
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, between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

In 2011 the Speakers' Bureau has been extended to include speakers for Working Group meetings in both the European and Asian Pacific Federation.

A Branch (or group of Branches) may either identify a speaker to invite or seek the advice of WPSA in the selection of an appropriate speaker.

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

Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish

to apply for Speakers' Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

Application conditions

- Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.
- Where the Branch (or group of Branches) has identified a speaker that they would like to invite, the *Curriculum Vitae* of that speaker must be submitted on the WPSA Speakers Bureau Speakers CV Form.
- Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.
- The speaker must contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.
- The speaker must be given an assignment dealing with the students at the Conference.
- Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary.
- Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.
- A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.
- The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

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

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl

Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering Plumveewetenschappen

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress. As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevordering Plumveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

1. the stimulation of international congresses and the promotion of participation in these events, and
2. the support of initiative having the objective of establishing WPSA-branches in countries which do not yet have them".

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and

symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these branches by covering for three years part of the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: h.hupkes@zonnet.nl. 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.

World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive

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E-mail WPSA Newsletter

WPSA has introduced a new version of the WPSA Newsletter that will be e-mailed to individual members, on request. To receive

this, please subscribe to the e-mail Newsletter on the website (www.wpsa.com).

Branch Development Proposal

In the Board meeting held during WPC2016 in Beijing, China, the Board decided to increase the funds available for Branch Development by making a formal call for Branch Development Proposals.

The maximum budget for a proposal is US \$2,000.

What can you propose?

Some examples:

- Development of a Branch website and start-up expenses
- Organize activities to revitalize your branch
- Support to communicate with members
- Six months budget for secretarial assistance, stationary etc.

A Branch can receive this award once a year, for a maximum of 3 awards.

In cases where numerous branch projects are being evaluated, preference will be given to first time applicants.

If your proposal is awarded, you have to send in a report on how the money was utilized.

Deadlines

Deadlines for submission are January 1st and July 1st.

How to apply?

Please send your proposal and budget with itemized expenses (in US\$) to Dr Roel Mulder (roel.mulder@wpsa.com).

21st European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition

The 21st European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN2017) was held in Salou/Vila-seca, Spain on May 8-11. Over 1500 delegates from 62 countries attended the event, which was supported by 32 sponsors and five media partners, with IRTA as the local organiser. Prior to the symposium, some of the main sponsors organised well attended

seminars, and the WPSA international board and WG2 members had their meetings. This initial day ended with the opening ceremony in which the organisers Dr A. Sanna Steinfeldt and Dr J. Brufau, WPSA representatives Dr Carlos Garcés, Dr Birger Svihus, Dr Ning Yang and the local dignitaries Mr Pere Granados (Mayor of

Salou) welcomed the delegates. The Opening Ceremony included two presentations that provided brief overviews of the history of European poultry nutrition by Dr Colin Fisher; and, the history of Catalan poultry production by Dr Marti Pumarola, respectively. Finally, the Hon. Mrs Meritxell Serret, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food of the Government of Catalonia and President of IRTA, officially opened the Symposium and recognised two professors J.A. Castello and F. Puchal and two farmers Mr Jordi Roca and A. Artiga for their outstanding contribution to Catalan poultry farming.

The scientific programme consisted of five plenary sessions and one 'hot topic' session. As usual, plenary sessions consisted of three main lectures on specific topics. On this occasion, the ESPN topics addressed were: 1) feed intake, thermoregulation and heat stress; 2) feeding strategies and gastrointestinal health; 3) precision feeding (i); 4) precision feeding (ii); and 5) optimised use of feed ingredients. The sustainability of poultry feeding was addressed in the hot topics session.

ESPN2017 received nearly 300 abstracts, of which 25 were selected for oral presentations

and the remainder for presentation as posters. Abstracts were classified under seven areas: feed raw materials (41); protein and amino acid nutrition (41); feed additives (75); feed enzymes (42); nutrition and gut health (54); mineral nutrition (17); and others (24). The poster sessions were well attended. Seventeen discussion groups were arranged with more than twenty delegates each. Many questions were formulated for the plenary discussions, resulting in great interactions between the audience and the speakers.

The ESPN2017 also had a friendly social programme consisting of an initial get together party and a gala dinner held in a former bullfighting arena. As the local organizing team, we have many great memories and this is an experience that we will remember forever. We thank the WG2 and WPSA for their confidence to organise ESPN2017.

Now we pass the baton to the Polish local organisers of ESPN2019 with our best wishes, and we will look forward to seeing all of you again in Gdansk.

Joaquim Brufau, President of the Local Organizing Committee, IRTA

Branch Development Proposals

Proposals were received and approved from Italy and Sri Lanka.

Italy submitted a proposal to support the costs for organizing a meeting that will deal with 'Situation, changes and future of poultry industry around the Mediterranean Area'. They will take this opportunity to launch the next edition of the Mediterranean Poultry Summit that will be held in Italy in 2018.

Sri Lanka submitted a proposal to start a website and to establish a database of the whole poultry sector in Sri Lanka. They will start with the website development. Preliminary consultative meetings with stakeholders and review of the existing data with the government departments is scheduled for May-June 2017.

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Bangladesh

The 10th International Poultry Show & Seminar 2017 was held from the 2nd to the 4th of March at International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Approximately 45,000 people attended the poultry show and seminar, which aimed to increase awareness of how big the local poultry industry really is and how it is

becoming one of the fastest growing industries in the world. A total of 490 commercial stalls were present, 326 of which were domestic and the rest foreign, which is a significant increment compared to 9th International Poultry Show & Seminar which had only 297 stalls. Eighty-six technical papers were presented of which 55 were oral and 31 posters. This is also a huge step up from

the 9th seminar which produced only 62 technical papers, 46 of which were oral and 16 were posters. The aim of this event was that it would act as a platform where experts from all poultry-related fields of interest could come together and discuss their views in the hope that their exchange of ideas would help to find solutions to existing challenges in the poultry industry of Bangladesh and usher the world towards further development of the poultry sector.

The secretary of WPSA, Dr Ir Roel Mulder and the President Asia Pacific Federation of WPSA, Mr Alan Gibbins attended the event, and Dr Mulder has said that, despite only starting in 1997, Bangladesh is now WPSA's largest branch, which undoubtedly shows the speedy development achieved by hard work on the part of its members. The seminar, which took place for three continuous days, covered keynote and state-of-the-art lectures and oral presentations for diffusing information to all present so as to further the development of the poultry sector and bridge the gap between academia and industry.

During the opening speech, Shamsul Arefin Khaled, President of the Bangladesh Branch, said that the industry is working towards reducing malnutrition in Bangladesh and increasing *per capita* consumption of eggs from 51 to 85 a year and meat consumption from 4.2 kilograms to 7.5 kilograms per year. Professor M. A. Sattar Mandal, former Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, presented the keynote paper in which he addressed that laws regarding slaughtering of animals and birds must be updated and enforced, as those contribute largely to contamination. The Minister of Agriculture of Bangladesh, Matia Chowdhury, addressed the entrepreneurs to ensure that farmers get quality feed and produce safe poultry. She stated an interest in developing improved breeds of poultry by working on indigenous varieties of chicken, as this might be a vital key to achieving greater food security. She said that the Government of Bangladesh would continue supporting the poultry sector so it generates greater employment, primarily in rural areas. General Secretary of the Bangladesh branch, Md. Sirajul Hoque, added that the poultry sector had played a decisive role in the fight against malnutrition within the past forty years.

The primary objective of the show and seminar was to bring advanced poultry

farming methods to farmers, workers, and entrepreneurs by experts. It was expected that the event would help to improve the food security of Bangladesh in the long run. Local WPSA members anticipated that the students, researchers, stakeholders, government officials, journalists, and consumers of the poultry products would certainly benefit if they seized this opportunity to gain valuable insight into the poultry world. The event managed to exceed every expectation and became the largest poultry event ever held in the Indian subcontinent and benefited the audience and exhibiting companies in many ways. The ministers and the government officials of Bangladesh were surprised by the outcome of the event, to the extent that they plan to expand the industry to double its growth within the next three years.

Germany

In March, the German Branch held its annual two-day meeting at the Tierärztliche Hochschule (University of Veterinary Science) in Hanover and at the institute's research farm 'Ruthe'. More than 140 participants attended the scientific programme. Several lectures highlighted different aspects of avian influenza, and further presentations were made about nutrition, economics and veterinary topics. All were followed by fruitful discussions, thus completing a very interesting overall programme.

The activities of the Branch for the past year were reviewed during the board meeting and general assembly on the first day. Based on the sound financial status of the branch, we provided travel grants to four young scientists from Germany to support their participation at WPC2016 in Beijing. The Branch will again support participation of young scientists at other WPSA symposia.

It's a long tradition in the German Branch to organise professional tours in odd numbered years. After visiting St. Petersburg in 2013 and Uzbekistan in 2015, the next tour will be to the South-East, and from 30 September – 4 October we will visit several spots around Barcelona.

Anke Förster, Branch Secretary

United Kingdom

The UK Branch held a successful Spring Meeting at the University of Chester in April 2017. Over 75 delegates met to discuss up to

the minute research and hear from academics and industry colleagues in over 30 presentations covering nutrition, animal welfare and novel products for combating disease, improving intestinal health and reduction in foodborne pathogens.

Invited papers covered such diverse topics as the use of insects in poultry nutrition, prospects for gene editing and understanding consumer engagement with the poultry industry. Dr Rudi Preisinger (EW Group) presented a topical and thought-provoking Gordon Memorial Lecture addressing the role of innovative later genetics in handling global challenges in egg production, disease control and perceptions and realities of animal welfare.

The Spring Meeting also hosts the UK Branch AGM where delegates heard that membership remained steady at 241 members. The financial status of the branch remains healthy and the annual surplus would continue to support the aims of WPSA in encouraging young new entrants to our industry enabling attendance and participation in a variety of meetings and research opportunities. The branch offers a range of summer scholarships, research awards and travel grants annually.

Steve Lister, UK Branch Secretary