
Association News

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

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for young WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and students from developed countries to

attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

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

WPSA Travel Grant programme for older scientists (>40 yrs) from developing countries

For many years, the WPSA Board has supported a travel grant programme for members 40 years of age and younger, to enable them to attend international WPSA-sponsored meetings in other countries. Application for these grants is open to WPSA members from both developing and developed countries. It is recognised that older scientists from developing countries, even those in relatively senior positions, frequently have considerable difficulty in finding funds to attend international meetings. It is even more difficult for scientists in this age group who have only recently obtained a higher degree. Because of the lack of available training opportunities, many scientists in developing countries are near to 40 by the time they obtain a higher degree and be in a position to present their work at international meetings. The value of interaction with other scientists with similar interests and expertise, is well recognised.

It is for these reasons that WPSA has instituted a new travel grant programme to assist older (>40 years) WPSA members from developing countries to attend and present a paper (oral or poster) at international meetings. The programme is designed to

provide some financial assistance, NOT to cover the entire costs of the travel to and attendance at the meeting in question. As a not-for-profit organisation, WPSA has limited funds to allocate towards the programme, which means that the number of grants and the size of the individual grants, will not be great. Successful applicants are encouraged to use the grant as leverage in application for additional funding from the applicant's institution or other bodies. The programme is competitive and applicants are required to provide information about their research, and current status and about their planned contribution to the meeting in question, as described below and on the application form. Successful applicants will be expected to provide on their return, a brief report on the meeting and on the benefits derived by their attendance.

All applications will be assessed by a travel grants assessment committee set up under the WPSA Board. The committee will make its recommendations to the Secretary, who will advise the applicants in due course. The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

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

Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary. Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

Application conditions

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.

Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.

A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.

The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.

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

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl or by fax to: +31 207 508 941

Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that

resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress. As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to

promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

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

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these branches by covering for three years part of

the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: h.hupkes@zonnet.nl. An application form will be send on request.

The Board of directors of the Foundation meets three or four times a year. In case of requests for financial assistance to attend conferences, congresses and symposia, applications should be received by the secretary at least 3 months before the meeting.

Application forms should be filled out completely and can be send through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be send by regular mail.

It is the Boards policy not to fund individual applicants more than 2 times.

WPSA Website: www.wpsa.com

The WPSA website provides much valuable information about the organisation and activities of the Association, its regional federations and country branches. In addition there are regularly updated news reports from branch meetings, conferences and symposia organised by the specialist Working Groups, as well as a calendar of future events.

In order to keep it regularly updated, the Association welcomes information and pictures from Branches, Regional Federations and Working Groups concerning activities of the various WPSA organisations, as well as news about appointment of officers and members.

Please send your information to Mrs D.M. Kleverwal, e-mail wpsa@xs4all.nl.

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For further information, or to purchase the WPSJ Digital Archive, please e-mail jnlsales@cambridge.org.

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www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

E-mail WPSA Newsletter

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

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

WPSA Scholarship Awards 2016

The Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science of the Netherlands Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association has announced that the sixth group of awards will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress during September 5-9, 2016 in Beijing, China. The awards will be made in two categories – Education and Research – in conjunction with the mission of the WPSA logo. An internationally representative committee chosen by the Board of the Foundation will decide the recipients. While it is anticipated that one award will be made in each category, this may vary depending on the number and quality of submissions.

WPSA Research Award

A WPSA Research Award will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to an outstanding scientist in recognition of research achievement related to the poultry industry. Only those who have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress will be eligible. The award will consist of a certificate or plaque and €11,000 (currently about US\$12,000).

The award will be made to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution in his or her field and based on up to five publications in refereed journals. The papers need not all relate to the same research project but they must be in the same general area. The scientist must be the senior author in the case of papers with multiple authors.

Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member. Offprints or copies of the papers (up to five) on which it is based should accompany the nomination (other relevant papers may be cited). The nomination document, which should not exceed 1000 words, should include:

- reasons for making the nomination;
- a brief biography of the scientist being nominated;
- plans for the utilization of that part of the award not given directly to the recipient.

These plans must be in sufficient detail to enable the awards Committee to assess the nature and value of the research programme. Examples of eligible costs include the

purchase of leasing of equipment and stipends for graduate students.

WPSA Education Award

A WPSA Education Award will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to an individual or group who, in the view of the Awards Committee, have made a major contribution to poultry management education in a five year period immediately preceding the congress. Nominees (or leaders of groups in the case of joint nominations) must have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made. The award will consist of a certificate or plaque and €11,000 (currently about US \$12,000).

