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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.

### Application conditions

- Applications must be submitted at least three months prior to the meeting. If a scientific paper or poster is the basis for the application, this need not have been accepted at the time of application but it will eventually must be formally accepted before funds are disbursed
- Maximum age of the applicant is 40 years at the time of application.
- Applicants must have been a member of WPSA for at least six months at the time of application.
- No member may receive more than two Travel Grants.
- Successful applicants will receive the funds electronically AFTER the meeting on receipt of a copy of the airline ticket.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

Application form must be accompanied by:

1. *Either*  
A copy of the submitted abstract.

*Or*

One typed page clearly outlining how you propose to network at the meeting. Describe the feasibility of your plan and what you hope to gain. Possibilities for the plan could include names of individuals you plan to interview or conference attendees you plan to meet who share similar interests to your own. Networking plans must be made in advance and must involve individuals with whom you are not already acquainted.

2. Budget request and justification (one page). You must include the cost of economy rate travel, food and lodging. Conference registration fees and dues will NOT be funded.
3. Letter of recommendation from a well-known member of your WPSA Branch stating why you are a worthy candidate to receive a Travel Grant.
4. Short *Curriculum Vitae* and photo.

The completed application form, abstract or networking proposal, budget, *Curriculum Vitae* with photo and recommendation letter should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or [roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com) 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:

Dr R.W.A.W. Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands

## 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).

## **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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

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## Scholarship Awards 2012

The Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science of the Netherlands Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association has announced that the fifth group of awards will be presented at the XXIV World's Poultry Congress in Salvador, Brazil in 2012. The awards are normally made in each of three categories - Education, Organization and Research - coinciding with the motto on the WPSA logo. An internationally representative committee chosen by the Board of the Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science will decide 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.

### Research Award

A WPSA Research Award will be presented at each 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 at which the award is made will be eligible. The award will consist of a suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US\$ 14 500). The award will be made to a scientist who has made an

outstanding contribution in his or her field and will be 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.

### Education Award

A WPSA Education Award will be presented at each World's Poultry Congress to an individual

or group who, in the view of the Awards Committee, has/have made a major contribution to poultry management education in a five year period immediately preceding a World's Poultry 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 suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US \$ 14 500).

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, summarized in not more than 1000 words, which should give details of the educational project (including information on the target group or groups);
- 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.

#### **Industry/Organization Award**

A WPSA Industry/Organization Award will be presented at each World's Poultry Congress to an individual or organization who/which, in the view of the Awards Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the development and/or success of the poultry industry in a five-year period immediately preceding a World's Poultry Congress. The development

of trade organizations, promotional or information programmes, or the invention of new processes or products relevant to the poultry industry will form the basis of the award. Nominees (or leaders of nominated organizations) 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 suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US\$ 14 500).

Nominations for the award may be made by any WPSA member and should consist of a citation in not more than 1000 words which includes:

- a description of the action or activity and how this has been of benefit to the poultry industry;
- an assessment of how much impact has been achieved;
- a clear indication of how the balance of the award would be applied to future activities, for example, new initiatives or the furtherance of the one which is the subject of the nomination.

The nominating document may be supported by additional written or other material, but must itself 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 Salvador World's Poultry Congress. The deadline for receipt of submissions will be 31st December 2011. Please send nominations: 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.

To show how awards are utilized, 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.

## WPC2012 - Philatelic History of the World's Poultry Congresses – Exhibition

At the occasion of the WPSA Centennial Anniversary in 2012, our Belgium based club 'Les Amis de la Mère Poule' will assist in the production of the exhibit 'The Philatelic History of the World's Poultry Congresses'.

This exhibit will feature the philatelic (stamps and postage items) items issued by the different WPSA Branches at the occasion of the World's Poultry Congress organized by them during the last century (see <http://www.galligalaxy.org/wpsa/wpsaIndex.html> for some examples of the material).

The exhibit is planned during the 24th WPC in Bahia, Brazil August, 2012, as well as from 12 November 2011 to 12 November 2012 in the Barneveld Poultry Museum in The Netherlands. **As the exhibition is not yet complete, we are looking for more materials to be displayed.** Philatelic materials produced for the different events, include stamps, first day covers, sheets of stamps, postcards, posters, stickers, even scale reproductions, etc.

Branches who have organized WPC's in the past have already been contacted directly by 'Les Amis de la Mère Poule'.

As many of our members also have a philatelic interest I herewith would ask you to distribute this request to your members as well.



We hope to receive many positive reactions, so we will be able to organize a wonderful exhibition.

You can send any materials by registered mail to:

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Les Amis de la Mère Poule  
Jan de Trochstraat 118  
1703 Schepdaal  
BELGIUM  
[Maria.spitaels@pandora.be](mailto:Maria.spitaels@pandora.be)

In case you need more information, please contact Dr Roel Mulder ([roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com)).

## Prof. Sally Solomon to Chair the Nominations Committee

The purpose of the Nominations Committee is to put forward the list of candidates for the positions of Secretary General, Treasurer and the five Vice-president positions to be voted for at the Council Meeting at each World's Poultry Congress (WPC). The membership and procedures to be followed by the Committee have been set out in the newly-adopted By-Laws of WPSA (see the WPSA website). The Committee is chaired by a WPSA member of high international repute appointed by the Board, and the Board is delighted to report that Prof Sally Solomon has accepted the invitation to act in this role. Sally is noted for her world-leading research on eggshell structure and quality. Other members

of the Committee will include the Immediate Past President of WPSA and the Immediate Past Presidents of the European and Asia Pacific Federations. The Committee will also co-opt other members to increase its geographic diversity so that the total membership of the Committee will be at least 15 but not more than 20.

The Committee will request nominations for all the above positions from branches. They may also receive proposals for candidates for nomination from individual WPSA members, submitted through the Secretary General at least 90 days before the date of the election at the WPC. For the positions of Secretary General and Treasurer, the Committee will

only nominate persons considered suitable for these positions in terms of experience and capability. For the Vice-presidential positions, the Committee will draw up a list of nominations that reflects the world-wide distribution of branches, with a minimum number of eight candidates. The Committee is obliged to confirm with all candidates their

willingness to accept nomination and to communicate the list of nominees to the Secretary General at least 28 days before the date of the election.

The Board would like to thank Mr Cliff Nixey, who has been the chair of the Nominations Committee for the past two World Congresses.

## **Asian Pacific Federation**

A successful 9th APPC took place in March of this year. Over 700 delegates registered for the conference in Taipei, Taiwan. The conference was well organised by a dedicated team from the Taiwan Branch of WPSA, who must be congratulated for their efforts. Thanks also to the many sponsors, for without them it would be difficult to provide an event like this at such reasonable cost. In fact the registration fees set by the organising committee were comparatively low, making the conference good value for the money. Keeping the cost of attendance down as low as possible is critical for future conferences, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. In this region many of our poultry industry people, researchers, teachers, managers, field service staff and farmers do not have the financial resources to attend high cost conferences. Lower cost conferences allow more people to attend, including many who otherwise might not, but will derive much value from attending such an event.

At the meeting of the Asian Pacific Federation, Korea was chosen as the host of the 10th APPC to be held in 2014. The venue will be the International Conference Centre on Jeju Island.

The new Officers of the Federation elected at the meeting are:

President: Mr Alan Gibbins, New Zealand Branch, [avianag@infogen.net.nz](mailto:avianag@infogen.net.nz)

Senior Vice President: Dr Jae Yong Han, Korea Branch, [jaehan@snu.ac.kr](mailto:jaehan@snu.ac.kr)

Junior Vice President: Dr Chin Sou Fei,

Singapore Branch, [sfchin@crownpacificbio.com](mailto:sfchin@crownpacificbio.com)

The Secretary/Treasurer for the Federation is not an elected post, it is chosen by the President. As such, Mr Don Thomas, New Zealand Branch will continue as Secretary/Treasurer ([D.V.Thomas@massey.ac.nz](mailto:D.V.Thomas@massey.ac.nz)).

Dr Jeng-Fang Huang, Taiwan Branch was elected as the inaugural chairman for the APF's Working Group 2 on Waterfowl ([huangjf@mail.edu.tw](mailto:huangjf@mail.edu.tw)).

A new working group for the APF was approved at the meeting. This is WG3 on Ratites and it will be chaired by Dr Irek Malecki from the Australian Branch ([irek.malecki@uwa.edu.au](mailto:irek.malecki@uwa.edu.au)).

Discussion is ongoing in relation to the APF's Working Group 1 Small Scale Family Poultry Farming. There has been a proposal that WG1 be formally merged with the International Network of Family Poultry Development (INFPD). INFPD is a global working group of WPSA. Talks were held between APF, FAO, IFAD and INFPD at the 7th International Poultry Show and Seminar in Dhaka, Bangladesh in late March. The outcome was an agreement to work more closely together in order to provide a truly global front. Achieving a formal merger is still a proposal and the dialogue continues. In the meantime, APF President Alan Gibbins will serve as the acting Chairman of WG1.

*A.M. Gibbins*

*President Asia Pacific Federation*

## WPSA Working Group 3 of Asian Pacific Federation

The Working Group 3 of the Asian Pacific Federation involves researchers working on 'Ratites' (emus, ostriches, rheas, cassowaries and kiwis).

Since the 3rd International Ratite Science Symposium that was held in Madrid (Spain) in 2005, the activity of the Working Group on Ratites gained momentum that culminated in a 3-day scientific conference, the 4th International Ratite Science Symposium that was held in 2008 during the 23rd World's Poultry Congress in Brisbane, Australia. Prior to that, a one-day Clean-Green-Ethical Ratite Farming Symposium was also held at the University of Western Australia, hosted by the UWA Institute of Agriculture. However, as the ratite industries worldwide have shrunk considerably, and support for ratite research has reduced, the activity of the Group slowed down and the European Federation of WPSA closed its Ratite Working Group 13. Even so, an interest in Ostrich farming continues in Europe with the most significant breeding stock thought to be held in Germany. In Germany, during the annual meeting of the German WPSA Branch a review on ostrich farming was presented by Mr Kistner and a visit to his Mhou farm was included in the programme. A great need for support from poultry scientists to improve management and acceptance of ostrich farming was expressed. Given that the majority of the ratite research

activity, however, is concentrated in the Southern Hemisphere the Ratite Group registered with the Asia Pacific Federation (APF) of WPSA as its new Working Group 3 (WG3). The membership of the WG3 of APF WPSA consists of a good number of ratite researchers and veterinary practitioners from the North and South Americas, Europe, Africa, Central and East Asia, Australia and New Zealand who remained active and have continued their research in reproduction, genetics, incubation, nutrition, growth and development, health and welfare, and conservation of ratites. Ratite researchers continue to publish in scientific journals and conference proceedings and the most recent output of the Group members is the publication of the book titled 'The Welfare of Farmed Ratites' (P. Glatz, C. Lunam, I. Malecki Eds., Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2011).

The Ratite Group, plan to attend the 24th World Poultry Congresses 2012 in Brazil and the 10th Asia Pacific Federation Conference in South Korea. Membership in the APF WG3 and scientific meetings enquiries should be sent to Dr Irek Malecki.

*Dr Irek Malecki, Acting Chairman of the Ratite Group*  
*irek.malecki@uwa.edu.au*

## WPSA Branch News

### Argentina

Members of The Argentinean Branch of WPSA are participating in several different commissions of the Scientific Committee for the XXII Latin American Poultry Congress ([www.avicultura2011.com](http://www.avicultura2011.com)). This meeting will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 6-9, 2011. This extraordinary event will carry the slogan: 'Latin America: an environmentally-friendly world food reservoir,' and it will be held at the premises of La Rural, the largest convention centre in the country. The WPSA will provide one expert speaker, supported by the 'WPSA Speakers Bureau' programme. Dr Roel Mulder

(Secretary General WPSA and Spelderholt® Poultry Consulting and Research) will present a lecture about 'European regulations for slaughter houses'.

