



Briefings

*Keeping National Branches
in Touch with their Executive*



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As part of your Executive's commitment to improve communications between WVPA's Executive and the membership 'Briefings' has been introduced and it will be sent out quarterly to all National Corresponding Secretaries for onwards communication to the officers and members of their Branches.

From your President

The 23rd Annual Australian Poultry Science Symposium was held in Sydney recently. Organised by the Poultry Research Foundation (University of Sydney) and the World's Poultry Science Association (Australian Branch). This Symposium also featured a session entitled 'Poultry and Veterinary Sciences Global Addresses' in which the presidents of the WVPA and WPSA (Bob Pym) each delivered 30-minute papers to the Symposium on their respective global Associations on the developments they thought most likely to be occurring during the decade through to 2020.

Further indicating the closeness of collaboration developing between WVPA and its sister organisation global poultry professionals, the WPSA has kindly extended an invitation to the WVPA to publish an extensive "History of Poultry Diseases Research" in the World's Poultry Science Journal during 2012 as part of the WPSA's centennial year celebrations. Your Executive is now actively considering how best to undertake this task.

Fostering good relationships between our sister global organisations can only assist the members of each of our global Associations, and the international poultry industry that we all work in. Indeed, the Executives of each of our WVPA Branches are encouraged to welcome similar opportunities for members' participation in scientific programs with the WPSA at the national level.

The Thai Veterinary Poultry Association is now a Branch of WVPA while the avian health groups from another three Asian countries have started formalities for membership. A further part of WVPA's strategy for accelerating its future development in Asia was undertaken by visiting with AAHP in India (see later).

Trevor Bagust, President

Nantes2013 Congress



Vice President Nigel recently had the opportunity to visit Nantes and was very impressed with what he found – a good conference centre with a great cluster of hotels within easy walking distance. In the same area was the historic Old Town with plenty of street cafes, bars shops - including speciality cheese, wine and fashion shops and even a few chocolatiers! In fact, a great area in which to spend warm August evenings with colleagues and old (and new) friends!

The Congress Centre more than adequately meets everyone's (delegates, sponsors, exhibitors) needs and was spacious, but compact. The venue for the Gala Dinner was novel and unique - but I will say no more about it so that I do not spoil this surprise for you!



So, everything is progressing very satisfactorily!



The programme for WVPAC2013 includes sessions on – safety of poultry products, epidemiology, parasitic diseases, influenza, Newcastle disease, immunosuppressive diseases, neoplastic and Marek's diseases, enteric diseases, mycoplasma, bacterial respiratory diseases, nutrition and metabolic diseases, education and technology transfer, family poultry production, therapeutics and antibiotic resistance and management and welfare.

Key information

Dates: 19-23rd August 2013

Venue: Nantes, FRANCE

Web site: www.wvpac2013.org

Deadline for abstract submissions: December 2012

President Trevor's Indian exploits!

India's Association of Avian Health Professionals (AAHP) was initiated "to promote the exchange and dissemination of scientific information on poultry health and diseases".

On February 3-4 2012, the AAHP convened its First Annual Conference and International Symposium, 'Emerging Problems in Poultry Health and Disease Control'. The Organising Committee had kindly invited WVPA's President to attend and to present a keynote paper on 'Postgraduate Education for Avian Veterinarians'.

This is a priority for the new intensive poultry industry which is now emerging in India. An introduction to the professional communication and development activities being undertaken by the World Veterinary Poultry Association was also given as a presentation to AAHP. Our President would like to record his warm thanks to India's AAHP for their warm hospitality and the scientific fellowship which he was privileged to experience in Hyderabad.

WVPA Young Poultry Veterinarian of the Year



There was a good response for the first WVPA Young Poultry Veterinarian of the Year Award and a panel of five judges – two Executive Officers and three Members of our Association that represented a global spread and virtually all facets of poultry veterinary science selected Keli Holloway Jones from the USA as the first winner. The result was announced in February at Poultry Focus Asia in Bangkok but since Keli was unable to attend the award plus \$5,000 will be presented to Keli at the AAAP meeting later this year in San Diego, California, USA.

This Award is generously supported by Pfizer to whom WVPA would like to thank. Nominations for the 2013 Award which will be presented at the WVPA Congress in Nantes, France will be sort early in 2013. Please start to think of suitable candidates to nominate

2017 WVPA Congress in Europe

2017 may seem a long way off but the bidding process for this Congress will be held at the Nantes Congress in 2013, so now is the time to start bringing bids together. As was agreed in Cancun the 2017 Congress will be held in Europe and so bids need to be from European countries that have a recognised WVPA Branch.

Our Secretary/Treasurer can provide any interested countries further information and a copy of 'The Protocols for Hosting WVPA Congresses'

**NEW
EVENT**

WVPA Asian Poultry Health Meeting

In order to assist WVPA in its task of boosting Asian membership, it has been decided to host a WVPA Asian Poultry Health Meeting on 26th October 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand and the event will take as its theme 'Poultry Vaccination'. The event is being jointly hosted by WVPA and the local Thai Branch (TVPA).

'Within WVPA, the Asian region is growing its membership and because of this and the importance of poultry production in the region, we felt the creation of this Meeting was a very good way to enhance, encourage and support the professional development of Asian

poultry Veterinarians', says WVPA President, Trevor Bagust, 'and we look forward to this event quickly developing into a must attend event for Asian poultry veterinarians!'

Dr Sumeth Sapchukun of the TVPA adds, 'Thailand is very pleased to be co-hosting the first Asian WVPA Poultry Health Meeting and looks forward to this meeting having a high quality programme with respected international speakers that will really benefit Asian poultry veterinarians'.

The full programme will be published by the end of April, but at this moment in time poultry veterinarians and others associated with poultry health are asked to note the date and to keep it free in their diaries. (Although this meeting is intended for Asian poultry veterinarians, any member of WVPA is welcome to attend this meeting).

Further details from palmpositive@yahoo.com

STOP PRESS: The Houghton Trust and Avian Pathology have created the 'Avian Pathology Asian Lecture' and the first one will be presented during the WVPA Asian Poultry Health Meeting - more details in the next issue of 'Briefings'.

Anniversary Reviews in Avian Pathology

The special Anniversary reviews that are being published in Avian Pathology this year to mark the 40th birthday of the journal continue to be well received, as does the new front cover. April's issue contains a review by Martin Shirley and Hyun Lillehoj entitled 'The long view: a selective review of 40 years of coccidiosis research' and the June issue will contain another review 'The long view: 40 years of infectious bronchitis research' by Jane Cook, Mark Jackwood and Dick Jones.

The publishers have decided to make these reviews freely available to all. The June issue will also contain the text of the Houghton Lecture entitled 'Viral diagnostics: will new technology save the day?' which was presented by Erika Spackman at the XVII Congress of the WVPA in Cancun, Mexico in August, 2011.

Antibiotic Usage

This topic is still in the spotlight and your Executive feels that it is important that all National Branches re-emphasise the importance of the professional use of antibiotics in poultry production to their members. Accordingly it has no hesitation in re-issuing what it said in the last issue of Briefings. This was -

- Therapeutic antibiotics should only be used on veterinary authorisation/prescription
- Ideally the decision to prescribe should be based on a working knowledge of the poultry farm (some countries refer to this as 'animals under the veterinarian's care), post mortem findings, isolation of the causative agent and antibiogram data

- Antibiotics should be given at the dosage and for the duration of treatment recommended by the prescribing veterinarian who should be guided by the manufacturer's recommendations and his own professional knowledge.

It is important that we restrict the use of antibiotics to the treatment of specific disease problems and do NOT use antibiotics as a substitute for good management via their mass application.

Officer Contact with National Branches

Your President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer will endeavour to maximise personal contacts with National Branches. To this end Nigel recently spoke at the BVPA's Spring Meeting and will be speak to our South African membership in May. He has also had contact with Egyptian colleagues in Cairo.

In August both our Vice Presidents will be attending the World Poultry Congress in Brazil.

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Feedback on this Edition of Briefings would be appreciated, including ideas on content for future issues!

Best wishes!

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