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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/>.

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### **Hungary**

The Hungarian Poultry Board and the Branch of the WPSA jointly organised a conference on the 3rd of May 2019, which included discussions on 'Contemporary issues facing poultry production'. The meeting was held in Budapest in the beautiful Vajdahunyad Castle. Over 180 participants represented the majority of Hungary's large producers, processing enterprises, commercial companies, service specialists etc. of all sectors of the poultry industry. Over 40 attendees were actively involved.

The opening presentation was made by Zsolt Feldman, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, emphasising the importance of the poultry industry to the national economy. During 2018, the poultry sector represented 14% of total Hungarian agricultural production, and output is growing. He announced that, in April, a Hungarian-

Chinese agreement was signed making exports of poultry meat to China possible.

Birthe Steenberg, (chief secretary of AVEC) gave an overview of the global situation regarding poultry meat production and consumption. Details of the current situation and forecasts were presented from the various regions of the World. Nan Dirc Mulder (Rabobank) focused his lecture on the possible direct and side effects of the African Swine Fever epidemic in China, which is causing drastic increases in imports of all kinds of meat unprecedented in its volume compared to the past. The European and Hungarian poultry industry has to be prepared to face this new situation. It seems probable that, as the export market increases, domestic prices will rise as a consequence. Attila Forgács (Corvinus University) informed the audience that according to their latest survey based on large samples of young people in Hungary that they prefer poultry (chicken turkey) meat in

their diets, pork preference shows a clear diminishing tendency. Imre Horváth Papp (Pannon and Poultry Service) summarised several practical methods to efficiently decrease the use of antibiotics in poultry rearing.

At the end of the conference 'The Hungarian Poultry Industry Award' was presented to Prof Zoltán Sütő (Univ. Kaposvár) for his contributions enhancing the improvement of Hungarian poultry science and the Industry. The award was presented by Attila Csorbai the director of the Hungarian Poultry Board.

The conference was chaired by Prof Peter Horn

*Prof Dr Peter Horn*

### Italy

The Italian Branch of WPSA organised the 55th annual meeting that dealt with 'Microbiota: perspectives and applications in poultry production chain' on April 6th in Forlì in conjunction with the 51st International Poultry Exhibition Fair. This emerging topic was explored thanks to the contributions of prestigious international speakers such as Patrizia Brigidi (University of Bologna), Daniel Borda Molina (University of Hohenheim), Gerardo Manfreda (University of Bologna), Zoi Prentza (University of Thessaly, Greece) and Daniel Petri (BIOMIN Holding GmbH).

*Massimiliano Petracci, Secretary, Italian Branch of WPSA*

### Pakistan

Poultry Science CLUB, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi Pakistan and World's Poultry Science Association Pakistan Branch conducted a joint meeting. The meeting was chaired by Vice President of WPSA-Pakistan Branch Dr Nasir Mukhtar. The meeting was Co-hosted by Mr. Haseeb Akram, Director of the Punjab Poultry Breeders Rawalpindi-Pakistan. Dr Farhan Farooq –General Secretary of WPSA-PK Northern Zone highlighted the historical background and achievement of Pakistan Branch. The President of Poultry Science CLUB Dr. Sher Yar Jan discussed the role of Poultry Science CLUB for the welfare of students and the betterment of the Pakistan Poultry Industry. The WPSA-Student Counsellor Dr Awais Anwar debated the

importance of joint activities of WPSA and PSC at national levels. It was decided that the WPSA-Pakistan Branch and the Poultry Science Club, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi Pakistan will organise a large number of technical seminars and activities related to poultry science for the awareness of students and for the betterment of the industry.

Under a branch development proposal, the Pakistan Branch organised a second one day technical seminar on 'Broiler Breeder Essentials' on 11 March-2019 at the Dr M Akram Complex, Department of Poultry Production, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan. The main objective of this course is to prepare the participants for successful broiler breeder operations through better management and skills. Emergent poultry related titles were discussed by eminent poultry professionals. Initial lectures on the 'Importance of Broiler Breeder Industry in Pakistan' was delivered by Prof. Dr Athar Mahmud-Department of Poultry Production, UVAS Lahore, Pakistan. The second lecture on 'The Intellectual Working Groups for Emergent Poultry' was presented by Dr. Nasir Mukhtar, Assistant Professor, Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Another lecture on the 'Early stage essentials for optimum flock performance' was presented by Haseeb Akran, Director of the Punjab Poultry Breeders, Pakistan, 'Flock Health Monitoring' presented by Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaukat-GM Sabir's Poultry, Lahore, Pakistan, 'Assisted reproductive technology in Broiler Breeder' by Dr Farhan Farooq, Director KK Chicks, Islamabad, Pakistan, 'Nutrition for Optimal Fertility and Hatchability' by Dr. Muhammad Atha, GM Hitech Feed, Lahore Pakistan and 'Male Management and Welfare' by Dr Javid Iqbal, Technical Consultant, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. At the end of seminar certificates were distributed to 107 participants.

The third WPSA Seminar on the 'Role of WPSA in Poultry Education and Information' was organised by WPSA-Pakistan Branch Women's Wing on 12 March-2019 at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan. The chief guest was Prof. Dr Zafar Iqbal, Vice Chancellor and Chief organiser of the seminar was the Dr Muhammad Kashif Saleemi, Assistant Professor/Treasurer of WPSA Pakistan Branch. The Vice President of

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WPSA-Pakistan Branch Women's Wing, Dr Fareeha Talha, delivered a lecture on the Role of Women Veterinarian in Poultry Industry and Education. A large group of women veterinarians participated in the seminar.

*Forthcoming events of World's Poultry Science Association - Pakistan branch*

A fourth WPSA Seminar on 'Emergent Ventilation Skills for Poultry' will be

organised at The University of Peshawar, Pakistan

A fifth WPSA 'Layer Quality Seminar' will be organised at the Institute of Dairy and Animal Sciences, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan

A sixth WPSA 'Broiler Quality Seminar' will be held at Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan