrovnik is expecting you in September 2018!

President of Croatian Branch
Prof. Dr. Estella Prukner-Radovic

Branch News

Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijan branch is planning to hold workshops on the topics of 'Innovative technologies in poultry-farming in Azerbaijan', and 'Local poultry farming - the back-up for meat production'. These two workshops will be held in August and in October 2015 in Ganca, and will be hosted by the University of Agriculture.

Mahir Hajiyeve, President of Azerbaijan branch WPSA

Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Branch has launched a campaign related to a programme to enhance poultry protein consumption. The branch, in conjunction with the Bangladesh Poultry Industry's Coordination Committee (BPICC), has started a nationwide campaign on the theme 'The importance of protein for human body and mental development'. Due to the inadequate nature of many local, high carbohydrate and low protein food sources, many Bangladesh citizens suffer from malnutrition, poor mental health, and are susceptible to disease and illnesses. Children and mothers suffer greatly due to malnutrition. The current mission and vision is to educate people and to build an awareness among Bangladesh citizens that protein can provide the most important and valuable nutritional substances for development of the human body and the brain. At present the Bangladesh people consume an average of only 35 eggs and 4 kg of poultry meat per year. If the *per capita* consumption can be increased to 50 eggs and 6 kg of poultry meat over the next two years, the poultry sector of Bangladesh will observe a dramatic rate of growth, which should in turn result in an added supply of good protein for the nation. Such an increase would also result in

additional employment and income for individuals from the production and distribution sectors of the industry.

Moshiur Rahman, President, Bangladesh Branch

Brazil

With the cooperation with the WPSA-Spanish Branch, a new book entitled 'Poultry Diseases', edited by WPSA-Brazilian Branch/FACTA, has been translated into Spanish and will be available for affiliated members in Spain.

Irenilza de Alencar Nääs, Branch Secretary

South Africa

The South African Branch of the WPSA mourns the loss of Dr Deon Barnard who died in a car accident in 2014, and is sad to see Prof Rob Gous step down from his role as Chair of the branch. Their huge contribution to the branch's annual Scientific Day, and to the branch as a whole, will be missed. The committee has elected Mr Johan du Plessis to pick up the reins as Chair, Dr Nicky Tyler as secretary and Dr Mariana Ciacciariello as treasurer. Together with the committee, preparations are underway for the annual Scientific Day, which will be held on the 15 October 2015 at the CSIR in Pretoria. This will include a Youth Programme, aimed to give top postgraduate students from Universities in South Africa a chance to present their research and a be given a tour of the Poultry Industry.

Spain

The 51st Symposium of Poultry Science was celebrated in Valencia, Spain on 2-3 October 2014. One hundred and twenty five persons attended the meeting. The Symposium had three main parts: plenary sessions, workshops, and free scientific communication sections (in poster and oral forms). Five plenary sessions were conducted on the following poultry topics:

- Welfare and meat quality: evaluation and improvements. Presentation by Prof. Dr. Ricardo Cepero, Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain.
- Practical use of serological and PCR analysis and interpretation of field data. Presentations by Dr. Roser Dolz, PH Ibérica; and by Mr. Joaquín Girón, MSD Animal Health.
- Egg quality as a diagnostic method.

Presentation by Dr. Antonio Hernández, Grupo Huevos, Guillén.

- Impact of mycotoxins in poultry. Presentation by Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Santin, Universidade Federal of Paraná, Brazil.
- Embryo diagnosis as a field tool. Presentation by Mrs. Miren Arbe, CEVA Salud Animal.

Five different workshops were conducted with the same topics as the plenary sessions under the supervision of the speakers for the plenary sessions. A total of 25 individuals attended every workshop, and at the end of the symposium, a meeting of all of the attendants was used to have an open discussion of the results and conclusions from the workshops. Twenty three communications were presented in poster form. Three of the posters were then selected for oral presentation. All of the presentations that were made at the conference have now been posted on the following website: www.wpsa-aeca.es.

Climent Faus, Secretary AECA-WPSA (Spanish WPSA Branch)

United Kingdom

It is with regret we announce the sad passing of Frank Jordan (DSc, FRCVS), aged, 97 years, on 9th January 2015, after a short illness. Frank Jordan can truly be described as a 'father figure' of the poultry industry. He was a modest gentleman who was always keen to transmit his knowledge and expertise to students and his peers. He never sought the limelight, but his work on avian mycoplasmas and respiratory disease is a lasting legacy of his diligence and ability to disseminate his extensive knowledge to a generation of students, veterinarians and poultry farmers. For over 40 years Frank enthusiastically helped put poultry research on the veterinary map, establishing a unique poultry research laboratory at the Liverpool vet school, publishing over 100 practical and important research papers and editing the most useful texts on poultry diseases, their diagnosis and control. His enthusiasm spawned a further generation of practical researchers at Liverpool. He will be sorely missed as a poultry veterinarian and a friend to the wider poultry industry.