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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 Plumveewetenschappen**

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 Plumveewetenschappen) 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.

### **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)).

## European Poultry Conference 2018, held in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Organised by the WPSA Croatian Branch, the XVth European Poultry Conference was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from September 17-21st. It was held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia Kolinda Grabar Kitarović, Ministry of Agriculture, Faculty of

Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology, Faculty of Agriculture and the Croatian Veterinary Chamber. The conference gathered 1487 participants from 72 countries from all over the world, and it was the largest agricultural

conference ever held in this part of Europe. Altogether, 12 plenary lectures were presented by leading world scientists, as well as 230 oral and 285 poster presentations, in 22 parallel sections.

During the opening ceremony, the EPC 2018 was officially opened by the President of the European Federation of the WPSA Prof. Birger Svihus and the participants were also greeted by Chairlady Prof. Estella Prukner Radovic, President of the Croatian branch of the WPSA, and the mayor of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County Slaven Dobrosravić.

During the conference, a 15th Meeting of the Council of the EF WPSA was held, at which a new leadership was elected by secret ballot. President of the Croatian branch of the WPSA, Prof. Estella Prukner Radovic was elected as the President of the EF WPSA. Prof. Michael Grashorn was re-elected as the secretary and treasurer, and Prof. Birger Svihus was elected as the past president. In the

balloting for the next European Poultry Conference venue (voting for The Netherlands or Spain) it was decided that the 16th EPC will be held in 2022 in Valencia (Spain).

A Youth programme was organised for young scientists who actively participated to the conference. Altogether 22 of them got the opportunity to visit poultry producers (broilers and laying hen farms) near Zagreb, but also to exchange knowledge and build new friendship during the four-day post-conference programme.

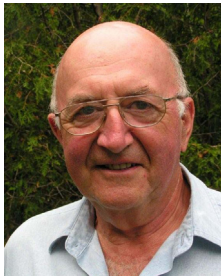
Together with an exceptional scientific programme, numerous social events were also organised, as Welcome cocktail and Gala dinner, held in medieval fortress Revelin.

The organisers would specially like to thank the WPSA and all sponsors-diamond, gold, silver and other contributors, for their contribution to the successful organisation of the EPC 2018!



## American Poultry Historical Society Award for Peter Hunton

At the annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association in San Antonio, Texas, USA on July 26, 2018 Dr Peter Hunton (Past-President of WPSA) was presented the American Poultry Historical Society Historian Award. He received this award in recognition of his efforts to preserve the history of the poultry industry through his collection and sharing of artefacts related to the poultry industry, and the PSA and WPSA organisations; and his publication of histories of the genetics of poultry and of the World's Poultry Science Association. Dr Hunton was WPSA Canada Branch President, and international Vice-President, Senior Vice-President, and President of the WPSA. He led the successful bid for the XXI World Poultry Congress in Canada.



Peter Hunton obtained a BSc. from Newcastle University in 1958, and was a member of the first group of students to enrol in the newly introduced MSc programme in poultry science at Wye College, University

of London. This involved one year of taught courses and one year undertaking a research project. He was subsequently appointed to the Faculty at Wye, where he taught poultry genetics and poultry management until emigrating to Canada in 1966. He joined Shaver Poultry Breeding Farms in Galt (now a part of Cambridge), Ontario as research coordinator, a post he held until 1974. At this point he was appointed senior research geneticist for Ross Poultry in Newbridge, Scotland. He rejoined Shaver as director of research in 1977. In 1980, he moved to the Ontario Egg Producers Marketing Board (now Egg Farmers of Ontario) as poultry specialist. In this position he was responsible for technical support to 400 egg producers, and for advising the board on its research support programme. Hunton was editor of Shaver Focus, later ISA Focus, from its inception in 1967 until 2014, with a break while employed by Ross Poultry. He published widely in Poultry International and World Poultry, and edited the research page in the latter magazine for ten years. He also authored numerous review articles and book chapters. Hunton joined the Poultry Science Association in 1967 and remained an active member until his retirement in 2014.

## Branch News

### Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka Branch, again in collaboration with the Sri Lankan Veterinary Association and the US Soya Bean Export Council, conducted their third seminar for the year on Poultry Nutrition and Management Techniques from 11th June to 13th June 2018 at Hotel Topaz Kandy. The seminar was conducted as a part of our continuous effort to uplift the knowledge of the membership. Over 100 WPSA and SLVA members participated in this programme.

Professor Ravi Ravindran from Massey University in New Zealand was invited as the main speaker for this three-day programme. Dr S.S.P Silva, the Director of the Veterinary Research Institute (VRI) in Sri Lanka, and Dr Nimal Priyankarage, also served with the registration. Other individuals included on the

panel of speakers included: Prof S.P. Gunarathne, Senior Lecturer, Department of Farm Animal Production; Dr Dilan Satharasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Vet. Medicine & Animal Science; Dr G.S.K. N. Gamlath, Consultant Veterinarian for poultry breeder Operation; and, Athula Mahagama, Regional Technical Representative USSEC.

### *Educational & Trade mission to the Netherlands*

The Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, in collaboration with Sri Lankan Branch of WPSA organised an educational and trade mission to the Netherlands for key poultry veterinarians and medium scale broiler and layer companies in Sri Lanka. This training



visit was conducted from 17-24 June in parallel with the VIV Europe in Utrecht the Netherlands. Twenty-two WPSA-SL members were participants in this mission.

During this programme, participants were provided comprehensive training and hands on experience with regard to on poultry management from farm to the end product, with practical exposure to some of the latest poultry management techniques in the Netherlands. Barneveld College, the Dutch Poultry museum, and the VIV Exhibition were among the key visited sites.

### **Togo**

The Regional Centre of Excellence for Poultry Science (CERSA) and the World's Poultry Science Association - Togolese branch (WPSA-Togo) will organise Pan-African Poultry Conference (PPC) from 13th to 17th May 2019. This conference will take place at Campus of University of Lome, Togo. More than 200 delegates from Togo, regional and international countries are expected to attend the conference.

Several experienced speakers drawn from both international, regional and national academia and poultry industry will be on hand to discuss the topics. Well-known invited speakers will highlight bottlenecks in the African poultry industry and its importance in the world. In total, six thematic areas will be covered including: 1) Egg and meat processing, 2) Environment and management, 3) Feeding-Nutrition and Metabolism, 4) Genetics, 6) Reproduction and incubation and 4) Socio-economy. The

programme for the PPC will be posted on CERSA web site ([www.cersa-togo.org](http://www.cersa-togo.org)) and its links.

All those involved in poultry science and industry are encouraged to submit original research, teaching and extension papers. Information about abstracts submission will be available on [www.cersa-togo.org](http://www.cersa-togo.org).

### **USA**

The USA and Canadian Branches of the WPSA jointly sponsored the annual WPSA lecture held during the Poultry Science Association Annual meeting in July in San Antonio, TX. The speaker was Rick Kleyn of Spesfeed (Pty) Ltd. from Rivonia, South Africa. He presented the topic 'The current state and future demands of the poultry industry: Will we meet our commitments?'. His presentation was both very informative and challenging to all in attendance. His core message addressed the challenges of the food industry to meet the demands for food security, provide the products that consumers want and act in a sustainable manner.

In addition, during the PSA annual meeting, the USA and Canadian WPSA Branches hosted a joint annual luncheon promoting fellowship and interaction between the branches. The USA Branch conducted its annual business meeting in San Antonio, with a majority of the Board members present. One of the key upcoming activities is a planned Branch election to replace two of our Branch Board members with terms expiring in January, 2019

*Bob Buresh, USA Branch Secretary*