
Association News

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

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for YOUNG WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and STUDENTS from developed countries to attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

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 or 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

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.

WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

Given the high cost of international air travel it is important that optimum value be obtained from this expenditure by WPSA. This can be achieved by insisting that the visiting speaker provides more than just one paper at a conference. The visiting speaker could contribute in a variety of ways, e.g., present a second paper on a related topic, conduct a workshop for graduate students, have small group or one-on-one interaction, especially with students, visit industry groups, visit university groups, etc.

Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary.

Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

Application conditions

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering 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. 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.

Online Journal subscription for WPSA members

The World's Poultry Science Journal has been available to subscribers on-line for the past three years. As a result of a change in our publishing partners (the on-line edition will be available from Cambridge University Press instead of CABI) and the work of a small sub-committee appointed at the 2005 WPSA Board meeting, members will have the option of receiving the Journal on-line instead of the print edition.

The system will be upgraded to permit searching of references, tracing citations etc. with a full range of electronic facilities.

The print version will continue to be the normal method for receiving the Journal. **if you wish to receive the on-line version instead, you must indicate this by completing the form on the WPSA website (www.wpsa.com).**

Most of the content of the Journal will now be included in the on-line edition with the exception of the advertisements. We will be developing a new page in the on-line version where all of our Gold and Silver sponsors will be identified, and provide direct links to their company websites.

E-mail WPSA Newsletter

Association News

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).

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.

*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

Branch News

Algeria

The Algerian branch will hold its Second National Symposium on Poultry Science (IIème Symposium National des Sciences Avicoles) on 17 - 18 October 2012 in Batna, Algeria. This symposium will be organized by the University of Batna in collaboration with the Algerian branch of WPSA (Association Algérienne des Sciences Avicoles). This event will gather research and professional individuals from the poultry sector, and the official languages of the symposium will be French and Arabic. The following scientific topics will be included in the programme: Poultry biosecurity; health and environment; Feed and nutrition; Poultry products and food safety; and, Poultry breeding and genetics. Further details are available on the following web site: <http://inst-va.univ-batna.dz>. For any additional information, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at: wpsa-dz@live.fr.

ALLOUI Nadir, Branch President and BENNOUNE Omar, Branch General Secretary

France

The French Branch of WPSA (WPSA France, <http://www.wpsa.fr/>) has made an official

invitation to host the World's Poultry Congress in 2020 in Paris, one of the most attractive cities in the world for culture and tourism. It appears a valuable place for this Conference with its unique congress centre in the heart of the city.

According to WPSA by-laws, a site inspection team came to Paris to evaluate the facilities and infrastructure proposed for the organization of the World's Poultry Congress. Dr Robert Pym, WPSA President, Dr Roel Mulder, WPSA General Secretary, and Dr Colin Whitehead, WPSA Vice-President, were our hosts from 19th to 21st of March. All those involved in the bid have put their energies into organising a comprehensive site visit programme for our visitors, including a visit of the Congress Centre, visits of hotels from different categories, visits of venues for the social programme and visits of poultry industries as well as poultry farms in Le Mans, only one hour by train from Paris, to show the various features and the dynamism of the French poultry sector.

M. Duclos, Secretary

Germany

The German Branch has a tradition of holding its annual meetings in March as a two-day event, with a board meeting preceding the general assembly, dinner on the first day, a scientific programme and excursions on the second day. This year, the meeting was held in the historic Hapag Hall in Cuxhaven and attracted a total of 150 members and guests.

The meeting was opened by Prof. Flock, President of the German Branch, with a brief review of activities during the 10 years since the European Poultry Conference in Bremen, after which he served four years as President of the European Federation and nine years as President of the German Branch. During this time, annual meetings were held at different locations across the country, and active participation in World Congresses, European Conferences and Symposia of WPSA Working Groups was regularly supported by travel grants.

Highlights in 2011 were the Turkey Symposium in Berlin, the Egg/Meat Symposium in Leipzig and an excursion to Northern Italy.

The assembly approved unanimously the changes proposed by the Board for the next 3-year term: Prof. Werner Bessei succeeds Prof. Flock as President, Dr. Anke Förster and Dr. Peter Behr continue as Secretary and Vice President, respectively. Four new members will rejuvenate the Board: Leo Graf Drechsel, President of the German Poultry Association; Prof. Robby Andersson, University of Osnabrück; Ingrid Simon, Münster; and Dr. Inga Tiemann, Düsseldorf.

Prof. Heinz Pingel, Secretary of the GDR Branch from 1970 until German reunification in 1990 and internationally known for his research on waterfowl, was recognized with honorary membership. Appreciation on behalf of the German Branch was expressed by Vice President Dr. Behr for the contributions of Prof. Flock to WPSA activities at the national and international level.

Current activities focus on preparations for the WPC2012 in Salvador, Brazil, and the German Branch again will support young scientists with travel grants.

The German Branch had submitted a bid to host the WPC2020, and details were being prepared for the site inspection in Berlin following the branch meeting. To get the latest information on plans for the World

Poultry Congress 2020 in Berlin, please visit the website www.wpc2020.eu and stop by at the WPSA booth in Salvador!

Israel

The 47th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Israeli branch was held in Jerusalem for three days in March, 2012. The convention consisted of 14 sessions which covered disciplines including poultry disease and prevention; poultry physiology; incubation; poultry nutrition; water quality in the poultry industry; special issues regarding laying hens; special issues regarding broilers; and special round tables focusing on updated issues which concern the poultry industry in Israel.

During 2011 two members of the WPSA Israeli Branch passed away: Prof. Israel Nir and Dr. Yehuda Zamberg, both had made outstanding contributions to the Israeli Branch as well as to the WPSA. The 47 annual meeting included special scientific sessions in memory of Professor Nir and Dr. Zamberg.

The annual convention was honoured to invite two overseas scientists: Dr. Michael Hess from the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, who gave a lecture on 'Salmonella and Campylobacter – the main source for food contamination'; and Dr. Mario Penz from the Provimi America, Latina, Brazil who gave a lecture on: 'Future challenges in the poultry industry.'

During the convention 35 companies presented their unique developed items. The number of participants approximated 800, including farmers, members of several commercial companies, members of the extension service, and scientists.

The evenings were intended for guided tours in Jerusalem.

During the year 2012. the branch plans to have 3 separate symposia on different topics.

Prof. Shlomo Yahav, Chairman – WPSA Israel Branch

Mr. Itzik Malka, Secretary - WPSA Israel Branch

Italy

The Italian Branch is hosting the meeting of the Incubation and Fertility Research Group (IFRG), held in Pisa on June 13-15, 2012. The Chairman of the Meeting is Dr. Nick French (Aviagen). Dr. Margherita Marzoni

and Dr. Annelisse Castillo (Pisa University) are in charge of the Local Organizing Committee. Further details and information is available on the following websites: <http://www.ifrg.org/ifrg.htm>.

The Italian Branch will also host the following meetings during calendar year 2013:

The **XXI European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat and the XV European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products** will be held at Centro Congressi Giovanni XXIII in the beautiful city of Bergamo on September 15-19, 2013.

The programme for the Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat will cover muscle biology; nutrition, feeding and meat quality; impact of management and environment on meat quality; transport, slaughtering and processing; poultry products and novel foods; poultry microbiology and hygiene; biological basis of poultry meat quality; new quality assessment techniques; environmental impact of poultry meat production systems and genetic control of meat quality traits in poultry.

The Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products will include the following topics: Egg production and consumption; effects of genetics and breeding on egg quality; influence of feeding and production systems on egg quality; shell quality; egg chemistry and egg components for food and non food industries; microbiology and safety of eggs and egg products; advances in egg processing technologies; health benefits of eggs; new quality assessment techniques and functional properties of eggs and egg products. For additional information please contact Prof. Margherita Rossi (Chairman of the Organizing Committee and of Working Group 4 - email margherita.rossi@unimi.it) and Dr. Massimiliano Petracci (Chairman of the Scientific Committee - email m.petracci@unibo.it). More details will be soon available at the Symposia website: <http://www.eggmeat2013.com/>.

The **8th European Poultry Genetics Symposium** (ESPG) will be held in Padova from 25th to 27th September 2013. The programme for the Symposium will cover an update on developments in genomic selection; epigenetics as far as relevant to predict performance (e.g. adaption); intensive and extensive system and breeding objectives; role of genetics to protect; the environment, sustainability (life cycle analysis); biodiversity

and cryopreservation in poultry; disease genetics, breeding and disease; enforcement of rules/policy and its impact on breeding and an update on genetic parameters and phenotyping tools. For the 8th ESPG, Martino Cassandro will set up a local organizing team. For the scientific committee the following people have been nominated and agreed: Michele Tixier-Boichard, Paul Hocking, Martino Cassandro, Daniel Guemene, Pieter van As and Steffen Weigend. For further details contact Prof. Martino Cassandro (Chairman of the Organizing Committee - email martino.cassandro@unipd.it).

Achille Franchini

Japan

The following new officers of the Japan Poultry Science Association (JPSA) were selected for the next two years (2012.4 - 2014.3). President: Masaaki Toyomizu, Vice president: Tamao Ono and Jiro Nakagawa, Secretary: Takashi Bungo and Kan Sato, Treasurer: Keijiro Nirasawa.

The JPSA publishes four issues of their Journal a year (IF = 0.833). The journal's new board (2012.4 - 2014.3) are Atsushi Tajima (Editor-in-Chief), Kazumi Kita (Co-Editor-in-Chief), Takeshi Okubo and Hiroki Furuta (Editorial Manager). Submission of review and original papers are invited (<http://jpn-psa.jp/english/>).

The JPSA organizes semi-annual meetings. The 2012 spring meeting was held in Nagoya University on March 30th. Councillors of WPSA Japanese branch are Tamao Ono (Secretary), Masaaki Toyomizu, Makoto Mori, Mitsuhiro Furuse, Atsushi Tajima and Naoki Goto. The 2012 JPSA award was given to Atsushi Tajima (University of Tsukuba) to the achievement of the research on the conservation of poultry genetic resources. Yoshiaki Nakamura (National Institute of Basic Biology) and Shusei Mizushima (Shizuoka University) received the 2012 JPSA young scientist award. Their achievements were studies on the primordial germ cell-mediated genetic conservation in chicken, and the development of avian intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) technique and its application for basic studies of fertilization, respectively. Excellent presentation awardees (under 30 of age or

student) were Koki Mimura, Yuka Sonoda, Chiaki Ito and Takuou Takimoto. The 2012 autumn meeting will be held in Takamatsu, Kagawa Pref. on September 6th and 7th.

Dr. Tamao Ono, Secretary of Japanese Branch WPSA

Malaysia

WPSA Malaysia will conduct a poultry training programme for Oman staff during June 2012. This event will be jointly organized by the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia, the WPSA Malaysia Branch, from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Putra, Malaysia; and, from the private company Farmbest Berhad. The organizing Chairman is Dr. Razak Zailan from the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia.

Dr. Teo Kim Lai, Malaysia Branch

Nigeria

The Nigerian Branch is currently organising the 4th Nigeria International Poultry Summit that will be held on 17-21 February, 2013. The theme for the conference will be 'Food security through innovative technologies in poultry production'.

For further details contact Dr. A.O. Fafolu at: fafolu2000@yahoo.com, or Prof. Daisy Eruvbetine at: dayeruv@gmail.com.

Norway

The Norwegian Branch held its annual meeting for 2012 on the 26th of April. Forty-five people participated, and the topic of the meeting was egg production and egg quality.

Tone B. Hansen, Secretary, Norway Branch

South Korea

The South Korean branch is currently planning the 10th Asia Pacific Poultry Conference that will be held on Jeju Island, Korea in 2014. Jeju Island is a reknown vacation area in Korea and has UNESCO World Heritage site status that is famous for its spectacular view of the ocean and its well-equipped fabulous accommodation. Dr. Jae Yong Han was recently elected as the new President of the

Korean Society of Poultry Science and WPSA South Korean Branch.

Dr. Gwonhwa Song, Secretary, WPSA South Korean Branch

Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan Poultry Industry has shown a positive growth trend during recent years. Even though the country is presently self sufficient in poultry products, both for chicken meat and eggs, the current purchasing power of Sri Lankans allows a greater possibility for further expansion of the poultry industry. In the five year Poultry Development Plan recently approved by the Sri Lankan government, promotion for increased consumption of chicken meat and eggs has been identified as one of the main strategies for further development and sustenance of the industry.

The Sri Lanka Branch of WPSA has identified the need to step up the promotion of 'Eggs & Chicken' to Sri Lankan consumers by promoting awareness regarding the nutritive values of poultry products. This timely issue was discussed at several forums and it was decided to start a campaign to bring the benefit of the industry's nutritious products at low cost to Sri Lankan consumers.

According to the activities identified we have prepared the following programme.

- Audio visual programme - A documentary film is being done focused on nutritive values and the health benefits of the 'Eggs & Chicken'. Our aim is to distribute this documentary and play it at public gatherings and training forums including those for schools, hospitals, maternity clinics, etc.
- Certain parts of this video will be extracted for advertisements in TV and Radio. This activity will be done in liaison with the National Nutritional Council and The Dept. of Animal Production and Health.
- Posters to popularize the consumption of chicken. This activity is also being done with the Dept. of Animal Production & Health. Distribution of these posters island wide will be done through government and private channels.
- Organize programmes to train farmers on productivity and hygienic production of chicken and eggs.
- Participate in the mid day meal programme

of the Sri Lankan Education Department, in order to introduce school children to the nutritive value of eggs and chicken so that they will take the message home. We will also be facilitating the provision of two eggs per week for the mid day meal programme where the Education Dept. has identified the need to give 2 million eggs per week for the primary school children in selected schools.

- Participate in the programmes of NGO such as UNICEF where they are trying to reduce the protein malnutrition among infants, children and pregnant mothers.

Our aim in this programme is to provide awareness of the contribution that eggs and chicken can make toward meeting the nutritional requirements of human beings. Through the above programmes, the public will be able to understand the importance of including chicken and eggs in the daily diet of people, and especially the diets of infants and older children in order to prevent malnutrition. We are also planning to address some current myths that exist in the Sri Lankan society that work against the consumption of eggs and chicken. This activity will be one the first steps made for the campaign to increase the consumption of eggs and chicken, and will definitely benefit all stakeholders in the poultry industry.

Turkey

Prof. Dr. Rügeyde Akbay was invited by the WPSA Kuwait branch on 12-16 February 2012 to be an advisor to the country regarding presenting a paper on the topic of 'The Important Role of Research in Advancing the Poultry Industry.' She had several meetings with her Kuwaiti colleagues and during one of these meetings it was decided that an international conference will be jointly organized by the two branches on the subject of developing the poultry sector in Middle Eastern and African countries from 21-25 October 2013 in Antalya. To review the details of the meeting, the organizing committee and scientific committee members from the Kuwait branch were invited to Turkey for a meeting in October this year. Together we will finalise the programme

details and the 1st announcement of the conference will be posted on our website.

The 3rd Mediterranean Summit of WPSA convened in Alexandria, Egypt on 26-29 March 2012. In addition to the Chairman of the Mediterranean Poultry Network (MPN) of WPSA Prof. Dr. Servet Yalçın, Advisory Committee member Prof. Dr. Rügeyde Akbay and other members of the Turkish branch participated in this meeting where they gave presentations and were involved in various tasks such as charring sessions.

The 5th PHABESAS Animal Nutrition and Animal Health Symposium will be organized in Antalya between 8-11 November 2012 by Farmavet, a distinguished company in the sector.

The National Poultry Congress will be held in Izmir between 3-5 October 2012, in cooperation with the Aegean University Faculty of Agriculture. Colleagues from the Kuwait branch will also be attending this congress.

Ukraine

'Actual problems of the modern poultry industry' will be the theme for the XIII Ukrainian Poultry Conference and Exhibition with international participation. The conference will be held in Alushta, Crimea, Ukraine, 17-20 September 2012. For information, E-mail: ionov.i.a@mail.ru

The Vth Ukrainian Conference on poultry egg incubation, 'Best practices and advanced technology of poultry egg incubation', will be held in the Kharkiv, Hotel Mir, Lenin Prospect, 27A, December 3-5, 2012.

For information: E-mail: agroimpex.borki@mail.ru

Tymofii Tkachyk, Secretary of the WPSA Ukrainian Branch

USA

The USA Branch's bid to host the World's Poultry Congress in 2020 in Orlando, one of the world's greatest tourist and conference destinations, has now been accepted, and the Branch's Bid Committee will present its proposal to the WPSA Council Meeting during the 2012 Congress in Salvador, Brazil in early August. Please support the

Committee's efforts if you will be attending the Congress.

The Branch will conduct an election in the near future to replace two members of the current USA Branch Board. Two of the current elected Board member's terms (Sarge Bilgili and Paul Patterson) will expire in January, 2013. Bob Buresh will also be completing his term as the Poultry Science Association's appointed Board member. The new President of PSA, who will be elected at the PSA Membership Meeting in Athens, GA, on August 8, will appoint another PSA member to replace Bob.

The USA and Canadian Branches will sponsor the WPSA lecture at the annual Poultry Science Association meetings that will be held at the University of Georgia on 9-12, July, 2012. The lecture will be provided by Dr. Joy Mench, and will be entitled 'Eggless in Seattle? Hen housing concerns and the future of egg production.' It will be presented at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, just prior to the PSA Business Meeting. The Branch will also be co-sponsoring a WPSA/PSA Student Mixer at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening.