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AAAP Newsletter

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS

promotes scientific knowledge to enhance the health, well-being, and productivity of poultry to provide safe and abundant food for the world.

2012 AAAP Meeting in San Diego

The American Association of Avian Pathologist's Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, CA this year. This event will be held in conjunction with the 149th AVMA Convention August 4–7 at the San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA, 92101. [You can download this years program here](http://www.aaap.info/2012-san-diego-meeting) or go to: <http://www.aaap.info/2012-san-diego-meeting>

Please note that like last year, the Annual Meeting will be held from Saturday through all day Tuesday. The AAAP symposium, titled, **Enteric Disease in Poultry: Recent Advances in Characterization, Diagnosis, and Control** will be held on Saturday, August 4th from 7:50 am to 12:30 pm. The AAAP committees will meet at the Marriott Marquis and Marina Hotel between 1:00 and 5:30 pm. Also at the hotel on Saturday evening will be the AAAP new member Meet and Greet from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. All members are invited to stop by and welcome our new members.

Sunday, August 5th will be the first day of the Scientific Program beginning at 8:00 am and running through Tuesday, August 7th until 5:00 pm at the convention center. On Sunday the **WVPA Young Poultry Veterinarian Award** sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health will be presented. Immediately following, Dr. Todd Armstrong, Senior Director of Elanco Global Regulatory will be giving the Keynote Speaker address titled, **Technology and Feeding the World**. Also on Sunday, the annual **AAAP Awards Luncheon** will be held in the Indigo Ballroom at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel from 12:15 to 2:30pm. The Hilton Hotel is across the street from the convention center directly south.

Dr. Calvin Keeler will give the AAAP Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture, titled **The History of DNA Biotechnology in the Poultry Industry** in room 29AB, Monday, August 6th from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Immediately following will be the **AAAP Business Meeting** from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Last year's popular Wine and Cheese Social will be repeated Monday, August 6th from 4:00 to 5:15 pm in the Poster Room. Poster presenters will be there to explain and answer questions regarding their work.

Please click on the following link to find a map of the San Diego Convention Center and the Marriott Marquis and Marina Hotel. **Convention District**

AAAP Committee and Affiliated Group meetings will be held in the Marriott Hotel. [Click here to download 2011 Event Schedule](#) for days and times of committee meetings and events.

Last, if you have not already registered for this year's Annual meeting, you can click here: [2012 AVMA/AAAP meeting registration](#). Note Pre-registration ends July 9th.



Featured Article

Meet the 2012 AAAP Foundation Scholarship winners.

In January 2012 the first scholarships were awarded to ten students.

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Letter from the President



Patricia A. Dunn

Dear Fellow AAAP Member:

The official new AAAP mission statement (see top front page) has been honed and finalized, and it succinctly highlights the practical application of science for the betterment of poultry and man. This speaks directly to the “One Health” concept embraced by AAAP and like-minded organizations. Drawing on the vast expertise of its members, AAAP approaches this mission from many directions- some old, some new. I will touch on just a few activities of interest in this message.

Seeking and disseminating knowledge about avian diseases / avian health have always been and will continue to be at the foundation our organization. To this end, AAAP’s extensive offerings of educational material continue to expand, improve and turnover into new versions. A Practical Guide to Managing Risk in Poultry Production (former versions known as “The Biosecurity Manual”) that was unveiled at last year’s meeting is generating “buzz” and selling well. I refer often to my personal copy (signed by justifiably proud editor Bob Owen) and recommend it to clients and colleagues, as I hear many of you do. The 8th edition of the Avian Disease Manual (editor Martine Boullianne) is scheduled to be released soon. There are 2 slide study sets coming out this year: Mycoplasma Synoviae Infection (updated version) and Necrotic Enteritis (new to the series- available now).

AAAP’s flagship vehicle to publish high quality scientific papers, Avian Diseases journal and its companion summary publication, Avian Diseases Digest, continue to thrive. I extend many thanks to editor Jagdev Sharma and his editorial team who have expertly worked to improve the quality and prestige of the journal with great results. Later this year and early next year, look for 2 supplements to the journal based on papers presented at meetings held or yet to be held in 2012 (the 8th International Symposium on Avian Influenza and the 9th International Meeting on Marek’s Disease and Avian Herpesviruses) that will expand the journal’s readership appeal in these specialties. Royalty revenue from the journals is increasing, and this represents a significant funding source for AAAP. Currently, there are older volumes of Avian Diseases stored in the care of the business office. Plans are in the works to offer all remaining

warehoused copies for free so that this inventory can be closed out. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

AAAP committees are actively carrying the loads of their specific task areas. I’ll mention a few of the busier ones, while recognizing that the contributions of all of the other committees (over 20 in number) are equally appreciated. The Drugs and Therapeutics Committee, led by new Chair Barry Kelly, has ably crafted comments to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding prohibition of extra-label use of cephalosporin drugs, and is providing input into the FDA Guidelines on antibiotics in food animal production. This committee is also engaged in responding to a recently published research paper about feather meal that contains some potentially misleading conclusions that AAAP’s expertise can clarify. The Animal Welfare and Management Practices Committee, expertly chaired by Kate Barger, is working on white paper reference guides that will serve as important resources for AAAP members and related veterinary and poultry industry groups. This Committee also helped the Board make decisions on appropriate feedback to AVMA about the draft legislation of the federal bill entitled “Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments of 2011”.

After trending downward since 2008, AAAP total membership in 2012 so far looks to be keeping pace with last year (785 members in 2011). The efforts of members to recruit and retain students and colleagues of many nations working in diverse facets of avian health are crucial to the viability of our organization. Please continue to cast a broad net to identify potential members that can add to the collective global power of AAAP. Consider joining the Membership Committee to put your ideas into actions for this purpose. There are more opportunities for interactions and information exchange among our far-flung members than ever before. AAAP recently entered the realm of social media with a Facebook page which many have visited. To date, over 118 people have officially “liked” us on that platform. I encourage you to visit our website www.aaap.info which is continually evolving to improve service to the membership in the information age. (I use it more and more, and if I can navigate it, anyone can!)

Our 2012 Annual Meeting in San Diego is approaching fast. As you make your plans, please keep in mind that the program officially begins at 8 AM on Saturday, August 4, and continues through all day Tuesday, August 7 until 5 PM. I hope you can attend the awards luncheon on Sunday, August 5 to collectively recognize the achievements of our colleagues. Important details about the scientific program and all other events of the meeting are being posted on the website as they are finalized. Coastal southern California is a very attractive venue conducive to great times inside and outside of the meeting halls.

“Many hands make light work”, a familiar saying in Pennsylvania Dutch Country, comes to my mind when I think of AAAP and the help and guidance I have received,

and, hopefully, given back. Working with valued colleagues who make up the current roster of the Board of Directors is a pleasure. I extend special thanks to Chuck Hofacre, now in his 9th year as Secretary Treasurer, for his great leadership, clear perspective and strategic thinking; and to Bob and Janece Bevens-Kerr, continuing as the Business Management Team into their 5th year, for their synergistic talents, dedication and pure hard work towards continuous improvement of the association.

Being President of AAAP during these dynamic times is a challenging and rewarding assignment, and I am honored to be able to serve in this way. Please contact me, any Board Member or the Business Office if you have questions or issues that we can address. Service to members to further AAAP's mission is why we're here. We are fortunate to have so many accomplished, active and engaged members. Thank you for your participation. I look forward to seeing many of you in San Diego soon. Surf's up!

Sincerely,



Patty Dunn,
President, AAAP

Patty Dunn kindly consented to answer a few interview questions for a new segment in the Spring Newsletter--

About the AAAP President

What school(s) did you attend and what degrees do you hold?

DVM from the University of Wisconsin. Bernard (Barney) Easterday, AAAP member, was the Dean while I attended. MAM from the University of Georgia. David Anderson, AAAP member, was the Dean while I attended. My classmates were Kurt Dobson, John McCarty and John Smith (and I survived the experience!) who are all AAAP members, and my professors at UGA/ PDRC are or were AAAP members, of course.

What is your present position? How long have you held this position?

Avian diagnostician and field investigator at the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, since 1991. Donald Simmons, AAAP member, was the Department Head when I was hired.

What is your area of expertise and/or what is your current project?

Diagnostic pathology (gross and microscopic) of poultry, other birds. Case load is highly varied- meat and eggs- some "conventional" commercial poultry, some abf and organic, and fair amount of specialty, such as Kosher, live bird market, "embryo egg" production for human flu vaccine, upland game

birds, ducks, guineas, some wildlife. Have been involved in lots of avian influenza testing for over 20 years. Eva Wallner-Pendleton, Huaguang Lu, Subhashinie Kariyawasam are 3 of my current colleagues at the lab who are AAAP members.

What are your hobbies/pastime(s)?

Hanging out with my husband (veterinary pathologist) and our Labrador retriever(s) (None are AAAP members but I'm working on it.); swimming in the summer; own a mustang (the horse, not the car); reading, mostly murder mystery- type books (I like to turn real pages, so no E-reader yet, but I haven't ruled it out.)

How have you participated in AAAP (and ACPV)?

AAAP: member for 24 years; joined as vet student in 1988; Member of (or Board liaison to) various committees at different times including Histopathology Interest Group, Enteric Diseases, History, Eskelund Preceptorship, Diseases of Public Health Significance. Eastern Director on Board of Directors (2006 – 2009); (miscellaneous activities to help out such as volunteering at the AAAP display booth at various meetings, providing silent auction items).

ACPV: Diplomate since 1992. Member of various committees at different times including Exam Committee- 2 terms at different intervals (~ 1998 – 2000 and ~ 2008 – 2010)- Chair in 1999; Continuing Education Committee- 1 term; Credentials Review Committee (serving term currently).

New Director elected to AAAP Board of Directors

Western Region

Victoria Bowes 2016

AAAP Committee Assignments

Program Advisory

Danny Magee, Vice Chair 2015

[The AAAP Enteric Diseases Committee invites you to attend the Saturday, August 4, 2012 AAAP Symposium](#)

"Enteric Disease in Poultry: Recent Advances in Characterization, Diagnosis and Control"

This program will address up-to-date research on the pathogens associated with poultry enteric disease, our understanding of gut health as it relates to enteric disease (bacterial and/or viral), and recent advances in diagnostics and control of enteric disease in poultry.

Michael Day, Chair
AAAP Enteric Diseases Committee



Letter from the Secretary-Treasurer

Chuck Hofacre

The AAAP is going to have another great program this year in San Diego with 126 oral presentations and 85 poster presentations. In addition to our educational meeting we have a full committee meeting program from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm on August 4th. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to actively participate in at least one committee.

Our committees are vitally important to AAAP. We cosigned over ten letters or position statements since last November. For example, we commented to the FDA on Docket No. 2008-N-0326: New Animals; Cephalosporin Drugs; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order for Prohibition. Our welfare committee was also very active in reviewing the revision to the AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines.

As you can tell, the AAAP is being asked by AVMA, legislators and regulators for our positions on various poultry related topics from poultry health, welfare, the impact of poultry on the environment, and many other farm animal issues. We have also been asked to give our research priorities by several funding agencies. All of

this means AAAP needs to have as many members being active in committees as possible!

How are we going to grow our membership? Fred Hoerr took on the task of the capital campaign in 2010 to raise funds for a new scholarship to students who are pursuing a career in poultry health, well-being and/or food safety in North America. He was so successful that the Board approved \$7,500 to be awarded in 2012. The Board in the January meeting this year in Atlanta approved giving ten scholarships, five for \$1000 and five for \$500. Thank you to all who have been donating to the AAAP Foundation because these students will become our future members.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who is or has served as the AAAP representative or alternate on the 9 AVMA Committees as well as our representatives to the Council on Agriculture Science and Technology (CAST), the U. S. Animal Health Association (USAHA), Professional Animal Auditors and Certifiers Organization (PAACO), and the Animal Agriculture Coalition (AAC). I look forward to seeing everyone this August in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hofacre,
Secretary-Treasurer, AAAP

The following reappointments and new appointments have been approved by AVMA:

AVMA Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee

Danny L. Magee 2015

Hector M. Cervantes 2015 (Alternate)

AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee

Gregg J. Cutler 2015

AVMA Food Safety Advisory Committee

Suzanne Y. Dougherty 2015

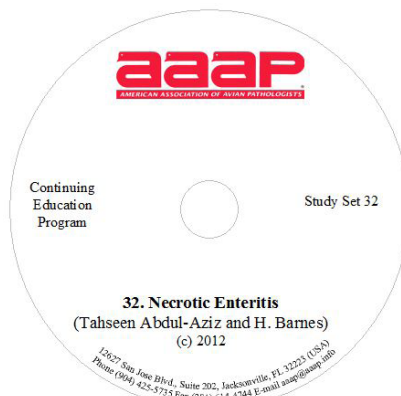
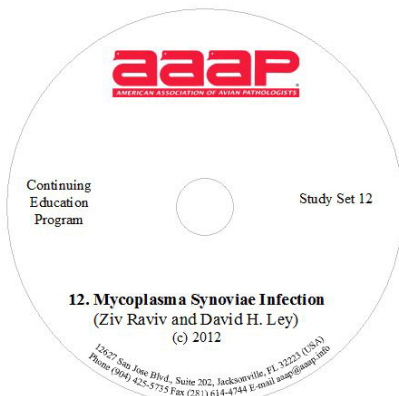
AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison

Sara T. Steinlage 2012 (Alternate)

AVMA Convention Management and Program Committee

John A. Smith 2015*

**indicates new appointment*



New Slide Study Sets

Mycoplasma Synoviae Infection (12)

by Ziv Raviv & David H. Ley (2012)

Necrotic Enteritis (33)

by Tahseen Abdul-Aziz & H. Barnes (2012)

Available at:

<http://www.aaap.info/aaap-slide-study-sets>

AAAP Foundation News

The AAAP Foundation has had a productive year marked by the first awards of AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarships. Ten scholarships totaling \$7,500 were awarded in the spring of 2012 to five veterinary students and five undergraduate students. Veterinary students received scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, and undergraduates, \$500 each, to directly support educational expenses. This program is in addition to the highly successful AAAP Foundation Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorships, which support veterinary students working alongside poultry veterinarians.

To date, 90 AAAP members have pledged a total of \$93,075.00 in five-year pledges, of which \$37,699.00 has been collected thus far. Obviously, with the awarding of scholarship at the current rate and amount of money pledged, the program will start to lose steam after a couple of years without additional support. The AAAP Foundation Board felt it was important to commit to and launch this program, aimed at raising the visibility of careers in poultry medicine and food safety. The scholarship program was developed based on the results of a 2010 survey of AAAP members. Until now, with the exception of the Eskelund Preceptorships, the AAAP Foundation has largely supported awards, meetings, and other educational materials – all worthy activities. Our members indicated that they wanted to continue to support these programs, but also wanted more activity in supporting and promoting poultry health and food safety as career options to students.

With these activities in progress the AAAP Foundation Board has asked John Glisson to form a committee to provide another perspective on the overall structure and function of the AAAP Foundation.

The Foundation Board also named Dr. Hector Cervantes to help with foundation development including AAAP meeting support. Please give him your attention when called. This is important work that impacts all and is easy to take for granted at our meetings and in the distribution of awards and scholarships.

Finally, we need your support. If you have not pledged to the Poultry Scholarship Program, please take a moment to attend to this. It is easy to do from the AAAP website. And there are many other worthwhile activities where your support is needed. If you have an idea on how to make all of this more successful, including a major gift, please contact me at: fred.hoerr@gmail.com.

See you in San Diego,
Fred Hoerr, President
AAAP Foundation

AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarship Criteria and Application

The American Association of Avian Pathologists Foundation Scholarship Program accepts scholarship applications from students who are pursuing a career in poultry health and well-being and/or food safety in North America. Eligible students should attend a veterinary college accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, or an accredited undergraduate university or graduate school. Students must meet one of the following educational criteria to be considered:

Student Educational Criteria

Enrollment in a university undergraduate curriculum involving avian science, poultry science, food science, animal science, biology, or equivalent with the intent to pursue a MS, PhD, or veterinary degree with a focus on poultry health and well-being and/or food safety; OR

Enrollment in a veterinary college or graduate school leading to a DVM, MS, or PhD degree focused on poultry health and well-being and/or food safety.

Scholarships will be awarded based on assessment of the following credentials.

Academic record (provide complete official transcripts from academic institutions).

Letters of recommendation provided by two persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant and his or her career goals; submitted by the writer and separate from the application.

Experience related to poultry health and well-being and/or poultry food safety; and

A brief essay (500 words or less) describing career goals.
Amount of Scholarship

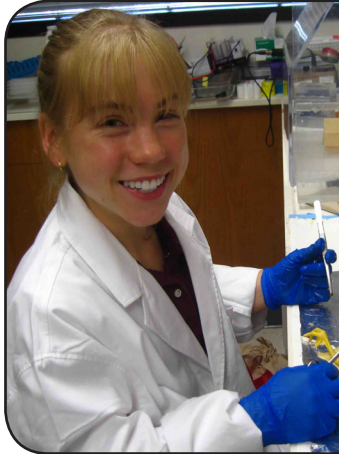
Scholarships will not exceed \$1,500.

Scholarships may be renewed by reapplying if funding is available and student demonstrates satisfactory performance.

Deadline: November 1, 2012

Meet the 2012 AAAP Foundation Scholarship Winners

In 2010, the AAAP Foundation surveyed the membership to find areas where they thought the organization should grow. AAAP members overwhelmingly identified student scholarships. This came as no surprise as AAAP has a long history of mentoring and encouraging young people to pursue careers in poultry medicine. Soon a capital campaign was begun which has been generously supported by AAAP members and in 2011 the AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarship was launched. In January 2012 the first scholarships were awarded to ten students. Five of the students are doing graduate work and five are undergraduates. The following is a listing of the scholarship winners and excerpts from their application essays where they describe their career goals relative to poultry health and/or food safety.



Hannah Atkins

Texas A&M University CVM

Currently, my career goals are to obtain an anatomic pathology residency and become a board certified pathologist. I would also like to complete the necessary training to become board certified in poultry medicine - either a PhD in Poultry Science or a Masters of Avian Medicine. After finishing my formal academic career, I want to work as an avian pathologist, conduct poultry health research, and teach in the academic setting.



Megan Lighty

Virginia-Maryland Regional CVM

Following completion of the dual DVM/PhD program at Virginia Tech, I intend to pursue board certification through the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. I desire employment either directly in the poultry industry or with the federal government working toward the improvement of flock health as it pertains to bird welfare, food safety and public health. I am interested in continuing to conduct applied poultry research with particular consideration for the study of infectious diseases through the integration of epidemiology and microbiology.

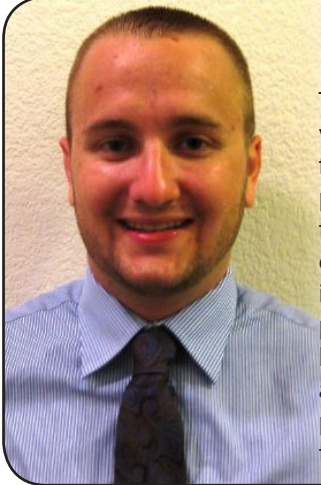


Jessica Walters

Virginia-Maryland Regional CVM

.....In using the problem solving ability of a PhD researcher combined with the specific training of a veterinarian in both health and regulatory issues, I hope to be a reliable asset to the poultry industry. After completing my education, I intend to sit for board certification through the American College of Poultry Veterinarians and to participate in continuing education to further improve myself as a poultry and research veterinarian.

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Dan Wilson
Purdue University SVM

Through whatever pathway I end up taking in veterinary medicine I hope to educate others about food animal production. Whether this involves a poultry grower, consumer, 4-Her, or whoever--I hope that I share my knowledge to benefit and educate others. I think that veterinarians and everyone involved in poultry and food animal production can play a large part in changing opinions by simply being honest, clear, and transparent about why food animal production is the way it is. Through education, poultry production and consumption will continue to grow and feed the growing world population.



Sarah Tilley
North Carolina State University CVM

After graduation from NC State's College of Veterinary Medicine where I am focusing in Food Animal Medicine, particularly Poultry Medicine, I plan to pursue a Master's degree in Poultry Medicine. In my post-DVM training, I intend to focus on poultry pathology... In conclusion, my plans are to have a career in diagnostic poultry medicine or academia, both with an emphasis on finding ways to prevent morbidity/mortality and to support and strengthen the poultry industry in this country.



George Ethan Kilcrease
Auburn University, Poultry Science

For as long as I can remember I have been interested in the poultry business. Three years ago while working on our family poultry farm I observed a broiler house containing 27,400 sick birds, four days old, that were piling on top of each other, sweating, and dying at a rapid rate. At this time I began researching poultry diseases related to this type activity in poultry. After bagging feed and taking it to the lab our company service representative returned the results, too much salt! The conclusion to the story was one that will probably never happen again. A small leak for a few minutes in the feed mill equipment caused an excessive dosage of salt to leak into one bin of feed. This event, although devastating, influenced my future career choices. I became very interested in a career in veterinary medicine and avian medicine.



Sarah Reichelt
North Carolina State University, Poultry Science and Zoology

I joined the poultry science program with the encouragement of one of my professors and an interest in how veterinarians can improve the conditions of the animals. I originally believed that the industry was inhumane due to some more conservative animal classes I had taken. After taking classes from the program, I have realized a different truth. This has inspired me to be a part of the industry and help others gain an understanding of the industry that I did not have. Learning about how important the industry is to the world and how being a part of it could help not only the supply side, but the poultry that it revolves around has created a sense of excitement for me to be part of it. My hope is to become a practicing veterinarian in the industry for a poultry company while also conducting research to create an even more proficient and humane industry.

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Michelle Janik

Oregon State University, Animal Science

As a freshman at OSU, a poultry class exposed me to a previously unknown aspect of food animal medicine - the poultry industry and its need for poultry veterinarians. I had raised poultry in 4-H, but was unaware of the industry's magnitude and economic importance. To my surprise, I became interested in the poultry industry and particularly poultry medicine.....My experiences through poultry classes at OSU and especially my internship with Dr. Mark Bland have shown me that poultry veterinary medicine is unlike any other area of veterinary medicine I have encountered and have me excited to pursue it as a future career.



Laura Tensa

Oregon State University, Animal Science

...In order to help spread the knowledge of food safety and poultry production, I also want to stay active with small flock production. By working with the general public, I would be able to further protect the nation's food supply by working to keep small flocks healthy. By preventing the spread of disease between small flocks, and making the owners aware of biosecurity, there would be a reduced chance that the commercial operations will run into a disease issue, since there would not be backyard flocks harboring the diseases. Being heavily involved in small flock production through 4-H, the Clackamas County Fair, and at Poultry Science Club events, I have come to realize how little some people know about the chickens they raise. By putting on seminars or staying involved in other ways, I would hope to improve the health of the birds in small flock production and improving the food safety of people who raise the birds for eggs and meat. By keeping the general public aware of what is going on, I would be indirectly helping the commercial operations that provide eggs and meat for millions of people.



Lucas Nickel

University of Alberta, Animal Health with Food
Animal Major

I have many career goals including obtaining my DVM in poultry, working as a poultry consultant and eventually working in Cambodia to create productive and sustainable poultry operations... In the spring of 2010 I spent two and a half months doing volunteer work in Cambodia. During my time there I noticed that there was a huge lack of safe sustainable poultry operations. Most of the poultry was imported from the Thailand and food safety was a huge concern. In establishing farms I would be able to educate Cambodians on safe food practices and provide jobs. This would be a huge challenge but very rewarding.

AAAP Animal Welfare Committee News

30 April 2012

TO CAGE, TO ENRICH OR TO 'LET THEM BE FREE'... THAT IS THE QUESTION!

by Kate Barger

The last 12+ months have been tumultuous for the poultry industry in the area of animal welfare. On several occasions, undercover videos, national media stories and agriculture debates in political arenas have highlighted some troubling examples of animal care and animal handling. With an ever-increasing national population that is very, very distant and uneducated on the realities of the origin of their food, these isolated incidents may seem to be the 'norm' rather than the exception. It is thus critically important to evaluate both 'sides' of the issue. Unfortunately, as poultry specialists, we often find this same lack of understanding and sometimes unilateral perspective on a given subject within our own veterinary profession. Nonetheless, the AAAP Animal Welfare Committee is forging ahead to try to provide resources and support for our profession and the general industry in the area of poultry animal welfare. White papers on various specific subjects are being prepared and will hopefully be approved by the BOD and available by the summer AAAP meeting. The AAAP AWC is also actively involved in communication with the AVMA Animal Welfare Division and provides expertise in poultry related matters when required.

