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# Association News

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## **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](http://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](http://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, 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.

In 2011 the Speakers' Bureau has been extended to include speakers for Working Group meetings in both the European and Asian Pacific Federation.

A Branch (or group of Branches) may either identify a speaker to invite or seek the advice of WPSA in the selection of an appropriate speaker.

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.

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.
- Where the Branch (or group of Branches) has identified a speaker that they would like to invite, the *Curriculum Vitae* of that speaker must be submitted on the WPSA Speakers Bureau Speakers CV 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.
- The speaker must be given an assignment dealing with the students at the Conference.
- 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.
- 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.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat ([wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or can be downloaded from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)

## 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 the WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress.

As a result, the Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (FPPS) / Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen (SBP) was founded. The general objectives of the FPPS are to promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, specifically by promoting:

### **1) International meetings / symposia of working groups**

Organizing committees may apply for financial support by contacting the Secretary of the FPPS through the local WPSA Branch. The secretary will send an application form upon request.

This application form should be filled in completely and should be returned by email at least 3 months before the meeting / symposium; the original form should also be returned by regular mail.

### **2) The participation in international meetings / symposia / conferences / congresses by young PhD students from developing countries presenting their work in an accepted oral presentation**

Individuals may apply for financial support by contacting the Secretary of the FPPS through

the local WPSA Branch. The secretary will send an application form upon request.

This application form should be filled in completely and should be returned by email at least 3 months before the congress / conference / symposium; the original form should be returned by regular mail.

### **3) Establishing new WPSA branches**

The FPPS has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches by covering for three years part of the WPSA membership fees.

A newly established branch may apply for financial assistance by contacting the Secretary of the FPPS. The secretary will send an application form upon request. This application form should be filled in completely and should be returned by email; the original form should be returned by regular mail.

The Board of the FPPS decides on each application; the Board meets three to four times a year.

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

### **Secretariat**

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## **WPSA Website: [www.wpsa.com](http://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](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl).

## World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive

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Volumes 1 – 59 of World's Poultry Science Journal are now available on Cambridge Journals Online. The archive is fully searchable by keyword and author; abstracts can be saved and e-mailed, full text articles printed and bibliographic details exported into reference management software. Perpetual Access is available for a one-off fee of just £500/\$995\*.

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## 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](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## Branch Development Proposal

In the Board meeting held during WPC2016 in Beijing, China, the Board decided to increase the funds available for Branch Development by making a formal call for Branch Development Proposals.

The maximum budget for a proposal is US \$2,000.

### What can you propose?

Some examples:

- Development of a Branch website and start-up expenses
- Organize activities to revitalize your branch
- Support to communicate with members
- Six months budget for secretarial assistance, stationary etc.

A Branch can receive this award once a year, for a maximum of 3 awards.

In cases where numerous branch projects are being evaluated, preference will be given to first time applicants.

If your proposal is awarded, you have to send in a report on how the money was utilized.

### Deadlines

Deadlines for submission are January 1st and July 1st.

### How to apply?

Please send your proposal and budget with itemized expenses (in US\$) to Dr Roel Mulder ([roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com)).

## Press release new publishing partner

Taylor & Francis are proud to announce a new publishing partnership with the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA). From January 2020, Taylor & Francis will be publishing *World's Poultry Science Journal*, a publication which provides a forum for the dissemination of information on poultry

science relevant to research, education and industry.

*World's Poultry Science Journal* publishes authoritative review articles on key issues affecting the poultry industry, including breeding, nutrition, welfare, husbandry, production systems, processing, product development, physiology, ethology, egg and

meat quality, industry structure, economics and education. The journal provides a source for knowledge-sharing with real world implications for improving poultry industry practice. It is highly relevant for poultry science academics, researchers, students, extension workers and commercial poultry producers.

*World's Poultry Science Journal* makes an excellent addition to Taylor & Francis existing animal science portfolio. Liz Marchant, Editorial Director at Taylor & Francis, said: "We are extremely proud to be partnering with the WPSA to publish their official publication, *World's Poultry Science Journal*. We look forward to working in close collaboration with the WPSA and building upon the journal's current success to develop WPSJ further and expand its global audience of readers and authors".

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#### *About the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA)*

The World's Poultry Science Association, established in 1912, is the leading network for poultry science and poultry production. The organization strives to advance knowledge and understanding of all aspects of poultry science and the poultry industry. Its major role is 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 industry. The WPSA have a large and truly international membership of over 7,500 individuals from the research, government and industry sectors.

Find out more about WPSA here: <http://www.wpsa.com/>.

## Branch News

### **Bangladesh Poultry for Healthy Living, 11th International Poultry Show held in Dhaka Bangladesh heading towards safe poultry production and export**

A silent resurgence in the poultry sector has shown promising prospects for Bangladesh. Within the last four decades, investment in the poultry sector has spiked from \$179 million USD to \$3.573 billion USD, with around 2.5 million direct and another 3.5 million indirect jobs being created, where women account for 40% of the total workforce. This has led to the poultry industry becoming the second largest job creator in Bangladesh at present. The stakeholders, along with government agencies, have praised local entrepreneurs for this remarkable success. They have given credit to the 'International Poultry Show and Seminar',

which has opened a new era of technological development.

The 11th International Poultry Show and Seminar was held in Dhaka from 5-9 March 2019 with the slogan 'Poultry for Healthy Living'. The poultry industry in Bangladesh is doing more than just providing food or meeting demands for animal protein; it is generating employment opportunities, reducing poverty, helping the rural economy, empowering women, and improving human health. All these are further contributing to achieving various national goals as well as sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Exhibitors, scientists, researchers and academics from 22 different countries around the globe and approximately 10 million visitors witnessed a thriving poultry industry in Bangladesh in the 11th International Poultry Show and Seminar-2019. Two major topics were featured in the seminar; (1) antibiotic free eggs and chicken meat

production by 2030 and (2) poultry export from Bangladesh by 2024. The industry leaders predicted that the country would be able to generate approximately 50 billion BDT in investments within the next two years owing to the 11th International Poultry Show.

The 11th International Poultry Seminar and the International Poultry Show were held on separate dates and venues for the first time in Dhaka. The International Poultry Seminar was held from 5th to 6th March at Hotel Le Meridien while the International Poultry Show was held from 7th to 9th March at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB). In total, 99 technical papers were presented at the seminar; 45 oral and 54 poster presentations. Around 230 local and international companies from 22 countries exhibited their products in 800 stalls in the poultry show. To attract attention for general visitors an 'Egg and Chicken Selfie Contest' and 'Poultry Cooking Contest' were arranged. Two prospective projects were officially launched during the show on 8 March; the first, a 'Poultry Farmers' Enlightenment Project', aims to provide technical support, renovate and upgrade existing farms along with setting-up model farms and gradually increasing their numbers all over the country for ensuring production of safe egg and chicken meat by grassroots farmers. The second, a 'Youth Entrepreneurship Project', aims to attract the youths in poultry farming and business in order to increase youth entrepreneurship in poultry sector. The current WPSA President Prof. Dr. Ning Yang, General Secretary Mr. Roel Mulder, WPSA-BB president Mr. Shamsul Arefin Khaled, Secretary Mr. Mahabub Hassan and BPICC president Mr. Moshirur Rahman attended the inauguration ceremony for the projects.

*Roundtable to strengthen ties between industry and media*

The World's Poultry Science Association-Bangladesh Branch (WPSA-BB) and the Bangladesh Poultry Industries Central Council (BPICC), provided a series of programs targeting the show and seminar with the aim of strengthening mutual cooperation between industry and the media. A roundtable with media gatekeepers were arranged on 16 February at the Dhaka Intercontinental Hotel. The media said that even now, the Bangladeshi consumers are being misguided by

misconceptions about eggs and poultry meat. Inconsistent findings of various studies, coming from media from time to time, are confusing general consumers. Their suggestion was to break the silence and talk about the health benefits of eggs and chicken meat using private and public publications and electronic media.

*Roundtable: Poultry for Healthy Living*

Another roundtable was held on 25 February at the National Press Club to discuss the existing challenges and to express commitment to the Bangladeshi poultry industry for producing safe eggs and chicken meat. The speakers said that the government's main three targets were to implement their vision for 2021, increase Bangladesh's status to a developing nation by 2024 and fulfil the SDG targets by 2030. For this reason, economic development alone was not enough, rather the main aim was to ensure secure and nutritious food and establish a healthy nation. They said that the government needed to lay emphasis on improving the poultry industry for growing more food and animal protein to reduce poverty, malnutrition and to develop a healthy nation. The president of WPSA-BB, Mr. Shamsul Arefin Khaled, said that rice intake alone cannot ensure a healthy nation and consumption of animal proteins, especially eggs and chicken meat, should be increased. According to him, Bangladesh is working to ensure production of antibiotic free poultry meat and eggs by 2030.

*11th International Poultry Seminar*

The poultry scientists and researchers of the 11th International Poultry Seminar argued that the Bangladeshi poultry industry has the ability to improve production and supply of quality protein. They suggested the need for accelerating research, putting more emphasis on bio-security, enhancing capacity to combat new diseases and reducing cost of production. They pointed out the need of a socio-economic model of healthy living for Bangladesh and also making a brand of the poultry industry in Bangladesh for future forays into the international market.

