

Annual Report of the Committee on the History of Avian Medicine  
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Composition of the Committee

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The Committee does not specify core members and regular members. The designation “Core Committee Members” is based on participation during the Committee zoom meetings on February 3, and/or May 30, 2023. The following Colleagues participated in one or both zoom meetings:

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The total number of members on the e-list: 27, including the members listed above.

Note: several student members joined after the AAAP meeting in Jacksonville!

**Review of the entrée in the Policies And Procedures Manual And Organizational Structure**

The current description for the Committee on the History of Avian Medicine in the Policy and Procedures Manual is correct and changes are not needed.

**Activities during the period of July 2022- June 2023**

A. General activities: Two zoom meetings were held during the year which were facilitated by Christina Lindsey. This format allows some of the retired members to participate fully in the activities of the Committee and it is anticipated that this will continue in the next year(s).

A major effort has been made in updating the webpage for the History of Avian Medicine. An added feature is the addition of a section on historical articles that have not been associated with the Lasher-Eckroade lectures.

B. There are 4 sub-committees which are a continuation of previous years.

B.1. The Biography project is led by Gabriel Senties-Cue.

Autobiographies written by Drs. Jane Cook, Gregorio Rosales and Syed Naqi were added and many others are in the works.

B.2. The Lasher-Eckroade History lecture series led by Ton Schat. The 2022 history lecture was presented by Dr. Jim McKay (The History of Poultry Breeding) and the 2023 history lecture was presented by Dr.

Maricarmen Garcia (Centenary of the First Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) Report in the United States and Ninety Years of Vaccination Control). The Board had previously approved the lectures for 2024 on the history of avian reovirus to be presented by Dr. Holly Sellers and for 2025 on the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) to be presented by Dr. Elena Behnke. This lecture will coincide with the 90th anniversary of NPIP.

Presenters of the history lectures are strongly encouraged to submit a manuscript for publication in *Avian Diseases*. The importance of publishing the history lectures is illustrated by the fact that these papers are often cited. Two more recent history papers have been cited 14 and 37 times, respectively. In addition, publication also provides insight in the history of avian medicine research which can benefit especially our young colleagues. During the zoom meeting on May 30, there was some discussion about the need or desirability to publish the history articles in *Avian Diseases*. This is certainly a point the Committee will discuss with the new Editor-in-Chief of *Avian Diseases*. In the case that the decision is made not to publish the history papers in *Avian Diseases*, Dr. Helen Wojcinski suggested publication in *Heritage*, the journal of the American Veterinary Medical History Society.

B.3. The *Avian Diseases* cover project led by Ton Schat. The following scientists were honored with a photo on the cover of *Avian Diseases*: Dr. Eckroade (66: 3), Dr. Biggs (66: 4), Dr. Vielitz (67: 1) and Dr. Cook (67: 2). Since the approval by the BOD that retired colleagues still with us can be featured, we have been able to select from a larger pool of candidates.

B.4. Maintenance of the AAAP Archives led by Yuko Sato. The archives are maintained at the Iowa State University. Yuko is in contact with the person in charge of the Archives. The archives person at ISU has requested that documents are submitted no more than once/year. Apparently, the regular conference proceedings/newsletters/board meeting minutes have not been sent in quite some time – the latest is from 2007 which is the annual report by Chuck Hofacre (2 pages long, not meeting minutes nor conference proceedings). Diana (AAAP office) is looking into streamlining these efforts to make sure materials are updated in the archives. This is a high priority item and needs to be monitored closely.

B.5. A new section on the webpage was developed for posting obituaries. This is led by Christina Lindsey and Gabriel Senties-Cue. Thus far, this part needs to be developed further.

### **Planned activities for the period of July 2023- July 2024 and beyond**

Most of the activities outlined in the previous section will continue. The Committee proposes the following topic for the history lectures for 2026 and 2027 to the BOD for approval:

2026: Egg Drop Syndrome (EDS) with Dr. Ruud Hein as proposed speaker. EDS has emerged recently as a problem in parts of the USA and a presentation on the history of EDS seems to be appropriate.

2027: The history of the GA Poultry Laboratory Network with Dr Louise Dufour-Zavala as speaker.

2028 (tentatively and subject to change): Histomoniasis with Ruediger Hauck as potential speaker.

The next two front covers for *Avian Diseases* will feature Dr. Julian (67:3) and Dr. Calnek (67.4). Starting Volume 68 of *Avian Diseases* will be published on-line only and a new Editor-in-Chief is expected to start with volume 68. At this point, it is not clear what idea the new Editor-in-Chief may have about the cover of the journal.