
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 Bevorderen 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 Bevorderen 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).

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maintenance fee of £45/85, payable from the second year of the deal.

www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

Report on 3rd Nigerian International Poultry Summit

The 3rd Nigerian International Poultry Summit “Poultry Production in West Africa: Towards Millennium Development Goals” was held in Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria from 22-26 February 2009. The summit was very well attended by poultry scientists, industry personnel and students from Nigeria and neighbouring West African countries. Additional to the scientific and technical sessions, the summit also included a significant trade exhibition.

The focus on the millennium development goals was made apparent in the opening plenary session entitled *The roles of international poultry organisations in attaining the millennium development goals in West Africa*, with presentations from Dr Bob Pym (WPSA), Professor Funso Sonaiya (INFPD) and Dr Fallou Gueye (FAO), on the ways in which the respective organizations can facilitate the meaningful impact of commercial and family poultry production on attainment of the millennium development goals.

There was a total of six plenary sessions across the three days of the meeting. Titles for the other five sessions were: *The poultry business climate in West Africa*; *Poultry breeds and breeding for Africa*; *Prospects and challenges for unconventional poultry feedstuffs*; *Overcoming the challenges of Avian Influenza in West Africa*; and a *Farmers forum*. Additional to this there was a workshop on poultry breeding led by Professor Avigdor Cahaner from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Speakers sponsored through the

WPSA Speakers Bureau included Professor Cahaner and Professor Layi Adeola from Purdue University, USA. There were many excellent presentations, and discussions were inclusive and at times, robust.

During the summit an opportunity was provided for delegates to express their views on issues that need to be addressed. Two of the important issues from this discussion were: 1) the need to make future summits more relevant and attractive to poultry meat and egg producers, and 2) the need for there to be greater opportunity for African poultry scientists and industry personnel to meet together to discuss the constraints to development of the poultry industry and to an increase in poultry meat and egg consumption throughout Africa. Flowing on from the latter issue, there was a meeting of a “steering committee” to investigate options for the development of such a forum. Further discussions are underway and an announcement will hopefully be made soon.

Professor Daisy Eruvbetine, President of the Nigerian Branch of WPSA, Dr Idowu Ola, Chair of NIPS Scientific Committee, and their respective committees are to be commended for their considerable efforts and congratulated on the success of the summit. Additional to a Book of Proceedings, the papers presented at the summit are also included in Volume 5 of the Nigeria Poultry Science Journal

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