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President's message

Warm greetings to all!

It's been quite a busy period for WVPA since our last issue of Aerosols and I'm pleased to be able to report there have been some really positive works in progress as well as continuing developments of relationships with commercial supporters/partners of WVPA. The number of companies in this latter group is continuing to expand, and warm thanks must particularly go to our Vice-President Nigel Horrox for this. All members of WVPA's six person Executive are working hard for our cause and I thank them for their great help and support.

For this issue of Aerosols, I must first refer to the forthcoming WVPA Congress in France (Nantes 19-23rd August) and emphasise what a wonderful job the Local Organising Committee is doing – under the inspiring leadership of Nicolas Etterradossi. To all of our members I have to say to that I feel that this Congress is shaping up to be one of WVPA's best ever! Already large numbers of abstracts have been received, commercial interest is very high and the social program looks terrific. I also can hardly wait to get amongst the cuisine and wines of this iconic city with my friends and colleagues! So if you have not done it yet – wait no longer to register. Details are inside this issue.

Closely integrated in timing with the Nantes Congress, has been the development and major refurbishing of the WVPA's website (www.wvpa.net) which the Executive has undertaken over the last 12 months. A large project is now in progress to include the names, profiles and photos of 52 people who will be the Founding Members of the WVPA Hall of Honour. These 'heroes in avian health' are from around the world. All have been contacted and many have indicated that they will be present at the next WVPA Congress at Nantes to receive their Awards, to be given during the Congress Gala Dinner. Their entries will be posted on WVPA's website.

Also, we in the WVPA and our sister group the Houghton Trust UK are now looking at the awarding of travel grants to assist a number of those young scientists who will be coming to WVPAC2013. Thanks to our hosts, there are special registration rates available for students.

Last but not least, our push to developing new country branches in association with the national poultry veterinary groups of that country is continuing steadily. As will continue to be reported in Aerosols, we have been pleased to welcome groups from several countries recently. In Bangkok at VIV Asia in mid-March, it was indeed a pleasure to be able to meet with Philippines poultry vets who now propose to join in with WVPA.

With best wishes to our members all over the world!

Trevor Bagust
President of WVPA

WVPA Congress in Nantes, France

It is only a short while to go before the major event for everyone involved in poultry health – the XVIIIth Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association (19th-23rd August 2013, Nantes, France).

The organising committee is pleased to offer a great scientific programme including conferences, workshops and technical visits, as well as a varied and attractive supporting social programme.

More than 50 countries are represented regarding the abstract submissions, which are now closed. The final full programme with the selection of oral communications is now also complete. The scientific committee have selected more than 120 oral communications spread over 16 sessions. A short biography of invited speakers is available online.

The workshops, which are going to introduce the Congress, on Monday, 19th August in the afternoon include: Clinical diagnosis and practical post-mortem examinations / Comparative approaches to biosecurity between regions / New laboratory diagnostic

technologies / Necropsy diagnosis, lesions scoring and control of coccidiosis.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to participate in technical visits, which will be held on Friday, 23rd August in the afternoon. Five visits are optional: An animal husbandry applied research station, a modern broiler slaughterhouse, a genetic selection company belonging

to the world's second largest multi-species breeding company, a cooperative of free-range poultry (broiler and laying hens), or a new low energy poultry farm.

According to leading French poultry veterinarian and chair of the organising committee, Nicolas Etteradossi, "the enthusiasm of the invited speakers and the very numerous scientists, who have submitted nearly 600 abstracts, stands for the interest regarding this major event for our professional networks. The congress also has a positive response from our partners and we thank them in advance. We look forward to welcoming you all to Nantes in August 2013!"

Registration and the booking centre for accommodation can be found online at: www.wvpac2013.org

**For further information,
please contact the congress secretariat:
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President, Trevor Bagust (right), and Vice President, Nigel Horrox, meet with some officers and members of the Filipino Poultry Veterinary Association at VIV Asia in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss their application for membership of WVPA.



New Editor for Avian Diseases Journal

The American Association of Avian Pathologists is pleased to announce that Dr Yehia Mohamed (Mo) Saif has been named the Editor of Avian Diseases.

He began his position on January 1, 2013. Dr Saif is a distinguished member of AAAP and has much experience as an editor and author having served as the Editor-in-Chief of Diseases of Poultry 11th and 12th editions and as Associate Editor of the same publication for its 9th and 10th editions.

