
Association News

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

It is generally agreed that enhancing the educational, research and experience opportunities of young poultry science professional and technical people is critical to the pace of development of more efficient poultry production, whether it is in an intensive technological industry or in small-scale, family production systems. It should also be stressed that any travel assistance we can provide should be independent of and in addition to that currently provided by World's Poultry Congresses, Regional Conferences or individual Branches. It should target and benefit additional students and young members, including young poultry producers from developing countries and students from developed countries. A scheme of open competition for such WPSA Travel Scholarships now is available. Applicants must be a member of WPSA for at least half a year before they can apply for a Travel Grant.

Applications must be accompanied by a short CV.

Deadlines

You must submit your application at least 3 months prior to the meeting.

Application form

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

Please send the complete application form (preferably by e-mail) to the General Secretary of WPSA, Dr Roel Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: roel.mulder@wpsa.com or wpsa@xs4all.nl or fax to +31 207508941.

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 branches in low income countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers, and furthermore, expert speakers on certain topics are not always readily available in these countries.

So the Board decided to create 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 help 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). Local expenses like accommodation are to be paid for by the local organizing branch. WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

The Speakers' Bureau is an expensive initiative and it is important that optimum value be obtained from the money spent on travel. 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.

If a branch or a group of branches want to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain application conditions as follows:

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 be a member of WPSA for at least 1 year at the time of application.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting than just presenting one paper.

The speaker will be paid by the WPSA Treasurer and not by the local Branch.

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

WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen,
THE NETHERLANDS

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.

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

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

To all members and potential authors wishing to submit papers to the WPSJ:

As of 9th March 2010, all papers must be submitted online through ScholarOne Manuscripts at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wpsj>. This new system has taken a considerable amount of time and effort to set up – and I would like to thank all of those who have been involved in this process for their efforts.

For submitting authors, the system will most likely be familiar to you if you have used any online submissions sites before. For those of you who haven't, the procedure is very simple. Just log in and follow the instructions on the screen. If you are not yet registered on the site, you will have to click the link "Register here" on the login page to create your account. If you are unsure whether you have an account on the system or have forgotten your password, please type your e-mail address in the "Password Help" field on the login page. You will then receive an e-mail with login instructions if you already have an account on the system.

Please note that WPSA have to pay for every paper that is submitted on the new system. Hence, any non-review papers or articles which do not conform to the journals formatting standards will incur a potential penalty cost to the author. Colour figures will

still have to be paid for by authors – and this must be organised directly with the editorial team as required. Please ensure you read the instructions carefully before submitting your paper, and note the checklist you must complete before submission is finalised. All tables must be included within the text, unless exceptional circumstances apply. Figures must be submitted as separate files, not inserted in the text.

The editorial staff at WPSJ are very excited about this new development, as it means we will be able to process papers far more efficiently than previously. As the amount of submissions received has escalated markedly in recent years, the new system will enable us to process more papers and provide a better service to members than before. In particular, we hope this will also offer an opportunity to expand our list of reviewers, as currently we rely very heavily on a few wonderful folk to peer review submitted papers. We are most grateful to them for all their hard work, and hope to be able to 'lighten the load' with the new online system.

Dr Lucy Waldron (previously Tucker)
Editor WPSJ

IV World Waterfowl Conference 2009

The IV World Waterfowl Conference was conducted at Lulu International Convention Centre, Thrissur, Kerala, India from 11-13 November 2009. The conference was jointly organized by Centre for Advanced Studies in Poultry Science, Kerala Agricultural University and World's Poultry Science Association, India Branch under the auspices of Asia Pacific Federation of WPSA. The Conference was inaugurated by The Governor of Kerala and Chancellor of KAU Mr R.S. Gavai. The welcome address was given by Mr K.R. Viswambharan, the Vice-chancellor of KAU. Dr Roel Mulder (General Secretary, WPSA)

has addressed the gathering on role of WPSA. Felicitations were given by Dr A.L. Bhagwat (President, WPSA-IB). The function was presided over by Prof. K.V. Thomas (Union Minister of State for Agriculture, consumer affairs, food and public distribution). Vote of Thanks was given by Prof. A. Jalaludeen, Organizing Secretary.

A total of 189 scientists participated in the conference. This included 19 foreign delegates from countries including Poland, Lithuania, Nigeria, Egypt, New Zealand, France, Hong Kong, Taiwan, The Netherlands and Indonesia. Ninety-seven scientists participated

from Kerala State and 73 scientists from other states of India.

Scientific sessions were conducted on 11-12th November 2009. The programme included oral presentation and poster presentation under the following sessions, (1) Genetic Resources and Breeding, (2) Housing and Management, (3) Nutrition, Physiology and Reproduction, (4) Biosecurity, Diseases and Welfare, (5) Production Systems and (6) Product Processing, Quality and Food Safety. The theme paper was delivered by Dr Heinz Pingel (Germany). Lead papers were presented by Dr Deepak Sharma (India), Dr Gerard Guy (France), Dr Kennedy Shortridge (New Zealand), Dr Ewa Łukaszewicz (Poland), Dr K.S. Prajapati (India), Dr Roel Mulder (The Netherlands), Dr Narahari (India) and Dr Prasada Rao (India). After concluding the regular sessions, a special discussion on high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) was conducted considering the importance of waterfowl in the transmission cycle of avian influenza. The discussion coordinated by Prof. Alan Gibbins (New Zealand).

The full-text articles collected from delegates were published in Conference Proceedings. In addition, a Souvenir containing general articles on waterfowl production was also published. The Best Poster award was received by Dr Vidya (Kerala Agricultural University).

On 13th November 2009, delegates were taken to Kuttanad, Alappuzha district of Kerala, as part of field visit. Delegates visited a flock of 20,000 Kuttanadan ducks (native duck breed of Kerala) in the field. After visiting duck flocks in Kuttanad, delegates visited local waterbodies in a houseboat.

In connection with the IV World Waterfowl Conference, a one-day Farmers' Seminar was organized at Rice Research Station, Moncompu, Alappuzha district. About 200 farmers and 30 veterinary officers participated in the Seminar.

The Recommendations of the Conference are:

1. New waterfowl breeding systems conforming to economic,

environmental and social sustainability need to be evolved.

2. More support must be given for waterfowl production in family farms in hot and humid regions of the world to improve food security. Area-specific duck production models must be developed.
3. Veterinary surveillance and diagnostic facilities must be improved to prevent a global pandemic of HPAI.
4. Changes in infectivity and zoonotic potential by genetic reassortment in low pathogenic avian influenza virus need to be monitored.
5. Muscovy duck farming may be popularized in Africa and Latin American Countries.
6. Duck meat consumption must be popularized by following scrupulous quality control and effective marketing strategy.
7. Additional fortified concentrate ration can be provided to ducks reared under scavenging system to improve the productivity.
8. Broiler ducks must be reared under intensive system preferably on slats with no access to swimming and fed with high efficiency pelleted feeds free from mycotoxins.
9. To give an impetus to commercial goose production, gosling number must be improved through crossbreeding and genetic manipulation.
10. As weather-related disasters are becoming common due to climate change, weather insurance packages must be provided to save the livelihood of farmers.

The photos of the conference and PDF file of Conference Proceedings can be found at: <http://www.waterfowl2009.vetcos.com/>.

Prof. A. Jalaludeen & Dr. D. Anish
Centre for Advanced Studies in Poultry Science, Thrissur, India

Branch News

Algeria

The Algerian branch, recently created in 2009, announces the first national symposium on poultry science in collaboration with the University of Batna (poultry science service). This event will be held from 9 to 11 November 2010 at the University of Batna.

This symposium regroups scientists, researchers, adepts and practitioners in field of poultry science and development in Algeria. Our first symposium focuses on these axes:

- Environment and farming practice
- Feeding and nutrition
- Reproduction, genetics and selection
- Hygiene, quality and product traceability.
- Pathology and prevention
- Anatomy and physiology
- Economy

For more details, please visit the following web site: <http://archive.univ-batna.dz/symposium/index.html>

Alloui Nadir, Branch President
Bennoune Omar, Branch General Secretary

Argentina

9th Update Seminar in Poultry Production – AMEVEA (Argentina)

The Argentinean Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) is collaborating in the organisation of the 9th Update Seminar in Poultry Production. This scientific meeting will take place in Colon, Entre Rios, Argentina on September 15th and 16th, 2010. This seminar is organized by the Entre Rios Veterinary Poultry Association (AMEVEA). In general, the participants for this event are Spanish and Portuguese speaking from Latin America. More than 300 participants (producers, students and professionals) are expected to attend, making this one of the most important events for the Argentinean poultry community. The entire seminar will be given in Spanish, with all English presentations translated into Spanish by a Veterinarian specialist via simultaneous translation. The WPSA will

provide one expert speaker, supported by the WPSA Speakers Bureau. This event is organised every two years, and of particular note this year, AMEVEA will celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Malaysia

The Malaysian Branch of WPSA will be co-hosting a Satellite Seminar session in conjunction with Annual Veterinary Association Congress that will be held on August 1, 2010 from 8.30.am -1.00 pm at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The theme for the seminar is 'Sustaining the Poultry Industry for Tomorrow,' and WPSA will provide the speaker who will talk on the topic of 'Disease Treatment of Pandemic H1N1 by the Poultry Industry'.

Dr. Teo Kim Lai, Secretary, WPSA Malaysia Branch

New Zealand

The New Zealand branch will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010, and it is planning a special celebration at the New Zealand Poultry Conference that will take place on 12 & 13 October in Christchurch on the South Island of New Zealand.

Alan Gibbins

Russia

VNITIP is 80 years old: The All-Russian Scientific Research and Technology Poultry Industry Institute (VNITIP) will have its 80 year Jubilee celebration in October 2010. The Institute has become Russia's scientific thought centre for poultry breeding during these years. The Institute carries out scientific research studies on poultry genetics and selection, incubation and feeding, maintenance and progressive technologies creation in a large scale. It also coordinates the poultry breeding work of institutes, universities, and zone experiment stations all across Russia, and it maintains scientific connection with the

scientists of many other countries throughout the world.

The Institute's scientists, together with experts at the selection centres and experimental farms, have created some home high productive chicken crosses including meat mini-chicken crosses, guinea-fowls and duck and goose breeds. They have worked out selection and reproduction methods for all poultry species, intensive resource saving technologies for eggs and poultry meat production, and incubation. They have also worked out standard feeding programmes, feed rations, and biological and pathologic-anatomic control systems for incubation. All of these efforts have received wide spread use by the poultry industry. VNITIP scientists are also carrying out research in the areas of biotechnology, physiology, biochemistry, mycotoxicology, poultry industry economics and marketing. The Institute also trains young scientists through post-graduate studentships, and these studentships have produced a large number of outstanding scientists in poultry breeding. During the last 35 years the Academic of Russian Agricultural Sciences Academy, the Russian WNAP branch President V.I. Fisinin has served as the Institute director.

The Institute is known as a great selection and technologic centre, and the experimental breeding farm of VNITIP and "Genofond" includes more than 70 chicken breeds, six guinea-fowl breeds and seven quail breeds that make valuable contributions to the Institute's scientific research development. VNITIP also successfully carries out courses for improving the professional skill for managers and experts in poultry feeding, incubation, for breeders, laboratory directors, technologists and economists. Over the years, more than 1000 poultry industry experts from feed production enterprises and different firms have taken such courses, not only from Russia but from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Belorussia, Lithuanian, Azerbaidzhan, Bulgaria et al.

ALLTECH principle shares knowledge: The "Alltech" company is one of the world leaders in the field of products for animal health. The company produces a variety of feed additions and preparations for animal husbandry and poultry industry, and it is also a silver WPSA sponsor that carries out a lot of educational work in Russia. The Russian branch of the

company regularly organizes seminars and conferences that attract poultry industry scientists and experts.

"We believe that it is very important to invest in education and scientific research development", said Russian Alltech branch president, T. Papasyan, when he opened an event in Jachroma town near Moscow. Many veterinarians, zooengineers and poultry and hog farm directors from different Russia regions came to the seminar. The First RASHN vice-president, "Rosptitsojuz" presidere and Russia WPSA president academician V. Fisinin, poultry "Alltech" branch director Dr. A. Sarcany, the known scientists in poultry feeding academician I. Yegorov and Prof. T. Okolelova, the director of All-Russian Scientific Research Veterinary Institute for Poultry Prof. Djavadov spoke at the seminar. Doctor Piet Simons former Secretary General of the WPSA has been at the seminar as a Guest of Honor.

It is important to say that the current economic crisis, and also many other difficulties don't deter "Alltech" from its main principle of sharing its knowledge with partners again and again. That fact continues to be demonstrated by the wide variety of seminars and conferences that it hosts in Russia and in other countries.

Russian Branch members to attend exhibitions: The Abroad Probations Centre with assistance of the Russian Agricultural Sciences Academy (RASHN), and the Russian WPSA Branch, along with help from the Agricultural Department of the French Embassy in Russia has organized a delegation that will visit the greatest 2010 year agricultural exhibition "AGRICULTURE-2010" in Paris on the 27 February - 2 March 2010. The importance of this event is underlined by the fact that 2010 year has been declared as the Year of France in Russia and the Year of Russia in France. An additional visit is being planned to Statsburg-Baden Baden on 2 - 5 March, and that visit will involve a seminar for personnel from the poultry and animal husbandry industries on waste processing. The Seminar will be carried out with the help of the European Poultry Breeding Association.

The above visit is not the first for specialists from Russia that has been organized by RASHN, "Rosptitsojuz," and the Russia WPSA Branch together with the Abroad Probations Centre. At the end of 2009 a

Russian delegation consisting of the highest leaders, the known agricultural scientists and practical specialists visited the International Agricultural Exhibition "SPACE". On the first day of that exhibition, a Russia-France work conference was carried out. At that collaboration conference, experts from the two countries discussed the experiences of their respective groups. That collaborative conference had been opened by Deputy Director H. Amerchanov from the Animal Husbandry and Selection Department of the Russian Agricultural Ministry. The RASHN vice-president, the "Rosptitsojuz," and the Russian WPSA Branch President, V. Fisinin, made reports on the development strategy and innovations in agriculture. Great interest was also shown in the reports of several other Russian scientists including: the North-Caucasian Experimental Poultry Station Director, V. Kanivets; the All-Russian Scientific Research Institute in Poultry Processing (VNIIPP) Director, V. Gustchin; the VNIVIP Director, E. Djavadov; the VVGNIIZ Director V. Vinogradov; Deputy Director H. Amerchanov; Prof. N. Muchina from Saint-Petersburg, and others. The representative from the "Balt Eza" company, P. Sharpentie; the head of the National Professional Association's "France Genetigue Elevage", Zh-N. Bone; and the National Poultry Breeders Association's vice-president Zh.-F. Amon told about the successes and achievements of French scientists and other practical specialists.

This year, our Russian specialists plan to visit VIV Europe in Utrecht, and the Hanover EuroTier exhibitions.

Turkey

The 18th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition is being organised by the Turkish Branch of WPSA and is scheduled for 31 October – 4 November, 2011 at the Altın Yunus Resort Hotel in Çeşme, İzmir, Turkey. Çeşme is a charming town on the Aegean coast of Turkey with healing mineral springs, beautiful sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and sun, perfect for vacationers. It has been famous for its architecture, vineyards, and windmills for over 150 years, and now, its name is associated with the popular sports of windsurfing and kitesurfing. Çeşme is located 94 km west of Izmir, on the very tip of the peninsula that bears its name.

This Symposium will present the most recent and relevant scientific information on poultry nutrition. Invited papers will be presented by leading scientists. Oral and poster presentations will also be displayed during the symposium. We expect that this symposium will be the meeting place for all involved in poultry nutrition, making a bridge between university and industry. We would welcome your participation in this important meeting. For additional information contact: Prof. Dr. Nizamettin Şenköylü at: nsenkoynu@yahoo.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to Çeşme, Turkey in October 2011.

Prof. Dr. Servet Yalçın, Secretary of the WPSA Turkish Branch

USA

The branch will again co-sponsor the annual WPSA lecture with the Canadian branch, and will hold its annual meeting during the Joint meeting of the Poultry, Animal and Dairy Science Societies that will be held in Denver, Colorado on July 11-15, 2010.

