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### President's message

Greetings to all members of WVPA!

I am writing now, some two months after the conclusion of our 18th World Veterinary Poultry Congress, which you will know was held in the fair city of Nantes, north-west France. The French branch of WVPA did a terrific job in their organisation and running of this meeting and there were some 1300 registered participants. The scientific program, the social arrangements and the arrangements with sponsors were all able to be described by using just one word – Magnifique! So our warmest congratulations must go to Nicolas Etteradossi and his great organising team. All six members of the current Executive of the WVPA attended the Congress, and we are delighted with the positive feedback there and flowing back to each of us since.

You may also know that the WVPA's Hall of Honour was formally inaugurated at the Nantes Congress. This HOH development was a completely new initiative for WVPA and I believe will be something we will be pleased to have as a dedicated section in our website ([www.wvpa.net](http://www.wvpa.net)). Fifty two of the world's finest scientists in avian health, from the time that WVPA was initiated (1960), have now been 'immortalised' and their names and profiles are there for you to consult at any time. There were some 20 of these HOH scientists present at Nantes for their induction at the Gala Dinner, and it seemed that all enjoyed their time there, for example Emeritus Professor Bruce Calnek's feedback: "It was certainly a grand affair, and I am pleased and proud to have been part of it". Most recently, there has also been a special digital issue of Aerosols, produced by our energetic vice-president Nigel Horrox, to commemorate this Hall of Honour. Visit [www.wvpa.net/digital/wvpa\\_honour](http://www.wvpa.net/digital/wvpa_honour) – we think that YOU WILL LIKE IT!

So where are we in the Executive heading towards in the second two years of each of our current appointments? Apart from planning for the regional WVPA meetings due to be held during 2015 in both Asia and Europe, and of course the next World congress in Cape Town, South Africa during 2016, during 2015 we will be carrying out a major review of the Constitution of the WVPA to ensure that it is able to serve us all well in the decades ahead. The Terms of Reference are now being developed and will be made available for comment before the end of this year. The Convenor of this review will be Professor Chuck Hofacre from the USA Branch of WVPA. It is also most pleasing to be able to report that WVPA is steadily continuing to grow as a global organisation, with over 2,500 members.

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With Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines and South Korea all being accepted for formal membership at the Nantes meeting of the WVPA Bureau, we now have active national Branches in some 44 countries.

From here on, this part of the calendar year always seems to move quicker than others. Indeed, Christmas 2013 will be with us in just a few weeks or so! So I will take this opportunity to enclose my Compliments for the coming Christmas festive season to all of the membership of WVPA. While 2013 has been a really good year for WVPA and its professional activities, we in the Executive are looking forward to sharing another productive one with you all in 2014!

Cheers and with warm regards

Yours sincerely,

**Trevor Bagust**  
President of WVPA

## French thank you to WVPAC 2013 participants

*The XVIIIth edition of the WVPA congress took place during five days in a sunny summer week in the city of Nantes. This event, which had not been held in France for 50 years, was a success in the opinion of all participants, partners and organisers.*

The WVPA congress is recognised worldwide as a must attend event in the field of poultry health. It attracts members of the WVPA branches and more generally current and future

professional leaders in the fields of poultry and poultry health, including veterinarians, scientists, teachers, students, laboratory diagnosticians and

major executives in the pharmaceutical and poultry industries. With 1200 participants including 70 students, originating from 72 countries, the WVPAC 2013 was well attended.

The scientific program was dense. The scientific committee had selected 142 oral communications spread over 16 sessions. Each session was introduced by a keynote lecture, all were given in

well attended plenary sessions. Simultaneous translation from English into French was provided for conferences in the plenary sessions. More than 350 posters were displayed during the whole congress and 500 scientific abstracts were published in the abstract book, which is also available in a digital version and will soon be posted online.

Before and after the conference, five scientific workshops and five technical visits were organised.

Over 100 practitioners from various countries got the opportunity to perform hands-on training on post-mortem and diagnostic techniques.

Interactive clinical case presentations or discussions about biosecurity or the control of red mite infestation also

took place, involving world renowned experts as moderators.

Poultry specialists from all around the world had been mobilised to manage such workshop in the facilities of Oniris, the Veterinary School of Nantes.

Five technical visits concluded the congress. These were an excellent opportunity to visit French facilities such as a broiler slaughterhouse, genetic selection company or a new low energy poultry farm together with French professionals and experts.



Another point of attraction was the technical and commercial exhibition with more than 20 exhibitors in a 2000m<sup>2</sup> dedicated exhibition area. The hall exhibition was very well visited with the flow of people coming to the satellite sessions and posters and a lot of successful contacts were made during the numerous coffee breaks. Both diamond sponsors offered a satellite symposium that were joined by over 600 participants.

To conclude this event, the gala dinner was organised in 'Les Machines de l'Ile', one of Nantes' leading attractions displaying giant animated machines. With the giant elephant show, we hope that this evening will be a great memory for all the guests.

All participants are most welcome to visit the picture gallery ([www.wvpac2013.org](http://www.wvpac2013.org)) and

to download the pictures they would like to keep (not for commercial use though).

The members of the executive and organising committees of WVPAC2013 would like to sincerely thank all speakers and participants of WVPAC2013 for the quality of the scientific exchanges and the great conviviality they created during the congress.

Organising WVPAC2013 has been great fun. We wish good luck, fun and success too, to our South African colleagues in organising WVPAC 2015, and we look forward to meeting all our Nantes visitors again in Cape Town in 2015 !

**Nicolas Eterradossi and  
Sophie Le Bouquin,  
on behalf of the French branch of WVPA**

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**6th September 2013**

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Dear Nicolas

It is my pleasant duty, both personally and on behalf of the Executive of the World Veterinary Poultry Association, to most warmly CONGRATULATE and THANK YOU and each of the entire Congress Organising Team for the wonderful job that you all have just completed as hosts for the 18th Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association, convened during 19-23rd August 2013 at Nantes.

This WVPA Congress, with some 1300 participants, required a major undertaking in both logistics and professionalism to mount successfully. It is clear to me that this 18th Congress of the WVPA will be ranked amongst the very best organised that the Executive and the members of our Association have been privileged to attend. You and your teams achieved an outstanding Scientific Program, and your Social Events were also uniformly excellent. The genuine warmth and hospitality with which the Congress organisers and sponsors looked after their guests from each of some 80 countries was a further source of pleasure for all!

In summary, you good people as well as your Sponsors can justifiably be very proud of the task that you have just completed so meticulously. The 18th Congress of the WVPA has been concluded most successfully due to the organising committee, the fine efforts by the members of your teams and the great spirit and scientific bonds which we were all able to share during the whole of this Congress. I also wish to record our deep appreciation to you for the help received from the Congress organisation in support of the ceremony and presentations made during the Gala Dinner at Nantes to formally inaugurate the WVPA Hall of Honour.

The Executive and the members of WVPA salute and congratulate you all. Vive La France!

With best wishes and yours sincerely,

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# Memories from the 2013



Welcome to WVPAC 2013! Right, the opening of the commercial exhibition.



A happy president and a great French organising team.

Secretary/treasurer Francois-Xavier Le Gros updates members during the General Business Meeting and, right, the poster session.



# 3 WVPA Congress in Nantes



The Avian Pathology Lecture was introduced by Professor Dick Jones of the Houghton Trust and given by Professor Filip van Immerseel. They were joined by Janet Bradbury, the editor of Avian Pathology, for the presentation.



A giant animated elephant at Les Machines de l'Île, where the Gala Dinner was held. Right, the lunches at the conference featured magnificent French cuisine and wines.

The French organisers with the Global Executive of the WVPA. Right, an attentive audience.



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