
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.

The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (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).

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 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. 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

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.

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www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

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).

Branch News

Brazil

Brazilian Branch Annual Meeting: The WPSA/FACTA Annual Conference was held in the city of Campinas, SP, Brazil, from 10-12 June 2013. A CD containing all of the scientific papers and presentations made at the conference is available by request at facta@facta.org.br. This venue and city is where the Conference was first held during 1982, as a Poultry Seminar with 135 participants. Since then, the Conference has been held in many other places, but according to a survey made at this year's Conference, the attendees were glad to be able to come back to the 'home town'. This was reflected by the 663 full registrations at the 2013 Conference. The great majority of the attendees were Brazilians from all of the poultry producing areas. A few other attendees were present from several other Latin American countries. Veterinarians were the largest group of attendees (28.2%) from all poultry specializations. The Conference was structured over three full days (22 hours). The first day was dedicated to oral presentations, where young and youth scientists are stimulated to enter the poultry world. The day ended with a plenary lecture and cocktails. Twelve papers were selected for oral presentation from each of these four segments (Nutrition, Diseases, Production/Management/Incubation, and other areas). Among a total of 220, each had 15 minutes for presentation and discussion. The same committee (one for each area) that selected these papers was also present to award US \$1,000.00 plus a certificate to the best one. Honoured papers from each area received a certificate only. As always, most of the papers related to nutrition (91 papers). All posters were displayed in the coffee break area during all three days of the conference. The following two days were dedicated to updates on problem areas by 24 invited speakers. Most of the speakers were Brazilian, but others from Argentina, Canada, The Netherlands, and the USA were included. The Conference was a great success, bringing

together scientists, producers, technicians, and other interested parties. Last, but not least, as part of the opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. Mario Penz from Federal University of RG Sul, was recognized as a distinguished poultry scientist for his relevant contribution to the poultry industry. I participated as an EC member, organizing, and chairing sections. Two short courses on 'Avian Immunology and Avian Salmonellosis' were approved by the Facta's EC to be held on September 23-24, and October 27-28, 2013. More information can be obtained on these short courses at www.facta.org.br. Finally, I encourage all scientists around the world to have a look at and submit papers to our scientific journal (Brazilian Poultry Science Journal, www.facta.org.br/site/index.php/portal/revista/32), that is published quarterly in English and has a good impact factor.

Edir Silva

Lebanon

The Lebanon branch is preparing to host the **4th Mediterranean Poultry Summit** that will be held in Beirut, Lebanon, September 2-5, 2014. The Mediterranean Conference will be held at the American University of Beirut that is situated right on the Eastern shore of the Mediterranean.

Nuhad Dagher, President, WPSA-Lebanon Branch
Dean Emeritus, FAFSAUB, Beirut, Lebanon

Malaysia

The Malaysian branch of WPSA organized a dinner at Putrajaya Shangri La Hotel on 5th July 2013 to recognize the contribution of past presidents and executive committee members. The dinner was attended by 20 members including the second president, Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Abdul Latif Ibrahim, and third president, Dato' Dr. Vincent Ng. The certificates of appreciation were presented to past presidents and

executive committee members by the newly elected president, Professor Dr. Zulkifli Idrus.

The Malaysian branch of WPSA will organize a scientific conference with the theme of '*Advancing Poultry Production for Food Security*' that will be held on 30th November to 1st December 2013. The conference will be held at Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort, Putrajaya, Malaysia. Further information about the conference can be found at www.vet.upm.edu.my/wpsasc2013.html.

Turkey

To strengthen the relationships between the Turkish Branch and other WPSA branches Prof. Dr. Rüyeyde Akbay made visits to several countries and held meetings with the respective Branch presidents and secretaries. Prof. Dr. Akbay was invited to the 8th International Poultry Show and Seminar organised by the WPSA Bangladesh branch in Dhaka. She met with Branch President Dr. Moshir Rahman and Branch Secretary Dr. Rafiqul Haque where it was decided that the WPSA Turkish and Bangladeshi branches would organise a joint meeting regarding the development of poultry in Asia.

In the photo, Prof. Dr. Akbay is shaking hands with the Honourable Minister for Agriculture Begum Motia Chaowdhury, on her left is the Honourable Minister for Fisheries & Livestock Mr. Md. Abdul Latif Biswas and behind him is the Secretary Fisheries & Livestock Mr. Ujjwal Bikash Dutta.

In addition, she attended the '7th Hafez International Symposium on Turkey Production' in Berlin, which has become a regular meeting of Working Group 10 of the WPSA European Federation.