Education will be interpreted liberally with achievement being represented by books, other publications, films, videos or the development of training programmes for poultry scientists, managers or workers. Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member and should consist of:

- a description of the work, summarised in not more than 1000 words, which should give details of the educational project (including information on the target group or groups);
- a brief biography of the individual or group (maximum one page of A4)
- an assessment of how much impact has been achieved;
- a clear indication of how the balance of the award would be applied to future educational activities. Examples might include publications, extension of courses, revision of videos etc., or entirely new initiatives.

The nominating document may be supported by additional items in the form of written or other work by the nominee/nominee group, but the nomination itself must be sufficient to stand-alone for evaluation by the Awards committee.

Nominations

Nominations should be submitted to the WPSA Awards Committee at least six months before the start of the 2016 World's Poultry Congress. The deadline for receipt of submissions will be

March 1st, 2016. Please send nominations to: c/o Dr R.W.A.W. (Roel) Mulder, Secretary WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: roel.mulder@wpsa.com.

Those nominated must, if successful, undertake to present a report of their work at the next World's Poultry Congress following the one at which the award was made.

World Poultry Congress 2016 announces its registration fees

The World Poultry Congress in Beijing, China 2016 has announced the following schedule for registration fees:

Category	By March 5th, 2016	March 6th to August 5th, 2016	On-site
WPSA Member	\$500	\$600	\$700
Non-member	\$680	\$800	\$850
Student Member	\$200	\$300	\$400
Student Non-member	\$300	\$400	\$500
Single Day	\$180	\$200	\$250
Accompanying Person	\$180	\$200	\$240

Youth Programme: Thirty students will be awarded with full registration to WPC2016, accommodation and one-week visiting in China after congress. Note: Flight tickets are not included.

Young Scientist Programme: Twenty young scientists under 35 years old, who are members of WPSA and work in poultry science relevant fields, will be awarded full registration to WPC2016, accommodation, and round trip economy air fare tickets.

Important Dates: Open for registration: From September 5th, 2015. Open for paper submission: September 5th, 2015 to February 5th, 2016.

Official website: <http://www.wpc2016.cn>

Dr J. Zheng, Secretary, China Branch, WPSA

8th 'Hafez' International Symposium on Turkey Production and Health

On behalf of the World Poultry Science Association - Federation of European Branches, the Institute of Poultry Diseases, Free University Berlin, held the 8th 'Hafez' International Symposium on Turkey Production and Health (Working Group 10 - Turkeys) between 28th and 30th May 2015 in Berlin. The symposium was held to stimulate the exchange of current information and ideas related to turkey production, to help focus attention on specific problems, and to encourage new approaches for solving them.

During the symposium, 34 oral presentations

were made in several sections. Topics presented were related to the current and future challenges of turkey production and health. This included the effects of stress, light, and rearing management on the health and performances of turkeys. In addition, several papers were presented that dealt with feeding behaviour, the effect of feed quality, as well as the effects of mycotoxins on performance, litter quality and health. Further topics related to gut health and the importance of supporting intestinal development in turkeys were also covered. Animal welfare during the entire

rearing period and during transport, were also discussed. General prophylaxis and control measures for improving turkey health and for reducing the use of antibiotics were presented.

Attendees at the symposium included 142 scientists and experts from 21 countries; Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Syria, The Netherlands, Tunis, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the speakers for their co-operation and willingness to share their expertise with the

global turkey family. I also wish to use this opportunity to express my appreciation for our sponsors. Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to all individuals who worked in the planning and co-ordination of this event, especially the staff of the Institute of Poultry Diseases at the Free University of Berlin.

The 9th International Symposium on Turkey Production will be held in Berlin Germany, during June 2017. I hope to see you in Berlin.

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Branch News

Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijan branch held a number of meetings and forums in poultry science throughout its history. Such actions encourage and support communication among researchers, experts and teachers working in various areas of science and practice of poultry both in Azerbaijan and abroad.

The 'Azerbaijan International Forum of Poultry' was held in Baku on August 4-6, 2015. A number of topical issues facing the poultry industry were discussed. Some actual and potential latent threats for the poultry industry were also examined. The participants also listened to presentations by experts, scientific advisors and specialists of poultry farms and companies. The forum was attended by the Chairman of the International Forum, Sergei Shabayev, and others. In addition, representatives from Salmat, Specht, Stork and other companies also participated in the forum.

The Azerbaijani branch is fully supported by local authorities, and it is proud to announce that it is now working toward organising and hosting a WPSA International Conference in the Azerbaijan cities of Baku and Ganja on May 15-17, 2016. The aspiration for inviting such an international conference to the ancient cities of our country is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan State Agricultural University, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as by the Azerbaijan Convention Bureau.

The conference will be entitled 'Innovative Technologies in Poultry Breeding', and will be held in the form of lectures and discussions. Topics will include: innovative developments, and conditions and methods of poultry maintenance in large and small enterprises. During the conference, speakers will introduce state-of-the-art programmes, as well as new technical developments.

It will be a great honour for us to organise the WPSA International Conference 'Innovative Technologies in Poultry Breeding' in Baku and Ganja, and we look forward to welcoming all of our Azerbaijan WPSA members, as well as many WPSA members from other countries to Azerbaijan.

Mahir Hajiyev, President of Azerbaijan branch WPSA

United Kingdom

2015 has been another busy year for WPSA UK. The highlight for the year was the Spring Meeting at our new venue at the University of Chester. All change brings with it challenges, but our core values and successes of excellent invited speakers and presentations, active and enthusiastic members, and fresh and confident young researchers, ensured a well attended and thought provoking few days. The Gordon Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Rob Gous of the University of Kwazulu-Natal speaking to the title of 'The appeal of using a modelling approach in directing poultry research'. The Spring

meeting is an opportunity to recognise the contributions of the participants, and this led to a record numbers of prizes and awards, in recognition of the quality of presentations, both Oral and as Posters:

Presidents Prize (£100)

Oral -

Greg Parkes, Harper Adams

Angus Reid, Roslin Institute

Poster -

Noraini Samat, University of Leeds

Colin Sanni, Nottingham Trent University

Special Recognition Awards (£50)

Oral -

Krysta Morrisey, SRUC UK

Stephen Pace

Anna Sinclair, Roslin Institute

Poster -

Rachel Plimmer, Nottingham Trent University

Camille Combemorel, SRUC UK

Congratulations to these winners and all those who presented in Chester to ensure the high standards of excellence for which our meeting is becoming increasingly renowned for.

Attracting applicants for our Summer Scholarships and Research Awards is another challenge but the excellent presentations from past winners and confirmation of successful applicants for this year's awards demonstrates that the recipients and membership benefit greatly from this initiative. Our ongoing challenge is to retain this enthusiasm and promote WPSA and the wider poultry industry as an interesting and sustainable career option for young researchers.

This year WPSA UK has awarded the following Summer Scholarships:

Amy Harkness (Roslin): Foot pad dermatitis in turkeys: is it painful?

Lucy Hood (Harper Adams): The effect wheat DDGS has on hen performance and egg quality

Jalil Abdulla (Harper Adams): The effect of storage of UK grown field beans on their nutritive value for broilers

Jenna Morison (SRUC): The genetics of recessive feather genes

USA

The USA Branch of the WPSA is moving forward in the areas of professional

development, international cooperation, and member support. We inhabit an ever increasingly global community in which the Branch allows us an opportunity for dialogue, networking, friendship and fun with like-minded people from around the world.

The Canadian and USA Branches again sponsored the WPSA Lecture during the 2015 PSA Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Professor David Raubenheimer, Leonard P. Ullman Chair in Nutritional Ecology and Nutrition Theme Leader of the Charles Perkins Centre at the University of Sydney, presented the lecture on the topic: 'New Insight from Nutritional Ecology: Captive insects, wild primates, human obesity and animal feeds'. It was a thought provoking topic for those in attendance.

There are two areas under the auspices of the WPSA that should be of interest to poultry professionals. Any member of USA Branch of the WPSA can register with the speaker's bureau of the World Branch. WPSA branches from various countries often request speakers from the bureau to participate in scientific symposia. Those with interest should contact Dr. Bob Buresh, USA Branch Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, the European Federation and the Asian/Pacific Federation, have scientific working groups which provide the opportunity for scientists to network with professionals in their general area of expertise from around the world having similar interests. Dr. Chris Ashwell at North Carolina State University (cmashwell@ncsu.edu) can be contacted for guidance on how to proceed for anyone interested in learning more about the WPSA working groups.

It is not too early to begin making plans to participate in the 2016 World's Poultry Congress to be held in Beijing. The China Branch of the WPSA and the Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine will co-host the event which is scheduled for September 5-9, 2016. The USA Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association wants to bring interesting and worthwhile opportunities to its membership with the objective of helping each member attain professional and personal growth.

Ernie Pierson, President, USA Branch

Bob Buresh, Secretary, USA Branch