During the first day, Mr. G.L. Jain of the Venkateshwara Research and Breeding Farms PVT. LTD, India, presented a paper on 'Breeding strategies for broilers and layers under shifting paradigms'. Mr. Frank Siewerdt, of the Cobb-Vantress, Inc., USA

presented a paper on ‘Genetic improvement of broiler chickens: a success story of efficiency and sustainability’; Milind Limaye of the CevaPolchem Private Ltd., India, presented a paper on ‘Water quality management: mitigate the risk!’, Mr. O.P. Singh of the Huvepharma SEA (Pune) Pvt. Ltd., India, presented paper on ‘Emergence of Asian food basket – opportunities and challenges’; Mr Shariful Islam and Mr. Saiful Islam of the Bangladesh Brand Forum and Bangladesh Poultry Industries Central Council respectively presented a paper on ‘Poultry Sector Branding Strategy and Road Map 2024’ and other topics included water quality, avian influenza, feed ingredients and vaccination.

The papers presented in Day-2 included work on respiratory infections, antibiotic resistance, new technology and sustainability as well as feeding and management strategies.

#### *International Poultry Show*

The WPSA-BB has the highest number of members, said WPSA President Prof. Dr. Ning Yang, and the WPSA-BB president claimed that the 11th International Poultry Show was the biggest show on the sub-continent and aims to be the biggest show in Asia in future. The 11th International Poultry Show commenced on 7 March with an inauguration ceremony. The Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdur Razzak, MP, attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest while Kazi Wasi Uddin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, attended as a special guest. Dr. Hiresh Ranjan Bhowmik, Director General, Department of Livestock Services (DLS), and Dr. Nathu Ram Sarker, Director General, Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI), were the guests of honour. The keynote paper was presented by Dr ABM Abdullah, Former Dean of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

#### *Closing ceremony*

The three-day 11th International Poultry Show ended with the next show scheduled for 2021. WPSA-BB president Mr. Shamsul Arefin Khaled expressed the hope to start poultry exports by 2024, and local producers are expecting a major shift from antibiotic to probiotic and bio-security management systems by then. The State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock (MOFL) Mr. Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru, MP, said at the closing

ceremony that the government is promoting safe poultry production and has enacted the National Livestock Development Policy, Poultry Development Policy, Fish Feed and Animal Feed Act 2010, and the Food Safety Act, 2013. Raisul Alam Mondal, Secretary, MOFL, marked the price spiral of poultry raw materials as a big challenge and the rapid development of antimicrobial resistance urges the need for effective strategies to reduce antibiotic use in animal health production systems. The government has taken initiatives for exporting poultry products to abroad particularly in the Middle East countries and is going to prepare the guideline and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for exporting poultry meat and meat products. Other presentations were made by the Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh Agriculture University, Professor Dr. Mohammad Ali Akbar; Mohammad Mahfuzul Hoque, Chairman of the Food Safety Authority; Dr. Hiresh Ranjan Bhowmik and BPICC President Mr. Moshir Rahman.

The Bangladeshi Poultry Industry has started a new movement with a new vision. The silver jubilee of this exhibition will be held in 2021. The poultry world might once again be delighted to see Bangladesh, its success and the Unity of Bangladeshi Poultry Stakeholders.

#### **Germany**

For 2018, the annual meeting of the German Branch was held at the University of Vechta, hosted by the Science and Information Centre for Sustainable Poultry Production. Topics of the meeting included housing systems for broilers, the analysis of spectra of natural light, *in-ovo* sex determination, using male day-old chicks for meat production, and the crises on fipronil. During the meeting, Dr Peter Behr took his leave after 20 years of being the Vice President of the branch. Prof. Dr Silke Rautenschlein was elected to be the new Vice President of the branch.

Young scientists were supported by travel grants from the WPSA in order to attend the European Poultry Conference in Dubrovnik, including Kathrin Toppel, University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück; Sonja Hillemacher, University of Bonn; and Vera Sommerfeld and Susanne Künzel, from the University of Hohenheim. A study trip following the EPC included Montenegro,

Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia. All 20 participants were impressed by the country as well as by the kindness of the locals.

This year's annual meeting of the German Branch will be held in Gießen from March 12th to 13th, hosted by the Clinic of Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians and Fish. Topics will be addressing mobile housing systems, regarding management, networking and science as well as the veterinarian's point of view. Animal Welfare labels, three-dimensional use of housing inventory and nutrition for broilers are further talks. Excursions will be offered for viewing biological production systems and mobile housing systems, and to the clinic itself.

### **Lebanon**

The Lebanon branch of WPSA is pleased to announce that its president Dr Nuhad Dagher recently received the Golden Medal for Education from his Excellency, the President of the Lebanese Republic. This award was given to Dr Dagher in recognition of his services to Education in general and to the development of the agricultural sector in Lebanon. The ceremony was held at the Grand Serail Hotel on December 26, 2018, and was attended by the Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, the Secretary General of the Lebanese National Research Council, the Dean of the faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the American University of Beirut, Dr Dagher's family and several dignitaries. The Minister of Culture who represented the Lebanese President spoke about the achievements of Dr Dagher and his research contributions to Lebanon and beyond and the many students that he has influenced throughout his career. Dr Dagher then responded by thanking him and the President of the Republic for honouring him. He said that this recognition is not only for him but for all scientists in Lebanon who are working under very difficult conditions. Dr Dagher thanked all of his students, particularly his graduate students, who have helped in his research output. He stressed that research in Lebanon should be more supported and that the Lebanese National Research Council should receive more funds in order to serve better its mission. Finally, Dr Dagher thanked all members of his family and particularly his wife for all of her support. The ceremony was followed by a reception during which

Dr Dagher introduced his children and grandchildren to all those present.

*Nada Usayran, Secretary, WPSA Lebanon Branch*

### **South Africa**

The South Africa branch held its 36th Scientific Day in Pretoria in November 2018, with a record number of 402 attendees. The programme was focused on layers and breeders, and comprised a number of excellent speakers. Prof. Martin Zuidhof from the University of Alberta gave two presentations on precision feeding and entertained the audience with some great video's and anecdotes of individual feeding! Prof. Maureen Bain from the University of Glasgow gave new insight into egg shell quality and ways to assess it, a topic becoming so relevant with the extended laying cycles expected of commercial layers. Peter Arts from Hendrix Genetics, presented latest developments in breeding and emphasised the advanced genetics in extended laying cycles and egg production achievable currently. Prof. Sergio Viera from the University Rio Grande do Sul made presentation on the mineral requirements of broiler breeders, and the challenges in estimating requirements. Dr. Fambies van Biljon discussed current concerns with Avian Influenza, and Dr. Peter Plumstead presented his work on limestone quality and its impact on calcium and phosphorus availability and digestibility. The event provided a wonderful chance to network and catch up with old friends over lunch and tea. The AGM was also held during the day where the Barnard-Gous scholarship was presented to Sifiso Mthembu of UKZN to continue with his MScAgric in Poultry Science.

Save the date for the next Scientific Day which will be held on 30th October 2019 at the CSIR in Pretoria.

*Nicola Tyler, Secretary, South Africa Branch*

### **Sri Lanka**

*An Awareness programme on poultry sector and the opportunities for future veterinarians*  
On Thursday the 13th December 2018 a workshop was held in the auditorium of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS) where an awareness

programme on poultry sector was organised for Veterinary undergraduate students of FVMAS. The workshop was organised by the WPSA-SL in collaboration with the faculty carrier guidance unit. Over 200 students participated in this programme. Dr. Prabath Samarathunge, President WPSA-SL, talked to the students on 'Carrier opportunities in the poultry sector' while Dr. Susantha Mallikaarachchi, Director of Hayles Agro, gave an inspirational lecture on 'How to become the most desirable job candidate for the private sector'. Dr. Madura Munasinghe, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science and the senior staff of the faculty participated in this programme.

*Seminar on 'Protein for a Healthy Nation' for key medical practitioners*

WPSA –SL, in collaboration with Sri Lanka Medical nutrition Association and United States Soybean Export council (USSEC- Sri Lanka), has successfully conducted a seminar on 'Protein for a Healthy Nation' for key medical practitioners on 25th January 2019 at Hotel Jetwin Blue Negombo. This was organised by WPSA – SL as a part of their continuous awareness programmes for chicken and eggs, island wide. Over 120 medical practitioners, including nutritionists from MRI Borella and consultants from Hospital Ragama and Negombo and Gampaha participated in the programme. Dr. (Mrs) Renuka Jayatissa President Sri Lanka Medical Nutrition Association and Head of Department of Nutrition, Medical Research Institute discussed the 'Importance of protein for humans' and 'Modification of lifestyle for better health', while Dr. Athula Mahagamage Consultant – USSEC/ Sri Lanka educated the audience on 'Road Map of the Poultry Production and Poultry management and processing'. Finally, Dr. Prabath Samarathunga -President, WPSA- SL talked about 'Myths and misconceptions related to chicken and egg consumption'.

*Kaundika Wanigasundara, Secretary, Sri Lanka Branch*

**USA**

The USA Branch is honoured to announce the election of three new Board members, each of whom will serve a four-year term. The new members include Dr Todd Applegate (University of Georgia), Dr Darrin Kircher

(Purdue University), and Dr Robert Van Wyhe (AB Vista). We would like to recognise and thank our three outgoing Board members for their service to WPSA and the USA Branch, including Dr Chris Ashwell (Branch President), Dr Olivia Faulkner and Dr Bob Taylor. Additionally, Dr Sami Dridi (University of Arkansas) will serve as the USA Branch President for the next two years.

*Dr Bob Buresh, Secretary, USA Branch*