The Latin American Poultry Conference will feature first-class conferences for an expected audience of 3500 attendants. Five conference rooms seating 1000, 600 and 400 persons will simultaneously present top international speakers who will provide new information on poultry Health, Nutrition, Farm Practices, Genetics and Incubation, Business and Management, and the Environment. Conference participants will be able to choose between Spanish, Portuguese and English to follow the speakers.



The Poster area will cover more than 400 m<sup>2</sup>. Papers presented at the Congress will be included in a competition that will lead to several different prizes. As in all other Latin American Poultry Meetings, the papers accepted for the conference will take part in the Lauriston Von Schmidt Scientific Merit competition award. Mr Von Schmidt was one of the founders and Honorary President of the Latin American Poultry Association (ALA). On the other hand, beginning with the XXII Latin American Poultry Congress, all papers authored by research groups coming from two or more Latin American countries will take part in the Dr Arnaldo Colusi ALA competition award. Dr Arnaldo Colusi was a respected international scholar, professional and consultant in the poultry field.

### **Brazil**

The Brazilian Branch of WPSA (WPSA-BR) is well underway on the organization of the XXIV WPC in 2012 in Salvador, BA, Brazil. The scientific committee has defined some tentative deadlines for abstracts and review papers submissions, which are:

Abstract submission From 27 June 2011  
Through 13 January 2012

Review process From 16 January 2012  
Through 28 February 2012

Final notice of acceptance From 5 March 2012  
Through 5 March 2012

Extended abstract submission From 5 March 2012  
Through 31 March 2012

More than 80% of the available fair's booth space has been reserved to and/or sold for several national and international companies involved in Poultry Production & Industry worldwide. The WPC's organizing committee just opened the convention centre's second floor area for specific groups, organizations, specialized media, and other companies interested in participating.

WPSA-BR was represented at VIV Bangkok Fair (Thailand) in March of this year by its President and Marketing Director who carried out some good promotional work for the 2012 WPC. The same promotional efforts will be carried out in Cancun (Mexico) at the XVII

Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association to be held on 14-18 August 2011.

The FACTA/WPSA-BR 2011 Annual Conference, which is the largest annual poultry scientific event in Latin America, will be held in Santos, SP, Brazil on the 31st of May through the 2nd of June. A total of 31 scientific presentations were given by poultry scientists and professionals from universities and industry in Brazil and several other countries. An estimated attendance of 1000 professionals was expected.

*Carla Palermo, FACTA/WPSA Brazilian Branch*

### **Cameroon**

The Cameroon Branch of WPSA held its first General Assembly for 2011 on January 10, 2011 at 10:00 in the conference hall of the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences of the University of Dschang, Cameroon. The meeting was chaired by the branch's President, Prof. Alexis Tegui, assisted by the branch Secretary and Treasurer, Dr Jean Claude Fotsa and Dr Henri René Zambou, respectively. Half of the countries WPSA members attended the branch meeting during which the agenda with the following points was covered: Registration of new members; General information, Membership's situation, financial report, Activity Report for 2010 and the Action plan for 2011.

Following the welcoming address by the branch President, new members were registered while old members paid their membership's fees. The branch now has a total of 37 members.

The main resolutions of the General Assembly were adopted as followed and included in the action plan for 2011: 1) The proceedings of the seminar held in Bafoussam on January 21, 2010 should be finalized and distributed to members. The resource persons who managed the seminar were thus invited to write and forward to the branch secretary a manuscript including an introduction, a brief summary of the presentation, a conclusion and the outcome of the seminar; 2) A typology study of poultry farms in Cameroon will be launched. Prof. Tegui and Prof. Tchoumboue were invited to propose a survey questionnaire to be dispatched to farmers by Dr Henry Zambou with the help

of other branch members; 3) The epidemiology map of Cameroon shall be considered as a priority. Dr Paul Tsangue was designated to propose the survey protocol for this study; 4) The National branch is to organize more seminars and conferences for the education of the members of the poultry sector; 5) Development of a summary of laws and regulation of livestock sector in Cameroon. Dr Poné Kamdem and Dr Zambou were designated for this important task; and, 6) A permanent contact with administrations acting for the rural development of Cameroon shall be developed and maintained.

