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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.

### Application conditions

- Applications must be submitted at least three months prior to the meeting. If a scientific paper or poster is the basis for the application, this need not have been accepted at the time of application but it will eventually must be formally accepted before funds are disbursed
- Maximum age of the applicant is 40 years at the time of application.
- Applicants must have been a member of WPSA for at least six months at the time of application.
- No member may receive more than two Travel Grants.
- Successful applicants will receive the funds electronically AFTER the meeting on receipt of a copy of the airline ticket.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

Application form must be accompanied by:

1. *Either*

A copy of the submitted abstract.

*Or*

One typed page clearly outlining how you propose to network at the meeting. Describe the feasibility of your plan and what you hope to gain. Possibilities for the plan could include names of individuals you plan to interview or conference attendees you plan to meet who share similar interests to your own. Networking plans must be made in advance and must involve individuals with whom you are not already acquainted.

2. Budget request and justification (one page). You must include the cost of economy rate travel, food and lodging. Conference registration fees and dues will NOT be funded.
3. Letter of recommendation from a well-known member of your WPSA Branch stating why you are a worthy candidate to receive a Travel Grant.
4. Short *Curriculum Vitae* and photo.

The completed application form, abstract or networking proposal, budget, *Curriculum Vitae* with photo and recommendation letter should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or [roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com) 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:

Dr R.W.A.W. Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands

## 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).

## **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](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or you can download the application forms 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) 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](mailto: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.

## 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)).

## World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive

**Access from the first issue in 1945 until 2003 online – a total of 240 issues!**

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\*.

For further information, or to purchase the WPSJ Digital Archive, please e-mail [jnlsales@cambridge.org](mailto:jnlsales@cambridge.org).

\*For those who do not subscribe to the current volume, there is an additional annual maintenance fee of £45/85, payable from the second year of the deal.

[www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS](http://www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS)

## Access and distribution of the World's Poultry Science Journal – important notice for subscribers

Due to the very high costs of printing and distribution of printed copies of the journals, along with environmental considerations, the Board has decided that, from June 2013, all member will have online only access to the Journal and WPSA will cease to provide printed copies, unless individual members who have specifically requested (in writing or email) to retain a printed copy. Whilst there is no planned extra charge for receiving a print copy, we would be grateful if all members can

consider the extra costs to the WPSA as well as keep environmental considerations in mind when deciding the format of Journal they wish to receive. Reductions in journal costs will mean that the Board will have more funds to spend on other essential areas, such as travel grants and speakers bureau.

A print copy can be requested by completing the form on the website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)) or by sending an e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or to your Branch Secretary.

### 通知：关于 WPSJ 今后订阅和访问途径的更改事宜

#### ——致 WPSA 全体会员和 WPSJ 订阅人的一封信

鉴于杂志纸版发行费用和国际邮资的日趋昂贵，以及环境友好阅读方式的需求，WPSA 执委会兹定于自 2013 年 6 月起，WPSJ 全面实行网上在线访问。请对纸版杂志仍有需求的会员于近期函告或邮件申请，否则将自动视为接受网上在线阅读方式。WPSA 执委会和 WPSJ 全体工作人员感谢各位会员和订阅人的理解和配合，该项费用的节省将用以支持 WPSA 其它重要工作领域，如资助参会和名家讲堂计划。

WPSJ 纸版申请表格请在学会网站下载填写([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com))或发送邮件至 [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) 或所属分会秘书。

WPSA 执委会、WPSJ 编辑部

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## Droit d'accès et distribution du World's Poultry Science Journal - avis important aux souscripteurs

En raison des très importants coûts d'impression et de distribution des exemplaires imprimés des journaux ainsi que de considérations sur l'environnement, le Bureau a décidé que, à partir du mois de juin

2013, tous les membres ne disposeront plus que de l'accès « en ligne » au Journal et que la WPSA cessera de fournir les documents imprimés sauf pour des membres, à titre individuel, qui auraient demandé

spécifiquement (par écrit ou par email) de conserver un exemplaire imprimé. Bien que l'on ne prévoie pas de frais supplémentaires pour l'exemplaire imprimé, nous serions reconnaissants à tous les membres s'ils pouvaient considérer les coûts supplémentaires pour la WPSA et garder à l'esprit les considérations environnementales lorsqu'ils choisiront la présentation du journal qu'ils souhaitent recevoir. Les réductions de

coûts du journal feront que le Bureau disposera de plus de fonds à investir dans d'autres domaines essentiels tels que les bourses de voyage et le bureau des conférenciers

Il est possible de demander un exemplaire imprimé en remplissant le formulaire du site web ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)), en envoyant un e-mail à [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) ou à votre secrétaire de branche.

## **Elektronischer Zugang und Versand des World's Poultry Science Journal – wichtige Information für Bezieher**

Als Reaktion auf steigende Druck- und Versandkosten und als Beitrag zur Schonung der Umwelt hat der WPSA-Vorstand beschlossen, ab Juni 2013 allen Mitgliedern nur noch den Online-Zugang zum Journal anzubieten, sofern sie nicht schriftlich (per Brief oder E-Mail) mitteilen, dass sie weiterhin ein gedrucktes Exemplar wünschen. Es ist zwar nicht geplant, höhere Beiträge für die gedruckte Fassung zu berechnen, hoffen aber auf die Einsicht und Mithilfe aller

Mitglieder, um das Budget der WPSA und die Umwelt nicht unnötig zu belasten. Durch Verringerung der Druck- und Versandkosten kann der Vorstand mehr in andere wichtige Projekte wie z.B. Erstattung von Reisekosten und Referenten für die Teilnahme an WPSA-Veranstaltungen investieren.

Der Bezug des Journals in gedruckter Form kann über die Website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)), E-Mail an [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) oder den jeweiligen Sekretär der Branch beantragt werden.

## **Доступ и рассылка журнала World's Poultry Science Journal – важная информация для подписчиков**

Ввиду очень высокой стоимости печати и рассылки напечатанных копий журнала, а также с учетом экологических факторов, Совет журнала принял решение, что с июня 2013 все члены ВНАП будут иметь доступ только к электронной версии журнала с сайта ВНАП. Это позволит снизить финансовые затраты на производство и рассылку печатных копий. Если же индивидуальный член ВНАП желает продолжать получать журнал в печатном виде, он должен будет обратиться с соответствующим запросом (письмом или по электронной почте), чтобы продолжать получать печатную копию журнала. Поскольку не планируются дополнительные средства на получение печатных копий журнала, мы были бы признательны, если бы члены

ВНАП имели в виду сложность поиска ВНАП дополнительных расходов на печать и рассылку и взвешенно подходили при выборе формата журнала, с которым они хотели бы иметь дело. Сокращение расходов на производство журнала позволило бы Совету более рационально использовать имеющиеся средства на другие важные цели, такие как выделение грантов на поездки специалистов и для бюро приглашенных докладчиков.

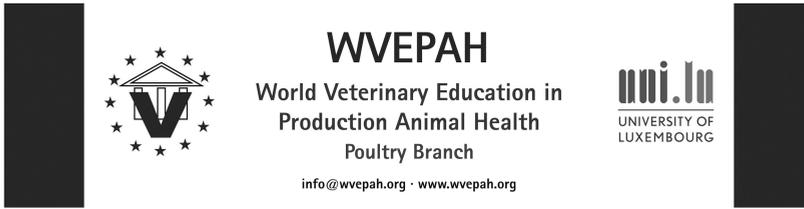
Заявка на продолжение получения печатной копии может быть оставлена путем заполнения формы, имеющейся на сайте ВНАП ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)) или путем отправления заявки на адрес [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) или непосредственно Секретарю Вашего национального отделения.

## Acceso y distribución del World's Poultry Science Journal – importante noticia para los subscriptores

Debido a los muy elevados costes de impresión y distribución de las copias impresas de la revista, al mismo tiempo que por consideraciones ambientales, el Comité Editorial ha decidido que, a partir de Junio del 2013 todos los miembros solo tendrán acceso online al Journal y que la WPSA dejará de proporcionar copias impresas, a excepción de aquellos miembros individuales que lo hayan solicitado específicamente (por escrito o email). Aunque no habrá ningún cargo extra por el hecho de recibir la revista impresa, agradeceremos que

todos los miembros piensen en los costes extra para la WPSA, así como que tengan presente las consideraciones ambientales cuando decidan en formato del Journal que desean recibir. Las reducciones de costes del Journal pueden significar que el Comité disponga de más fondos para gastar en otras áreas esenciales, como ayudas en gastos de viaje y el speakers bureau.