Prof. Dr. Akbay got in touch with the recently established WPSA Azerbaijan branch and visited Baku where she met Branch president Dr. Mahir Hajiyev, Branch secretary Dr. S.M. Mammadov and other members. They had a valuable exchange of ideas and agreed to organise a conference with the title 'Poultry in the Caucasus' in the near future.

In a visit to Taiwan Prof. Dr. Akbay met her Taiwanese counterpart Prof. Dr. Bi Yu and Branch secretary Prof. Dr. Chih-Feng Chen to explore areas of mutual cooperation.

Branch President Prof. Dr. Akbay visited the International Poultry Exhibition in Atlanta and

the VIV Asia Exhibition in Bangkok to promote the congress and held meetings with several companies regarding the promotion of the congress.

The WPSA Turkish branch looks forward to welcome you all for the 'International Congress on Advancements in Poultry Production in the Middle East and Africa' this October.

Gülben Yalçın

United Kingdom

The highlight of the 2013 Spring meeting was two sessions discussing the therapeutic use of antibiotics by the animal production industry. The first session included an excellent summary of how antibiotics work by Robert Hill of the Health Protection Agency, before a thought provoking presentation from Juha Apajalahti of Alimetrics on what we mean by a healthy gut and, in particular, whether antibiotic usage creates a healthy gut. The session was rounded off with an insightful explanation from Daniel Dring of PD Hook on how the company has worked to reduce its use of antibiotics and some honest comments about where the greatest challenges remain. The second session covering 'How can we manage without therapeutic antibiotics – and why should we?' began with a compelling account from Laura Piddock of Birmingham University on the impact of antibiotic resistance on human health. This was followed by a highly practical analysis of poultry usage of antibiotics from Stephen Lister of Crowshall Veterinary Services, which pragmatically outlined where antibiotic use was unavoidable, where and how its usage could be reduced and also busted a few misconceptions on the role of the poultry sector in contributing to antibiotic resistance! The final talk from David Barrett of Bristol University on antibiotic usage in the dairy sector complimented Steve's paper by examining the role of both legislation and education in influencing human behaviour on therapeutic antibiotic usage in animal production.

The original communications presented at the meeting demonstrated the healthy breadth of poultry research activity in the UK. Despite the small number of UK poultry research centres, this year's meeting hosted 23 oral presentations with further posters from both the UK and international poultry research centres. It was a particular pleasure to attend

The Gordon Memorial Lecture this year, as it was given by our own Paul Hocking. Paul's lecture on the unexpected consequences of genetic selection in broilers and turkeys gave an impressive account of a lifetime of research brought to life with Paul's quiet humour. The lecture also provided a fascinating insight into a range of genetic 'accidents' and how they had been overcome.

The WPSA committee, which has been recently joined by Dawn Scholey of Nottingham Trent University, look forward to welcoming members and guests to the 2014 meeting which will be held once again at the Jubilee Campus of Nottingham University, on the 29th and 30th of April. The UK Branch has created a new Research Award to support any branch member to carry out a small investigation likely to result in broad benefit to the UK poultry sector. This award is in addition to the Summer Vacation Scholarship and its remit is extremely broad. Proposals covering any aspect of poultry science are welcomed, including laboratory analysis of samples, collection of field data, expansion of an existing poultry trial or compilation and analysis of existing field data. The value of the award is £1000 and proposals must be submitted to the Branch secretary before the end of September. Details on the Research Award, proposal forms and conditions of entry can all be found on the WPSA-UK website, soon to be relaunched on <http://www.wpsa-uk.com/>.

USA

The USA Branch held a Board meeting and its annual Membership Luncheon during the recent annual Poultry Science Association (PSA) meetings in San Diego, CA. Dr. Rob Gous from the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusinesses presented the annual WPSA Keynote Lecture for the PSA meeting that was entitled 'Modelling as a Research Tool in Poultry Science'. The presentation was extremely informative and very well received. The WPSA lecture is jointly sponsored by the USA and Canadian Branches of the WPSA.

A very successful and well attended student social event was jointly hosted during the meetings by the USA Branch and by PSA. The USA Branch held one of its biannual board meetings in San Diego. During that meeting the new Branch President, Dr. Robert Taylor and Vice-President, Dr. Ernie Pierson, were recognized. A decision was made during the Board meeting to re-instate a Travel Grant programme during 2014 to help support student members of the USA Branch to travel to international WPSA sponsored meetings and symposia. Further information will be shared with branch members on this programme once those guidelines have been re-established.

Bob Buresh, Secretary