*Dr Fotsa Jean Claudem, Branch Secretary*

### Germany

The German Branch held its annual meeting in March at the University of Hohenheim. The board meeting was followed by a general meeting attended by 70 members and guests, a get-together in the evening and a conference on the following day, attended by about 100 participants. The six presentations covered a range of timely topics, focusing on nutrition and management to optimize economic returns and bird welfare. An update on molecular tools to monitor biodiversity and a short review on Ostrich Farming in Germany completed the program. After the conference, participants were invited to visit the Ostrich Farm Mhou of Mr Kistner in Rülzheim and to learn more about opportunities and limitations of ostrich farming. The German Branch confirmed its intention to submit a bid to host the World Poultry Congress 2020 in Berlin.

### Hungary

The 10th International Poultry Symposium was held on 6th April 2011 in Kaposvar, Hungary. It was organized by the University of Kaposvar in collaboration with the Hungarian Branch of the WPSA, and 130 registered participants attended the conference. Oral presentations were held with the following titles: New ways of periodical cooling during hatching; Improving the final live weight and growing ability of TETRA-H by using a new experimental Sire line; Changes in the body and egg composition of brown and Leghorn type layers; Problems behind switching from conventional cage to alternative systems for laying hens; The spontaneous fattening of

waterfowl liver; Heritability of different behaviour forms in the goose; Comparative analysis of the cardiovascular capacity of the bronze- and giant turkey with diagnostic imaging (MR, CT); and, the XIIIth European Poultry Conference (Tours, France, 2010) - An overview. Successful presentations were also provided by international specialists; Gérard Guy (INRA, France) and Prof. Dr Werner Bessei (University of Hohenheim, Germany).

### Japan

The Japanese Branch of WPSA would, first of all, like to express their gratitude to the WPSA members for the warm-hearted messages and prayers for people who were affected by the terrible earthquake, tsunami and damage from the nuclear electric plant in Japan. Your kind words will encourage people in Japan. Most of the plants for animal feed industries are located near the coast, and those in eastern Japan were destroyed by the tsunami. The Japanese poultry industries are having difficulty in obtaining feed for their flocks. However, the Japanese people, the poultry industries, and Poultry Science members will make their best efforts to overcome these difficulties.

The Japan Poultry Science Association had planned to convene its 2011 spring meeting at the Tokyo University of Agriculture, Kanagawa Prefecture, on March 28th, but that meeting was cancelled due to the tsunami disaster.

The branch's 2011 fall meeting will be held on the Towada Campus, of Kitasato University in Aomori Prefecture on August 24-25th. The Japanese Journal of Poultry Science bids welcome to submit reviews and original papers (<http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/jpsa/main.html>). The first impact factor for the JPS (2010 IF) will appear in 2011.

*Dr Tamao Ono, Secretary of Japanese Branch WPSA*

### Malaysia

The Malaysian Branch of WPSA will be involved in the Livestock Asia Expo & Forum, Asia's international feed, livestock & meat industry show that will be entitled: 'Transforming the Feed & Livestock Industry in Asia.' The Expo will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 4-6 October 2011. Members of the Malaysian Branch will be involved with chairing sessions, and with paper presentations. See <http://www>.

livestockasia.com/ for conference registration and details.

This is the first time, and a significant moment for the Malaysian Branch of WPSA, to undertake a poultry training course in Breeder Management and Processing Plant Management. This programme will be a collaboration between the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia (DVS), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), and Sinmah Sdn Bhd. The training course will be conducted for 16 staff members from the Department of Livestock, Oman from 27 Jun to 9 July 2011. It will equip their staff with technical knowledge, skills and competency to meet the challenges of developing a poultry industry for their country. Great emphasis will be placed on practical training, and students will be involved in day-to-day aspects of poultry work. WPSA Malaysia is grateful for the recognition accorded it for starting such a partnership, and the chance for us to play a bigger educational role in meeting the needs and increasing the skills of the poultry industry's workers.

*Datuk Dr Vincent Ng In Hooi, President*  
*Dr Teo Kim Lai, Secretary*

### Russia

Courses for the remainder of 2011 at the All-Russian Scientific Research and Technological Poultry Industry Institute (VNITIP) in Sergiev-Posad, include:

*September 12-17.* Modern approaches to high production poultry crosses feeding, feeds and biologically active additions quality control, new technologies in feed production (for poultry and feed production enterprises, veterinary specialists, zoo- and veterinary laboratory leaders, zoo engineers in feeds).

*September 26-October 1.* Problems of poultry products processing, quality and standardization (for eggs and poultry meat production and processing specialists).

*October 10-15.* New technologies and raising ways for broiler meat producing (for technologists and poultry meat production and processing specialists).

*October 24-29.* Selection work with high producing poultry crosses (for breeding farms leaders and specialists).

*November 7-12.* Innovative and resource-saving technologies and equipment for hen and egg production regarding food and incubation (for technologists, zoo engineers,

veterinary specialists, department managers and poultry industry enterprises team leaders).

*November 14-19.* Some modern approaches to poultry egg incubation technology, poultry embryo diseases (for zoo engineers, veterinary specialists, incubation department managers and mechanics).

*November 28-December 3.* Perspective technological decisions and equipment for poultry products production and processing resource-saving technologies (for poultry industry enterprises engineers, energy managers, technologists).

For information on these courses: Phone: +7 (49654) 77070, 61351; Fax: +7 (49654) 61138

*Tatiana Vasilieva, Branch Secretary*

### South Korea

The ninth Asia Pacific Poultry Conference (APPC) was held in the International Convention Centre in Taipei, Taiwan, on March 20th to 23th of 2011. The members of the South Korean Branch, including Drs. Jae-Hong Kim (President) and Dr Jae Yong Han (Secretary) attended the meeting and made efforts to have the tenth APPC held on Jeju Island, Korea, and was finally chosen to be the host country in spite of a keen competition with Singapore. Korea had previously served as the host nation back in 1993, and will now provide a wonderful place to hold the 10th APPC in 2014.

The beautiful Jeju island remains free from avian influenza (A.I.) based on results of the A. I. testing and is an elegant UNESCO World Heritage site. Moreover, the international convention centre of Jeju is famous for its spectacular view of the ocean and well-appointed accommodation. This spectacular convention centre and resort is located in the Jungmun Sightseeing Complex at the south end of the Jeju Special Self-governing Province, the best resting place in Korea. Jeju Island has a mild climate which attracts travellers from all over the world. The hotel provides excellent service and amenities for its guests, also the easy access to the island's natural attractions.

At the 9th APP Conference, Dr Alan Gibbins was reappointed as the APP Federation President, Drs. Jae Yong Han and Chin Sou Fei were newly elected as Senior and Junior Vice Presidents of the Asia Pacific Federation, respectively.

The South Korean Branch held its Annual

Meeting on 13th May, 2011 at the Seoul Education Culture Centre, Seoul, South Korea.

*Dr Jae Yong Han, Secretary, WPSA South Korean Branch*

### Spain

The Spanish Branch has been involved with the planning of several meetings and programmes for 2011, including: 1) A Technical Meeting on Climatization in Poultry Facilities. That meeting was held at the Zaragoza, FIMA Ganadera (Livestock Fair) on March 18, 2011; 2) On the occasion of its AMEVEA Entre Ríos (Argentina) visit, the Veterinary Department of the Cardinal Herrera-CEU University and the AECA-WPSA presented a scientific programme on May 16-18, 2011, that included: Day 1: Communications, presentations and lectures; Day 2, A Round table discussion with the participation of Spanish and Argentinean technicians; and Day 3, A Field day on farms, slaughter houses, and other poultry facilities.

The 48th Scientific Poultry Symposium is being organized by AECA-WPSA (Spain), and it will take place in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, from 5 to 7 October, 2011. The main theme for the symposium is 'Quality of Production Process and Poultry Products'. The topics will include Genetics, Nutrition, Management, Health and Environment, and Quality Requirements. The Symposium will start on October 5 at 10:30 a.m., and will finish on October 7 at 14:00. A Scientific programme will be held, and free time will be available for activities within the historic city of Santiago (which is well-known as the final destination on the Santiago Way).

Spanish is the official language for this symposium. For more information about the general programme, please visit our website: <http://www.wpsa-aeca.es/>, click on Symposium AECA.

WPSA's European Working Group1 (Economics) Task Force Meeting will be held in Barcelona, Spain, on October 27-28, 2011. That meeting will take place in the DAR Auditorium (Agriculture and Livestock Department), Gran Vía, 612-614. The topics include global or specific country economics.

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### Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka Branch held two farmer training programmes in March, which were well attended. The programme for these training sessions was designed to update the knowledge and skills of farmers with regard to the economical production of eggs and meat.

A technical seminar for branch members will be held on 17th June 2011 with the theme 'Current Technical Issues in the Poultry Industry of Sri Lanka'. There will be four speakers on the topics: 1) Usage of amino acids and their effects on poultry feed, by Dr N. Priyankarage; and, 2) Mycotoxins in Feed, by Dr Susil Silva. Both of these speakers are nutritionists from the Veterinary Research Institute. Other topics will include: 3) The Control of Salmonellosis by Dr Prabath Samarakone; and 4) Water quality, by Dr Athula Mahagamage. Dr Samarakone is attached to Zagro and Dr Mahagamage represents the American Soya Bean Association.

The branches Annual Scientific Session is scheduled for early July in Colombo. The theme of the first session will be 'Re-Emerging Diseases.' Invited papers will be presented by leading scientists in the region both local and foreign. In the second session there will be oral and poster presentations by local scientists, on their recent research findings. We expect that this programme will bring together scientists and farmers who are involved in all of the poultry industry of Sri Lanka.

Dr Mrs A.L. Godwin

### USA

WPSA-USA and the Canadian Branch of WPSA will be again host the joint WPSA Lecture at the annual Poultry Science Association Meeting that will be held in conjunction with the meetings of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. The WPSA Lecture will be given by Dr Greg Mathis of Southern Poultry Research, Inc. and the title will be 'History of the Poultry Industry: Scientific Breakthroughs'.

The USA and Canadian Branches, along with the PSA, will again be hosting a Student Mixer one evening during the PSA Annual Meeting. Check the PSA website for details

The annual travel grant programme for the

USA Branch has been suspended indefinitely in order to accumulate sufficient funds to support travel grants to the XXIV World's Poultry Congress, to be held on 5-8 August 2012, in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

A joint WPSA-USA/PSA bid for the 2020 World's Poultry Congress (WPC) in the US is being explored. If found feasible, a complete bid for the 2020 WPC will have to be prepared and finalized for presentation to the WPSA Board in December 2011. The vote for the WPC will take place during the 2012 WPC in Brazil.

A change in Section 7 of Article 10 of the PSA Constitution is proposed to streamline the continuity in the terms of the branch's officers.

This change, if approved by the membership, will call for the election of WPSA-USA Committee members every two years rather than every four years.

The procedure by which the WPSA Lecture speaker is selected by the WPSA-USA Committee and Canadian Branch of the WPSA will be revised. It basically places the identification and selection responsibility for the WPSA Lecture speaker back on the two branches, where it typically has been. The role of the PSA Board will be to make the final approval as it does for most symposia speakers.