Una copia impresa puede solicitarse llenando un formulario en la website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)) o enviando un e-mail a [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) o al Secretario de su Rama.



## World Veterinary Education in Production Animal Health

WVEPAH is a new branch of the “European Association for Veterinary Specialization” EAVS, a non-profit organization registered in Luxembourg since 1989. The EAVS promotes the transnational organization of Veterinary Specialization in Europe with the support of the EU. In 1992 it created the “European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies” (ESAVS, [www.esavs.org](http://www.esavs.org)) to support the concept of veterinary specialization by offering high quality continuing education.

In the past, the focus on companion animal health and has been very successful. Education programmes are organized in 27 locations in Europe and 6 in China, mostly at Universities, with more than 1 000 participants each year coming from over 50 countries. In 2005 the ESAVS became officially affiliated with the Sciences department at the University of Luxembourg, offering European Certificate and Master programmes in the field of small animal veterinary medicine.

Inspired by this experience we are now expanding our activities to the production

animal sector. WVEPAH uses the same strategy developed by ESAVS to create an international platform for well recognized teachers in animal production health.

### **WVEPAH was created in 2010 with the support of the OIE**

WVEPAH is dedicated to the training of production animal health specialists, including in OIE standards and regulations. Professor Jean-Pierre Vaillancourt, University of Montreal, is coordinating the development of the poultry section of WVEPAH with the expert assistance of ESAVS colleagues.

### **Participants acquire new skills and knowledge which they can immediately apply in their daily field activities**

Quality education in Poultry management and health is limited in several countries. WVEPAH offers the opportunity for qualified professionals to acquire or improve their knowledge and skills with the possibility of

obtaining a formal University recognition, such as a Certificate or Master in Animal Production Health – Poultry.

WVEPAH programmes offer comprehensive training modules consisting of residential short courses and distance learning. They are designed for those professionals in the poultry industry who wish to broaden their knowledge in the area of poultry health and production. The intensive training is provided at an advanced level with major emphasis on a case oriented and problem-solving approach.

**The target audience consists of poultry specialists graduated from veterinary schools or agronomic universities**

WVEPAH courses include lectures, discussions, demonstrations, case presentations

and laboratory work. Special emphasis is given on how to investigate field problems, including data analysis and laboratory test interpretation. The study programme is composed of 3 residential Courses of 10-day duration each, with 1-2 web based distance learning modules in between the courses. Requirements are university education and academic degree in veterinary or agronomic studies with strong emphasis on health management.

**Each course is taught by course masters who are internationally recognized specialists in their field and have excellent didactic skills**

WVEPAH, through its agreement with OIE, is looking forward to partner with WPSA members.

## Branch News

### Germany

It has been a busy year for the German Branch with our bid to host the WPC2020 in Berlin. At the time of site inspection in March we were confident in making a convincing argument for holding the WPC2020 in Europe, and the proposed venue in former East Berlin would offer a chance to appreciate the developments made since the Berlin Wall came down.

The WPC2012 in Salvador was attended by more than 40 participants from Germany, 10 of which were supported with travel grants from the German branch. The German booth was a popular meeting point for colleagues from around the world, and invited guests rated the German evening at the Goethe Institute as their highlight during the Congress.

In the WPSA Council meeting, Prof. Werner Bessei, President of the German branch, was elected as Senior Vice President of the WPSA Board. On behalf of the German branch, he thanked all supporters and assured the French branch to support the WPC2020 in Paris.

*Dr Anke Förster*

### Japan

The impact factor for the Journal of Poultry Science (JPS) has increased from 0.833 (2010) to 1.074 (2012). The JPS welcomes

the submission of both reviews and original papers (<http://jpn-psa.jp/english/index.html>).

The 2012 fall meeting of the Japan Poultry Science Association (JPSA) was held in Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture on September 6-7, 2012. The meeting consisted of a public symposium entitled: 'Prospect of the poultry industry to serve domestic society', plus 41 paper presentations and the JPSA council and general meetings. The 2012 JPSA Award winners were as follows: the academic award was presented to Atsushi Murai (Nagoya University) for his study on antibody transport systems in the avian ovary. The young scientist award was presented to Takeshi Shimogiri (Kagoshima University) for his study on genetic polymorphisms associated with some productive traits in poultry. The Association's distinguished service award was presented to Shin Hasegawa, Takashi Sakaida and Seiji Kusuhara. Excellence in Presentation awards (for members under the age of 30 or students) were made to A. Sato, N. Maki, J. Sittiya and N. Doi. Outstanding Paper Awards were given to the following: A. Nakamura, A. Ishikawa, K. Nagao, H. Watanabe, M. Uchida, N. Kansaku, for their paper entitled: 'Characteristics of reversion to early feathering phenotype in the late feathering line of Nagoya breed chickens', JPS 48: 155–161, 2011; and to K. Rikimaru, N. Ito, Y. Nakamura, D. Takahashi, M. Ono, M.

Komatsu, K. Matsubara, for their paper entitled 'Identification of germline chimeric chickens produced by transfer of primordial germ cells using a Hinai-dori-specific microsatellite marker', *JPS* 48: 281–291, 2011.

Kiyoshi Shimada was inducted into the International Poultry Hall of Fame during the WPC2012. The JSPA supported a part of the travel expenses to attend the WPC2012 to several young scientists (under 40 of age). The recipients of the travel awards were K. Rikimaru, Y. Nakajima and F. Nanto.

The 2013 spring meeting of the JPSA will be held in Hiroshima City on March 29th.

*Dr Tamao Ono, Secretary of Japanese Branch WPSA*

### **Russia**

An International Conference on 'Russia Broiler Production in 2012' was held in Volgograd Hero-town in September 2012. The Conference was organized by the BASF MegaMix group of companies jointly with Russia Branch of the WPSA. Over 150 participants from Russia and CIS countries, including company directors, branch enterprise experts, and scientists, devoted two days to discussing actual problems and potential solutions. The conference was opened by the vice president of BASF, Dr Hans Mushen. He discussed how production processes are connected to the environment during his welcome speech to the Conference participants. He emphasised that we, as an industry, must maximise our efforts in protecting the environment. We should increase animal meat production, not just by animal numbers, but through improved animal productivity and feed utilisation. That's why BASF invests some 1.6 billion Euros annually for innovative scientific development of products. Each product is released only after an effectiveness analysis for each new ingredient and method involved. The conference participants were then given a presentation by Professor V. Fisinin. Professor Fisinin is a poultry industry leader in Russia, the 'Rosptitsesoyuz' President and the RAAS First Vice-President. He said that the science and innovation are mutual and closely connected. The tendency to use molecular genetic research in recent years indicates that such technologies will play a greater role in the future poultry industry. Not only will genetic markers and molecular genetics be used in the

selection of poultry stocks, but they will also become important tools for transgenic technology. That is why the Poultry Breeding Institute recently began forming a rare breeds collection, so that a domestic genetic pool for poultry will be available to future researchers. He believes that the poultry industry's future will be dependent on gene construction. The poultry industry is now the fastest developing branch of the Russian livestock breeding industry. Increased poultry production is impossible without correct biosecurity. Bird well-being is assessed by high productivity and liveability traits, and by the guarantee of safe poultry products with good nutritional value that give consumers confidence. This task becomes most important in connection with the Customs Union creation and Russia entering WTO. 'Rosptitsesoyuz' General Director, G. Bobylyova, spoke on our country's food safety, and on the poultry industry's effectiveness and profitability increasing. She said that lowering production costs is the only way for effectively increasing profitability, since it is accepted that the cost of feeds compromise 70% of the general costs for production. Scientists and experts are unanimous in their opinion that it's necessary to use the most modern feed technologies for reducing feed costs. It is possible to provide poultry with available proteins, vitamins and minerals, and focussed on those commercial products that improve phosphorus availability and lowers ph excretion in the manure.

Other ways for branch enterprise profitability were discussed at the conference. Curt Veglaitner, CDDCON Company, Germany, made a presentation about non-antibiotic growth promoters in Europe. Professor E. Dzhavadov, VNIVIP director, indicated that reducing poultry mortality from different infectious diseases is the one of the most important aspects of improving the enterprises profitability. He discussed some new and effective methods of preventing dangerous virus diseases that have been developed in this Institute. Branch competitiveness owing to the introduction of innovations in the further processing of poultry meat and eggs, and the development of functional foods is one of the strategic directions for the institute. These problems have been highlighted by the director of the Povolzhskiy NII for meat-and-milk production (Prof. I. Gorlov). Enhanced

functional products have special demand in Volgograd shops. Megamix presenter V. Freezen stated that high quality feeds and the introduction of innovations will not be able to improve economic traits of enterprises without a systematic approach, control and accounting. He discussed their own experiences regarding quality control systems at their enterprise during the past three years, as well as compliance and recognition by the International ISO 9001 Standard requirements, and the International Certification SGS Company (Great Britain). Modern innovations in premix processing were discussed by Dr. Robert Rüle from BASF. The Conference participants visited the Megamix laboratories and facilities as part of the conference tours. The participants were shown the latest innovation in handling raw materials and bar coding products, for traceability. The informative and working part of the conference concluded with an excursion to Mamayev Kurgan, and with a colourful salute at the conference supper.

The abbreviations: RAAS – Russian Agricultural Sciences Academy, VNITIP – All Russian Poultry Industry Technological Institute, VNIVIP – All Russian Institute of Veterinary Preparations. NII – Scientific Research Institute.

*Tatiana Vasilyeva*

### **Sri Lanka**

The Sri Lankan Branch had several activities to promote chicken and egg consumption in the country under the theme 'Eradicate Protein Malnutrition through Eggs and Chicken', including the production of the documentary film (which was noted in the last newsletter).

In October, three programmes were held for different sectors of the public, to show the documentary and raise awareness regarding the nutritive value of eggs and chicken.

On World Egg Day (12th October) a programme was arranged in Hatton, an area dominated by tea estate workers where there is high percentage of malnutrition. The programme was organized by the Chairman of the local Urban Council, Dr A Nandakumar, and over 100 school children and teachers as well as members of the public attended the programme. Tamil and Sinhala language leaflets, as well as eggs, were distributed to the participants. Lunch consisted of different egg dishes.

On World Food Day (16th October), a programme was arranged at Hambantota a rural area in the south of the country. This programme was organized by the Women's Development Foundation of Hambantota. Over 120 participants from the WDF, all of whom were village leaders attended. Eggs were distributed to the participants at the end of the programme. The documentary DVD was also given to each participant, with the aim of spreading the message to 60,000 families in rural societies, who are members of the WDF, which is the umbrella organization.

On 24th October, a programme was held at Puttalam (a small town in the North Western area) for 40 school principals where the DVD was presented and copies given to all participants so that they can show them to their own classes.

These activities have accessed a good cross section of the public that needs to be made aware of the nutritive values of chicken meat and eggs. Consumption of both chicken and eggs is still low in the countryside, primarily due to myths and misconceptions about these foodstuffs.

On 17th November, the Sri Lankan branch organised a stall at the Health Education Fair called 'Health Fest' which was organised by the College of Community Physicians and the Ministry of Health. Health Fest was designed primarily to encourage healthy food habits in the public. It was held in Colombo at the Viharamahadevi Park (an open air venue).

On the stall, the DVD was shown on wide screen. At the same time, a cookery demonstration was held throughout the day, using eggs and chicken meat, by a very popular culinary expert and a chef. The visitors to the stall got a chance to taste the cooked items. The visitors were attracted to the stall by two dancers who went round the premises dressed as an egg and as a broiler chicken. At the same time, leaflets in Sinhala and Tamil on the nutritive value of poultry products with some easy-to-cook recipes were distributed. In this promotion no brand names were displayed. The stall was designed only for the promotion of eggs and chicken as natural healthy foods.

Future programmes are being arranged with organisations like UNICEF, and the National Institute of Education

A workshop on 'Needs Identification of the Poultry Industry' has been held in mid

December, and will be reported on in the next issue.

*Dr Mrs. A. L. Godwin*

### **Tanzania**

With support from the WPSA's Speaker's bureau, the Tanzania Branch of WPSA was pleased to host Dr Charles S. Roney, the Director of National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) from the USA, in Tanzania from 10th and 18th December 2012. Dr Roney presented a paper about NPIP operations in the poultry plenary session at the Tanzania Veterinary Association's (TVA) 30th Scientific Conference, which was co-hosted by TVA and WPSA Tanzania Branch in Arusha on 12th of December 2012. The conference was attended by more than 150 registered members of TVA. The WPSA Tanzanian Branch also arranged a seminar for undergraduate veterinary students, graduate students, and academic staff of the Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro on 17th December 2012. During this meeting, Dr Roney gave presentations about the NPIP operations and large scale commercial poultry production in the USA. Discussions were held on the relevance and adaptability of the NPIP in Tanzania and developing countries between Dr Roney and the students.

On 18th December 2012 Dr Roney met the Tanzania Poultry Breeders Association members in Dar es Salaam. Apart from disease control, Dr Roney emphasised the importance of feed and management improvement, which were fundamental to the success of commercial poultry production in its early stages of development in the USA.

### **USA**

The USA Branch has elected two new committee members who will begin their 4 year terms in January 2013. The new members elected to the committee are Dr E. Ernest M. 'Ernie' Pierson and Dr Curtis Novak. Dr Bob Buresh was reappointed as the PSA Presidential appointment to the committee and will continue serving as USA Branch Secretary. We express our sincere appreciation for their service to the outgoing committee members Dr Sarge Bilgili and Dr Paul Patterson.

Long-time professor Dr S. Allen Edgar (1916-2000) has been posthumously inducted into the

American Poultry Historical Society (APHS) Hall of Fame as part of its 2013 class of inductees. The purpose of the APHS is honour and recognise persons for outstanding achievement and leadership connected with the development of the Poultry Industry. Dr Edgar generated new knowledge on control and management of disease in commercial poultry. The principles he developed are still in use today. Thus, his pioneering research is of historic significance.

Dr Edgar was born in Stafford, Kansas and earned his BA degree from Sterling College, his MS from Kansas State University and his PhD from the University of Wisconsin. Following a very successful military career in which he served as a Medical Officer in the South Pacific during and following WWII, Dr Edgar joined the Department of Poultry Science faculty at Auburn University in 1947. He retired with Professor Emeritus status in 1986.

Indeed, Dr Edgar was a true pioneer of poultry disease research and was renowned as a giant in the area of poultry vaccine development. During nearly 40 years tenure at Auburn University, he developed several vaccines including the first vaccine against infectious bursal disease in chickens and the first vaccine against coccidiosis of chickens and turkeys. Dr Edgar discovered and named a new species of *coccidia* in chickens and was instrumental in the development and commercialisation of anticoccidial drugs and vaccines. His contributions in this area were instrumental in allowing confined and intensive rearing of poultry, which enabled the commercial poultry industry to evolve into the modern agricultural enterprise that it is today. His work with USDA and processors in the Southeast led to workable guidelines for federal inspection of processed poultry, which significantly reduced the rate of carcass condemnations.

Dr S. Allen Edgar devoted his career to the poultry industry in Alabama and the Southeast. He was highly effective in taking his research findings and applying them to the commercial poultry. In reviewing his records, there is evidence that he personally worked with nearly every poultry company that existed in Alabama and the Southeast during his career. His accomplishments represent 'tipping point' milestones that were necessary for today's modern poultry industry to evolve and progress.

Because his contributions to the development

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of the poultry industry are of historical significance and have stood the test of time; Dr Edgar has been awarded this posthumous recognition by the APHS. During Dr Edgar's lifetime, he received many professional recognitions including Fellow of the Poultry Science Association, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow of the New York Academy of

Science, Member of the Alabama Poultry Industry Hall of Fame, Member of the Auburn University College of Agriculture Alumni Association Hall of Fame, Workhorse of the Year Award from the US (formerly Southeastern) Poultry and Egg Association, PhD *honoris causa* from Sterling College, and many more.