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# Association News

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## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or you can download the application forms from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## Beijing to host the World's Poultry Congress

The XXV World's Poultry Congress (WPC2016) will take place in Beijing during September 5-9, 2016. After Brazil which hosted the event in 2012 to celebrate the centenary of the founding organization, China plays host to this year's event. The 25th WPC will be held in China for the first time in history, and is co-hosted by the China Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA-CN) and the Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine (CAAV).

The poultry industry is expanding in the world, but is facing more challenges ranging from restriction of feed resources to quality and safety issues of poultry products. As one of the largest chicken producer and a top food market in the world, China aims to promote the sustainability of the poultry industry. The theme of this year's Congress is 'the quality and safety of the poultry products; meeting human needs', and the WPC 2016 will address a wide spectrum of subjects ranging from nutrition and feeds, genetics and breeding, diseases control and prevention to poultry welfare and behaviour, environmental control of poultry houses, poultry production systems and so forth.

The multidisciplinary scientific programme of the WPC2016 will provide a unique and comprehensive platform for sharing and discussing the latest developments in scientific research and technology transfer for poultry production worldwide. The scientific programme will include 10 plenary lectures, more than 50 invited talks on various subjects, nearly 200 parallel presentations and hundreds of posters. In addition, several symposiums will be held to address practical issues of poultry production in collaboration with industry partners and sponsors. More than 700 abstracts have already been received from over 50 countries and regions. With a focus on global leadership in poultry science, the congress will comprise hundreds of experts, including many of the world's most influential speakers.

As a courtesy to WPSA members from low income countries classified by by-laws, the

organiser have provided a special offer so that they can register at a reduced fee (1900RMB, equivalent to 300USD), and WPC2016 will instigate a youth programme and a young scientist programme to assist them to attend the congress. Supports for the youth programme include registration fee, accommodation and a post-congress tour. The young scientist programme includes the registration fee, accommodation, and round trip economy air fare ticket. Furthermore, the Chairman of Scientific Committee of WPC2016, Changxin Wu, will award 20 young scientists and students from a fund in his name from the China Agricultural University with 1000 US dollars awarded to each person to encourage young scientists and students who work in the field of Animal Genetics and Breeding to participate in WPC2016.

During WPC2016, the congress will collaborate with VNU to jointly present a special VIV China Show, which will feature a large scale exhibition for the poultry industry in order to allow international and local companies and organizations to show their products and expertise to a worldwide market.

As a historical city and a modern and dynamic metropolis, Beijing has many tourist attractions, including four World Culture Heritage centres. Delegates from around the world can reach the city by direct international flights from major cities around the world, and will enjoy an extensive social programme and can experience our famous Chinese hospitality during your stay.

We look forward to welcoming you to Beijing and offer our attendees the perfect blend of stimulating scientific exchange and a rich cultural programme.

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## Branch News

### Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijani branch is proud to announce the first Azerbaijan International Conference on 'Innovative Technologies in Poultry Breeding' was held on May 20, 2016, at the Caspian Agro 2016 exhibition in Baku, Azerbaijan. Conference details can be obtained at the following website: <http://caspianagro.az/conference/>.

Our aspiration for inviting such an international conference to the ancient cities of our country was 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 poultry breeding industry is one of the pivotal parts of agricultural in Azerbaijan, which is currently at the centre of economic policy due to diminishing state dependence on gas and oil production. Agricultural resources available in Azerbaijan can build potential grounds for the future prosperity of this sphere and progressive collaborations in this field are of national importance. According to the state programme approved by the president of Azerbaijan on August 25, 2008 as 'Sustainable provision of population with food products for the years 2008 – 2015', about 340 thousand tons of poultry meat and 1.3 billion eggs are scheduled to be produced by the year 2015. Certain actions are needed for the execution of this process via launching new poultry production concerns and taking steps towards developing the industry in general.

The overall aim of the conference was to equip its participants with the most up to date information on innovative technologies and tools in poultry breeding practice. This conference provided a chance for participants and industry entrepreneurs to gain valuable insights into efficient techniques from local, as well as international industry professionals and poultry association representatives.

Invited speakers from different parts of the world discussed current issues, challenges and future prospects of the poultry breeding industry and further explain the latest technological and scientific advancements currently trending in the successful poultry

breeding organisations of the international arena. Participants had opportunities to meet future key partners and potential clients through this most interactive platform.

Core themes that were explored during the conference included the following:

- Poultry meat and egg production technology
- Genetics and breeding of agricultural birds
- Feeding of agricultural birds
- Veterinary and sanitary problems in poultry breeding
- Epizootic and infectious diseases of agricultural birds

Leading specialists of the following organisations were speakers:

- World's Poultry Science Association
- Azerbaijan State Agrarian University
- Ak-Farm Gıda Tarım LTD
- Kutlusan Kafes Ekipman ve Hayvancılık Taşmacılık San.TİC.LTD
- Yem Soya Tekstil AŞ
- ALLtech Poultry
- Farmavet International
- Petersime
- Sealed Air Corporation
- Cobb Türkiye
- KTG Kanatlı Ürünleri
- MOBA

*Mahir Hajiyeve, President of Azerbaijan branch WPSA*

### Israel

In October 2015 and in February 2016, the Israeli branch conducted two half-day symposia on several hot topics including the role of the immune system in the rehabilitation of physiological stresses in layers, detection and diagnosis of pathogens, salmonella monitoring and control methods, safety of poultry products (*Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*), human nutrition and health aspects of processed poultry meat.

At the end of May 2016, we held our 51st annual conference in Jerusalem. During the three-day conference, there were 15 sessions

covering nutrition, poultry health and immunology, reproduction, incubation and physiology, broiler production and layer production. There were roundtable discussions on issues concerning the poultry industry in Israel.

Once again the organisers were honoured to invite overseas guests who contributed to the discussion and exchange of ideas from their scientific knowledge and experience. During the conference, 25 companies presented their products and technical innovations.

About 600 participants were expected to attend our conference: producers, scientists, nutritionists, veterinarians, representatives of commercial companies, extension service specialists, and others.

*Yitzhak Malka, Secretary - Israel Branch*

## USA

Dr Mark Lyte of Iowa State University will be the invited speaker for the WPSA Canada-USA Lecture on July 13, 2016 at the meeting of the Poultry Science Association (<http://www.poultryscience.org/psa16>) to take place at the

Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, LA. Dr Lyte's lecture: 'Microbial endocrinology: Why the intersection of microbiology and neurobiology matters to poultry health' promises to be thought provoking and of great interest to the audience.

The USA branch is again conducting the Cliff D. Carpenter Essay Contest. The topic of the essay is: 'Can Poultry Feed the World in 2050?' The three students who best address the topic will receive travel grants of up to \$2,000 to attend the World's Poultry Congress September 5-9, 2016 in Beijing, China.

Keeping with the theme of the World's Poultry Congress, travel grants are available to individuals who are presenting papers (oral or posters) at the scientific sessions in Beijing. In order to be eligible for a travel grant of up to \$1,000, the individual must be a current member and have been paid dues in 2015; in addition, the individual must have an abstract which has been accepted for presentation at the meeting.

*Ernie Pierson, President, USA Branch*  
*Bob Buresh, Secretary, USA Branch*