Dr Saif has been the author or co-author of 155 peer reviewed scientific publications, 22 book chapters and 242 abstracts and articles in popular journals. His research interests are in the immune response of avian species and respiratory, enteric and immunosuppressive diseases of poultry.

He holds a DVM from Cairo University, a PhD from The Ohio State University, is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiology, and a Charter Diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Dr Saif recently retired as the head of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, USA where he also served as Assistant Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. He has advised 21 PhD students and 10 MSc students.

Mo has also contributed much to scientific organisations during his career. He has served as President of AAAP and the American College of Poultry Veterinarians as well as the Chairperson on the American College of Veterinary Microbiology Board of Governors. Currently he serves as an OIE international expert and his laboratory is an expert OIE reference laboratory.

He is AAAP's representative in the AVMA's House of Delegates. Dr Saif is very active internationally and has lectured, provided professional advice and worked with scientists in the following countries: Canada, the UK, Germany, France, Finland, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Morocco, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Taiwan, China, Israel, India, Pakistan, Argentina, Vietnam, and Turkey.

Dr Saif has received numerous awards including the AAAP's Special Service award, the American Veterinary Medical Association Excellence in Poultry Medicine Research

award, the ACVM Distinguished Veterinary Microbiologist award and an honorary diploma of the American Veterinary Epidemiology Society.

AAAP welcomes Dr Saif in his new role as Avian Diseases editor and is fortunate to once again benefit from his service to the poultry veterinary community.

New WVPA website

The new WVPA website (www.wvpa.net) has now been live for a few months and feedback has been good. The site is dynamic and evolving so if you have any comments please let your Vice President, Nigel Horrox, know.

This site will also soon include a photo gallery section and Nigel would appreciate any good photographs you have of recent WVPA Congresses for inclusion in this new section.

Just before the Nantes Congress, the Hall of Honour (see President's message, page 1) will be going live and all branch secretaries will be advised of the date of this important event so that they can tell their branch members.



Avian Pathology Lecture

The Avian Pathology Lecture, which was formerly named the Houghton Lecture, will be presented during the XVIIIth Congress of the WVPA in Nantes, France by Dr Filip van Immerseel of Ghent University, Belgium and is sponsored by the Houghton Trust.

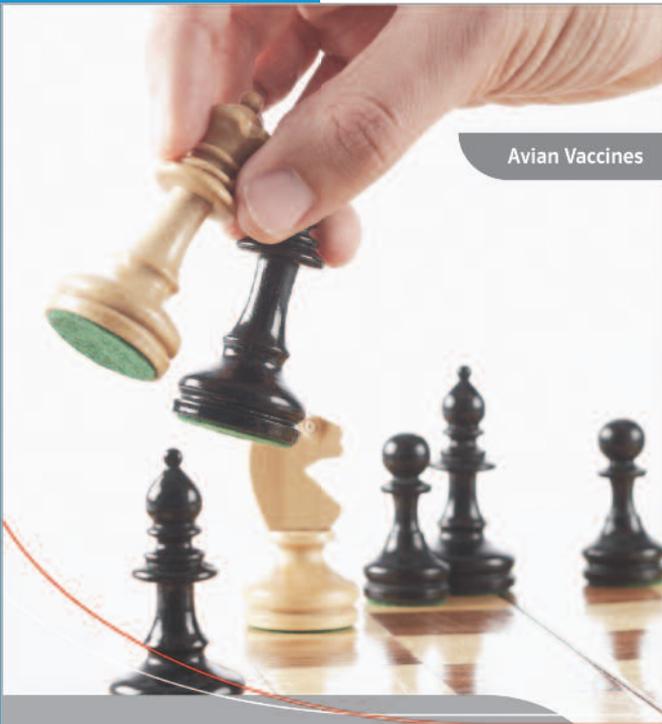
Entitled 'Rethinking our understanding of the pathogenesis and control of necrotic enteritis in broilers', the lecture will be published subsequently in Avian Pathology.



Dr Y. M. (Mo) Saif



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South African Mycoplasma Seminar

The Mycoplasma Seminar was organised by the Mycoplasma Group of the Poultry Group of the South African Veterinary Association. Originally it was intended for members of the Poultry Group but due to the large level of interest it became an open invitation event.

The aim was to bring together key opinion leaders from the South African poultry industry and global mycoplasma experts to discuss mycoplasmosis in poultry.

The event proved to be a success. attendances included five international speakers, five local laboratories, the State department, producers and their veterinarians, and veterinarians from our neighbouring countries. In total over 85 people attended the event, which emphasises the importance that this disease plays in the poultry industry.

The large level of interest in mycoplasmosis stems from the fact that the disease persists in flocks despite our current vaccination and medication programs. In fact no country in the world seems to have managed to control the disease effectively without culling the infected flocks. Of course a large part of any attempt to eradicate the problem involves cooperation between the industry role players. I am pleased to see that, at least for those present, there is an agreement to work together towards a mycoplasma free situation.

In brief what was agreed upon is the following:

- All GP and parent flocks will submit their routine mycoplasma monitoring results to Dr Charlotte Nkuna, the Director for the Poultry Disease Monitoring Agency.
- If positive results are reported, those cases will be followed up with culture and isolation to identify the mycoplasma organism under the coordination of Dr Celia Abolnik, the research chair at the Poultry Reference Centre of the University of Pretoria.
- A mycoplasma reduction plan was drafted on the second day. This document will be circulated for final comments and be made available shortly. This document will not be legally binding, however should the producer be part of the mycoplasma reduction plan they will be expected to follow it with the recommendations of their consulting veterinarian.

- A form of association to this plan was proposed. This would be something similar to the US National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). If you were buying from a producer with this association you would be assured of mycoplasma free birds. This will be discussed further.

- Also proposed was a geographical study of the South African isolates. In addition to this a pathogenicity study of the isolates would contribute to our understanding of the disease. These proposals will be addressed again once we have begun collecting field isolates.

The details of the above will be available via a mycoplasma seminar link from SAPS's website: www.sapoultry.co.za

The next step is communicating the reduction plan and monitoring program to the industry. Here the consulting veterinarians will be relied upon to get the message across to the producers. As mentioned before, without cooperation we will not achieve the desired goal of a mycoplasma free country.

Many thanks to the staff at the Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel in Sandton for hosting the event! Of course we must also thank the sponsors who without their generous contributions the two days would not have been possible. These include: Ceva Animal Health, Deltamune, Immuno-vet Services, MDS Africa, MSD Animal Health, Novartis, Protectachik, South African Poultry Association, Tradevet and V-Tech.

Greg Celliers

A few of the attendees at the South African Mycoplasma Symposium held in October 2012.





BVPA Spring Meeting in Harrogate, England

The BVPA started off the unseasonably cold spring in the North of England in the historic Yorkshire town of Harrogate, with a very popular Spring Meeting. Over 60 delegates from the UK and afar attended the two day meeting on the 14th and 15th March 2013 at the new venue – Cedar Court Hotel.

The scientific programme, prepared by Dr Kannah Ganapathy, covered a broad range of topical, relevant and interesting topics with UK and international speakers.

The meeting opened with the Keith Gooderham Waterfowl Lecture, given by Rob Robinson from the British Trust for Ornithology. The fascinating paper entitled 'Ducks on the move: what 100 years has told us' gave an overview of the dynamic wild bird population within the UK and how modern technologies can be used to map and monitor population and migration patterns. The paper was of particular interest to poultry veterinarians from an epidemiological AI perspective.

The meeting also focused on respiratory viruses with papers covering infectious bronchitis. 'The prospect of novel vaccines' was introduced by Paul Britten of the Pirbright Institute, 'IB vaccination in layers' by Peter Cargill from Wyatt Poultry Services, and 'IBV vaccination, clinical signs, tracheal health and protection' by Dr Kannah Ganapathy from the University of Liverpool.

The meeting boasted a renowned international speaker, Professor Susan Watson from the University of Arkansas, who gave a practical and in depth paper entitled 'Drinking water – identifying and solving farm challenges'.

BVPA are bidding to host the 2017 WVPA Congress and the President of the bid committee, Philip Hammond, gave an overview of the progress of the bid indicating the UK was the place to hold the congress. The host city Edinburgh would be the ideal location to hold the event in 2017 in what would be the Diamond Anniversary Year of the BVPA, the 45th Anniversary Year of the WVPA Journal Avian Pathology, and the Silver Anniversary Year of The Houghton Trust – three truly unique

milestones to celebrate. The bid will be presented by Philip Hammond at the 2013 WVPA Congress in Nantes in August.

The BVPA President Alan Pearson was thanked for his two years of office where he has worked successfully to integrate BVPA further with other veterinary and industry organisations. Keith Warner of the Minster Veterinary Practice took the Presidency chain to hold office for the next two years.

The evening dinner was held in the Cedar Court Hotel with past British Veterinary Association President Carl Padgett entertaining guests with the after dinner speech.

The Friday morning session featured a session on avian influenza opened by Ian Brown of the AHVLA, with 'Avian influenza – a global update'. Clinical papers were also provided by practitioners including an excellent paper by Leni Corrand of the Minster Vet Practice entitled 'First reported detection of reovirus associated myocarditis in turkey poult in Europe'.

BVPA welcome new members and delegates from all over the world. To attend visit www.bvpa.org.uk for further details.

Overview of the BVPA

The BVPA is the oldest species division of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) in the UK and is now just four years away from their Diamond anniversary (75th year). The Association has three conferences per year, two of these are two day events and have a range of papers from the latest scientific research to practitioner papers and reports.

At the main Spring Meeting which always occurs mid-March in Harrogate, the Keith Gooderham Waterfowl Lecture is hosted, attracting speakers from all over the world.

The Summer Meeting, which this year is at Edinburgh Zoo, is a one day meeting and is at a venue which provides the theme for the event. In the past BVPA has visited game farms and hatcheries, zoos, research facilities and laying facilities.

The Winter meeting venue is at various locations around the UK and usually close to a Veterinary University to encourage students to attend meetings at a time when it does not interfere with the examination programmes.

The next main conference will be the Winter Meeting on the 21st-22nd of November 2013

Keith Gooderham
presenting the prize to
Rob Robinson



Branch reports

at the East Midlands Airport Hotel. The theme will be hatchery practice and the newly hatched chick. We hope to have a speaker from the USA.

If you would like to attend any of our events please contact bvpa@bvpa.org.uk and we will arrange for you to attend as a guest.

American activities

The American Association of Avian Pathologists will hold its Annual Meeting on 20-23rd July, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois, USA at the McCormick Place Convention Center. The AAAP designated hotel is the Palmer House Hilton. A symposium, 'Campylobacter in poultry, a worldwide approach to diagnosis and control' will be held on Saturday, 20th July from 7:50am to 12:00 noon. The Scientific Program begins on Sunday, 21st July at 8:00am and ends on Tuesday, 23rd July at 5:30pm. There will be 133 oral presentations and 72 poster presentations.

Highlights include the keynote speaker address, 'Overview of the current economic situation in the poultry industry' by Michael Donohue and the Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture, this year given by Bruce Calnek entitled, 'Pioneers of avian medicine: the life and times of Dr Stephen B. Hitchner'.

The annual AAAP Awards Luncheon will be held on Sunday, 21st July at 12:30pm and a wine and cheese social will be held on Monday at 4:30pm in the AAAP poster room. Poster presenters will be by their poster to answer questions.

AAAP has just released the 7th Edition of the Avian Disease manual. This manual has traditionally been one of the most popular of all AAAP publications and is an educational staple to many veterinary and poultry science students, to those interested in avian diseases and a very useful reference to those in developing countries. The new edition is 300 pages with colour images throughout and an index has been added. Martine Boulianne served as editor. AAAP is appreciative of her hard work and diligence on this project and the work of all the chapter authors who volunteered many hours to complete this endeavour. To order the manual visit the website <http://aaap.memberclicks.net/avian-disease-manual>

AAAP has a new editor for the Avian Diseases journal. After nine years, Jagdev

Sharma has stepped down as editor in order to explore other opportunities. AAAP is grateful to him and his wife Sylvia Sharma, who served as office manager, for their efforts and the many innovations and improvements they brought to Avian Diseases.

AAAP is pleased to announce that Yehia (Mo) Saif has accepted the position (see page 3) and will be the new editor for Avian Diseases going forward.

Dr Saif has much experience as an editor, already serving as Editor-in-Chief for the 11th and 12th Editions of Diseases of Poultry as well as authoring and co-authoring a plethora of articles, book chapters and abstracts throughout his career.

In addition to a new Avian Diseases editor, AAAP has a new editor for its Laboratory Manual for the Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens 6th edition. He is AAAP member Andre Ziegler and AAAP is thankful for his willingness to head up the team that will produce the new edition.

Hungarian report

The Hungarian Poultry Veterinarian Association branch of WVPA, the Poultry Product Board and the Hungarian branch of WPSA held a joint meeting on the 19th of November 2012. They honoured Prof. Péter Horn, who was inducted to the International Poultry Hall of Fame at the WPSA Congress in Brazil as the first Hungarian. They also honoured Dr László Stipkovits who was elected Life Honorary Member of WVPA.

Presentations followed: Prof. Péter Horn gave a talk about the latest issues regarding poultry husbandry and Gábor Milisits from Kaporvár University spoke about the scientific trends at the Congress and gave a short overview of the Congress talks.

Veterinary topics were also touched upon. Dr László Kőrösi gave a talk on the animal health issues that emerged at the WPSA Congress, while Dr László Stipkovits spoke about current mycoplasma problems in different poultry species. Dr Attila Csorbai was last up and gave a colourful account of the Brazilian Congress of the 100-year-old WPSA.

Dr László Kőrösi
Correspondent secretary of Hungarian
Branch of WPVA

Péter Horn receiving a present from János Paljak, president.



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There are three bids
at the Nantes Congress
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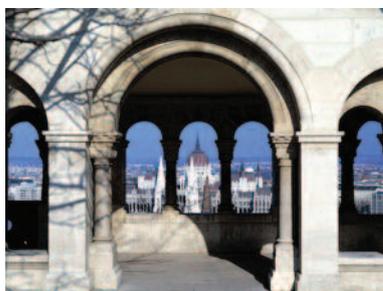


Hungary

Hungary, in the heart of Europe, has become one of the leading meeting and convention destinations of the world and it is playing an important role in the international MICE market.

The capital of Hungary is an ideal meeting place – geographically centrally located and offering good flight connections from 64 destinations worldwide.

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The cost-to-value ratio is extremely favourable in Hungary. In general, the quality of services is excellent and the prices are still a category lower than in most European countries.

Budapest is a beautiful city, famous for its 1000-year-old historical and cultural heritage, its thermal baths, its unique gastronomy, its special wines, its coffee houses and so much more. An air of history, the pleasant climate and the cultural events prove that the city is indeed the pearl of the river Danube.

Living memories of the past, major historical monuments of Budapest may be special venues for banqueting events and social

programmes. The wonderful Fisherman's Bastion, the Museum of Fine Arts or even the Opera House can be rented for special occasions. An extravagant gala dinner's venue, the Orient Hall of the Railway Museum, is available by a private nostalgia train with steam-engine, too. There are several unique programmes to enrich your conference from a fantastic evening cruise down the Danube, to a magic horse show on the Hungarian Great Plain ('Puszta') with authentic folklore programmes.

Hungexpo – Budapest, a member of the French-owned GL Events Group, is Hungary's biggest event venue which is located in the heart of Budapest, 20 minutes drive from the international airport.

The establishment covers 36 hectares with landscaped gardens and several halls which can provide the ideal venue with premium services for hosting WVPA's Conference in 2017.

Budapest has much more to offer for your event than well known hospitality, excellent value and beautiful scenery – it is a lively European capital with a Magyar flair.



Verona is the Italian destination bidding to host the XXth WVPA World Congress in 2017. The international exhibition complex of 'Veronafiere' and its Congress Centre is the ideal venue for this event.

The city has a harmonious blend of culture and business and it is located in the heart of Veneto, one of the leading Italian regions in poultry production.

It is the town of Romeo and Juliet and one of the main tourist destinations in Northern Italy, owing to its artistic heritage and operas, such as the lyrical season in the Arena, the ancient amphitheatre built by the Romans.

The city has been awarded World Heritage Site status by UNESCO because of its urban structure and architecture.

Nevertheless, in Verona there's much more to experience: history, music, open air theatre, famous wines and excellent food.

Verona benefits from an easy to reach location at the crossroads of the main thoroughfares linking Central Europe to the Mediterranean area and Eastern to Western Europe.

The international Airport 'Catullo/Villafranca' is directly



bids to host the WVPA Congress in Europe in 2017, which will be considered Congress in August. We have asked these three bidding countries to present

Italy

connected with Rome, Milan, Munich, Naples, Frankfurt, Paris, London, Manchester, Vienna, and Sicily and Sardinia among others.



Verona is just one hour from Venice, Padua, Vicenza, Mantua and many other tourist destinations to discover in the surroundings: Lake Garda is one of the most fascinating places in Italy and Valpolicella is the hilly region north-west of Verona known all over the world for its famous wines and its beautiful landscapes.

Verona traditionally welcomes its visitors with the typical Italian warm hospitality and offers different hotel solutions to ensure personalised stays and competitive prices.

For all these reasons, the LOC will be very proud to host this important event in Italy (as it has never been held in this country before) and will be happy to let the participants discover Verona, such a charming city.



Scotland

Following previous successful World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA) Congresses in Cambridge (1962) and Brighton (1989), the British Veterinary Poultry Association (BVPA) is proud to be bidding to host the WVPA Congress in 2017.

This distinctive year includes, the Diamond Anniversary Year of the BVPA, the 45th Anniversary Year of the WVPA Journal Avian Pathology, and the Silver Anniversary Year of The Houghton Trust – three truly unique milestones to celebrate.



The host city Edinburgh is Scotland's capital and is an award winning city of beauty whose rich cultural heritage we can all explore. We will host the WVPA Welcome Reception at Edinburgh Castle, Scotland's most popular tourist attraction, which includes spectacular views of the city and a warm welcome to Scotland.

A memorable Scottish Gala Dinner is planned at the striking National Museum of Scotland.

Edinburgh is a safe and highly accessible city with direct flights to it from over 120 destinations around the world as well as regular links to London and Amsterdam airports. Airport transfers are just a 20 minute ride to the city centre.

The Northern European setting guarantees long summer evenings that will give delegates time to explore this great city in daylight.

All that Scotland has to offer will be available to delegates to enjoy through a wide selection of pre- and post-conference tours including sampling whisky, playing golf or visits to majestic castles and tranquil lochs (Scottish lakes).

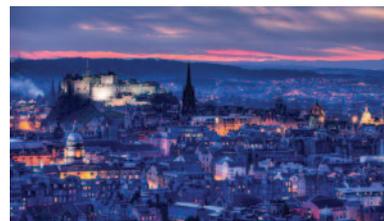
Edinburgh has a unique vibe, charm and originality offering stunning vistas as well as quiet, relaxing green spaces.

Europe's Festival City is alive in August with the Edinburgh International Festival and The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo offering a special pre-conference arts and culture programme.

The WVPA Congress will be held in the prestigious Edinburgh International Conference Centre, which is located in the heart of the city within walking distance of the main tourist attractions.

There is a wide variety of hotel accommodation for all budgets in close proximity.

The 2017 congress will feature a world class, diverse and balanced scientific programme that will cater for all sectors of WVPA's membership.



Italian branch activities

In the first half of 2013 SIPA organised the 52nd Annual Meeting, the main event in Italy organised by the Italian branch of WVPA.

The Annual Meeting of SIPA was held on April 11-12th in Forlì during the International Poultry Expo 'Fieravicola'.

The first day started in the afternoon with a conference dedicated to the reports on the health status of the Italian poultry production sector. Three speakers (Dr L. Gavazzi, Dr E. Alessandri, Dr E. Morandini) presented reports on the epidemiological situation concerning the main diseases of broilers, meat-type turkeys and backyard poultry during the last year.

The conference was followed by a session of oral communications given by SIPA members on topics such as infectious bursitis, myeloid leukosis, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *brachyspira*, *Riemerella anatipestifer*, *campylobacter* and anti-microbial resistance of APEC.

During the morning of the second day, a conference entitled 'Challenges of modern

layer hen farming' took place. Dr Rossella Pedicone (UNAITALIA) spoke about the current situation of the layer industry in Italy and in Europe, one year after the implementation of the European Directive 99/74/EC. Prof. Martino Cassandro (Università di Padova) gave a presentation on the relationship between genetic selection and the farming system. Dr Paola Massi (Istituto Zooprofilattico della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna, Sede di Forlì) focused her lecture on the pathology affecting layers in the new farming systems. The last presentation of the conference was given by Prof.ssa Valentina Ferrante (Università di Milano) who elucidated the welfare implications of changes in production systems for layer hens. In the afternoon, a session of the annual assembly of the members of SIPA was held, during which the President of SIPA, Dr Guido Grilli updated the steps in the bidding process for the selection of the organising branch of the WVPA World Congress in 2017.

Dr Alessandra Piccirillo, Secretary of SIPA



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The workings of the WVPA

The main processes which govern how WVPA operates are defined in our Constitution and this also defines the officers and their responsibilities. It also defines the Bureau as the main authoritative body of the organisation through which major decisions should be made.

Such decisions should then be ratified by the Business Meeting of our Congress. Each member country of WVPA and each of the officers has a vote on the Bureau and, in the event of a tied vote, the president has a casting vote.

On a day to day basis much of the work related to the administration of your Association is undertaken by three of your officers (the president, president elect and secretary / treasurer) and they interact with the other officers, congress committees and specific members as and when required.

These three officers also hold a teleconference call every month or so in which all outstanding issues are discussed and actions agreed.

When there is an important item that needs quick resolution, that your Executive feels needs a broader mandate, an electronic vote of the Bureau can be undertaken on this item.

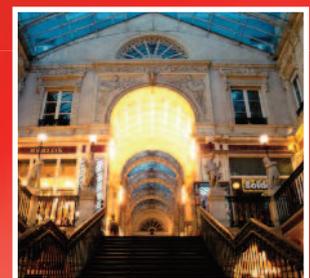
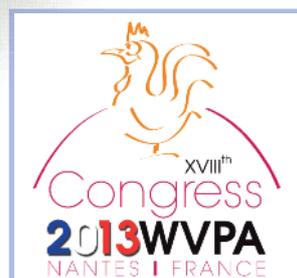
Some of the matters under current consideration by your Association include:

- Getting in outstanding membership fees (fortunately not many).
- Liaison with the Organising Committee of WVPAC2013 and, soon, WVPAC2015.
- Relationships with Avian Pathology and The Houghton Trust.
- Dialogue with WPSA.
- The future of Aerosols and Briefings.
- The WVPA Young Poultry Veterinarian Award 2013.
- Travel grants for young scientists coming to WVPAC2013.
- Relationships with our corporate friends.
- Development of the WVPA Asian Meeting.
- Developing the WVPA website.
- Encouraging the creation of new branches around the world.
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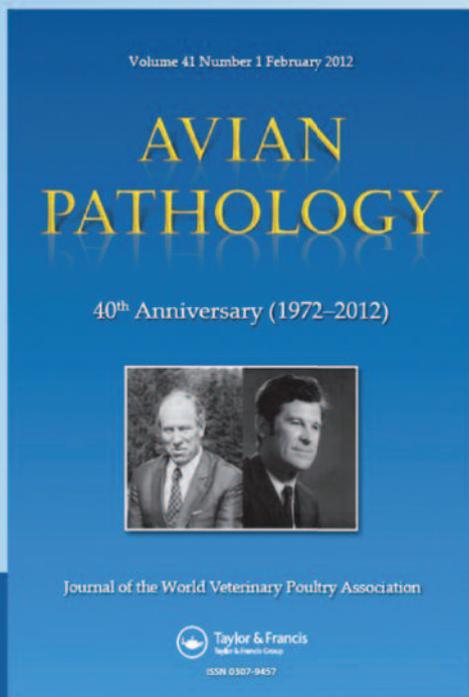


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Report from Australia

Our spring, (the northern autumn) was very dry and as a result the sorghum crop was either not planted or planted very late.

Sorghum is our second grain and used heavily alongside wheat in the eastern states. This, when added to the high global price of grain, has led to Australia having the highest feed prices in our history. Unfortunately, the market is not sympathetic and prices are not rising in concert, with costs once again squeezing margins for both egg and chicken meat producers.

But none of this deters the AVPA. We held another scientific meeting in February in the wonderful city of Sydney. It was a wide ranging programme with both local and eminent overseas speakers. We discussed AI, antibiotic use and a range of research reports. Discussion was, as always, very lively. The invitation is always open for international poultry people to combine a holiday in Australia with one of our meetings.

Our next meeting will be in October and will be held in the wine producing capital of the universe, the Barossa Valley of South Australia. There could be no better opportunity to join us and combine an excellent programme with intensive sampling of some of the world's best Shiraz wines. Once finalised, details of the meeting will be posted on our website at www.avpa.asn.au.

As mentioned above, our recent meeting discussed avian influenza. This was not a casual choice! Since we last shared these pages the state of New South Wales has worked through two AI outbreaks. Our first was a LPAI in turkeys. Quite possibly this would have gone undetected had there not been concurrent disease in the flock. The turkeys experienced swollen sinuses and mortality. The owners voluntarily euthanised the entire farm. For the first time in Australia the carcasses were composted on site until they were virus free. Surveillance revealed a second farm some 85km distant to be also infected with a virus of the same type. This flock progressed with no disease or disturbance to performance.

Alas, a month or two later we saw HPAI in a flock of free range layers which were immediately killed by our government and the site cleaned up prior to repopulation. Australia has now had seven HPAI outbreaks. The odd thing is that all seven Australian HPAI outbreaks have been H7 viruses. That seems to defy coincidence. Compounding the conundrum is the inability of wild bird

surveillance to throw up type H7 viruses. Our ducks are a bountiful reservoir of AI viruses including H5, but we rarely, if ever, find an H7.

There is also considerable debate ongoing as to whether free range businesses are at higher risk than confined operations. Our history suggests they are not. And HPAI incursions into high biosecurity businesses are puzzling.

One thought, not widely accepted in Australia, is that insects may manage to take an infective dose into the sheds. Clearly there is much more work to be done before we have a full understanding on AI.

For the poultry industry in Australia, consumption continues to rise for both the chicken meat and egg sectors. Chicken meat consumption is now greater than any other meat. The egg industry has been awarded the Heart Foundation tick of approval. This means that the medical and human nutrition community now accept what we believed all along. The consumption of eggs does not increase circulating triglycerides and cholesterol in the human population. Eggs are both wholesome and wonderful nutrition and also a healthy food for those worried about heart health. This approval by the Heart Foundation has given per capita egg consumption a very nice kick along. Hooray!

Turkey consumption in Australia has always been very low, however. But our two major poultry producers are now engaged in a vigorous competition in the market place which will certainly increase turkey consumption. Our turkey industry is fairly disease free so is a very good candidate for expansion.

AVPA is proud to be part of the successful and growing poultry industry and we ourselves are proving quite successful. We currently have some 120 members encompassing practitioners and a wide array of scientific research and support staff. Our members are all most generous in sharing their knowledge and skills and hence AVPA can readily fulfil its primary objective of being a forum where ideas and knowledge are exchanged. In concluding, I once again extend to you an invitation to come down and join us in South Australia in October 2013. You will be most warmly welcomed and will also meet our incoming AVPA President Dr Susan Bibby (sbibby@aviagen.com).

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Week old turkeys with LPAI complicated by bacterial and mycoplasma infection.



Eye lesion of young turkey with LPAI and concurrent bacterial and mycoplasma infection.
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19-23 – **American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP)/AVMA Annual Meeting**, Chicago, USA

Website: www.aaap.info/2013-annual-meeting-chicago

22-25 – **Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting (PSA)**, San Diego, USA

Website: www.poultryscience.org/meetings.sap

15-19 – **XXI European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat**, Bergamo, Italy

Website: www.eggmeat2013.com

17-20 – **31st World Veterinary Congress (WVC)**,

Prague, Czech Republic

Website: www.wvc2013.com

August

7-9 – **Livestock Philippines**, Pasay City, Philippines

Website: www.livestockphilippines.com

9-10 – **VIII Jornadas Internacionales de Veterinaria**, Mar del Plata, Argentina

Website: www2.cvpba.org/jornadas2013

19-23 – **XVIIIth Congress of World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA)**, Nantes, France

Website: www.wvpac2013.org

26-29 – **19th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition**, Potsdam, Germany

Website: www.espn2013.org

September

10-13 – **SPACE**, Rennes, France

Website: www.space.fr

15-19 – **XV European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products**,

Bergamo, Italy

Website: www.eggmeat2013.com

October

3-5 – **ILDEX Indonesia**, Jakarta, Indonesia

Website: www.ildex.com

7-9 – **National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing**,

Maryland, USA

Website: www.dpichicken.org/events

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January

28-30 – **International Production and Processing (IPPE)**,

Atlanta, USA

Website: www.ippexpo.org

28-30 – **Southern Conference on Avian Diseases (SCAD)**, Atlanta, USA

March

3-5 – **Poultry Focus Asia**,

Bangkok, Thailand

Website: www.positiveaction.co.uk

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