An example of recent discussion and communication on animal welfare involves the egg-layer industry. To respond to this issue, we would like to give you a brief overview and update within the newsletter to ensure that you have the 'big picture' of this important debate facing many of our colleagues, their clients and most importantly, the well-being of laying hens in this country. Historically, we can look back to 1999 as the start of the trend towards a 'cage-free' laying hen industry in Europe with an EU Directive that mandated that all commercial laying hens be kept in 'cage-free' hen housing by January 2012. The pressure on the North American side of the Atlantic Ocean has been increasing for several years and has been primarily driven by animal advocacy groups and some food industry retailers/restaurant chains. To increase the publicity of hen housing within the USA, state-by-state ballot initiatives were started as a means to force change within the egg-layer industry and thus the type of housing system(s) used for commercial laying hens. In 2008, Prop 2 proved to be a decisive moment in this effort with California voters approving a state law that would require radical change in the 'space' given to commercial laying hens. Then we fast-forward to July 2011, and an unusual agreement between HSUS and UEP (United Egg Producers – an industry body representing >80% of the egg producers) that proposed national animal welfare standards for laying hens. In this agreement, HSUS agreed to stop seeking state-by-state standards for laying hens, and

the egg industry agreed to transition to enriched housing systems and increasing the space-allowance for commercial laying hens. Currently, this agreement is in the hands of our national leaders in Washington, DC and is commonly referred to as H.R. 3798 or the Egg Products Inspection Act Amendment. **HR 3798 was introduced into the House of Representatives by Rep. Kurt Schrader, a veterinarian from Oregon.** Specifically, the agreement proposes the following items for laying hen farms with >3000 birds:

- Molting policies (no total feed/water withdrawal allowed)
- Egg-branding/labeling definitions: would provide guidance for labeling for eggs sold commercially to indicate the housing system used when the hens are in production. (This pertains to eggs produced in the USA and those that could be imported)
- Housing Systems: specifies floor space requirements for brown-egg and white-egg layers and how this space allowance must be increased over time (from the time of the agreement to approximately 15 years afterwards)
- Quality Assurance: include information on the enrichment devices in cage systems (perches, nesting boxes, and scratching areas, etc.) air quality (max ammonia levels of 25ppm), and euthanasia (in-line with AVMA policies)

Due to the national influence of H.R. 3798, many Congressional leaders and advisors naturally asked AVMA for their professional guidance and expertise. AAAP, and other veterinary groups were subsequently asked for their comments and their 'vote' for how AVMA should move forward with this bill. Logically, veterinarians within AAAP (both the AW Core Committee and the Board of Directors) and other species-specialty groups were very divided on the political nature of this bill, and the potential that this historic agreement might have in setting an unsolicited, but significant precedent for more federal regulations on livestock production systems and animal welfare. After examining the actual mandated changes that pertain to animal well-being (molting practices, euthanasia principles, air quality, etc.), the AAAP animal welfare committee and board of directors agreed that the proposals were not in opposition with the general care policies recommended by AAAP or AVMA. Based on this premise and knowing that the majority of egg producers were in-favor of the agreement, in January 2012, the AAAP BOD felt that it needed to vote 'yes' to support AVMA with H.R. 3798. During the first quarter of 2012, extensive discussion within veterinary profession continued. In April 2012, AVMA announced that the AVMA Executive Board had voted to support this federal legislation that would establish national standards for treatment of egg-laying hens. According to AVMA Executive Board Chair Ted Cohn, the decision was not made lightly and was "certainly was one of the most challenging decisions made during my tenure."

AAAP Membership Committee Message

The Membership committee would like to invite all new AAAP members (members that have joined since the 2011 AAAP meeting in St. Louis), as well as all AAAP committee chairpersons and board members to our New Member Meet-and-Greet in San Diego. **The Meet-and-Greet will be held at the San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina on Saturday, August 4th from 5:30-6:30.** Please join us to meet the new members and introduce them to our committees, which is the best way to become involved in AAAP!

Like us on Facebook! You may have noticed that AAAP is now on Facebook. Special thanks to Bob Bevans-Kerr and Dan Wilson for making our Facebook project a reality. Being on Facebook will allow members to keep in touch with what is happening in AAAP, as well as allowing potential members to find out about AAAP easily and quickly.

The Membership Committee meeting will be held in San Diego on August 4th at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you,
Andrea Zedek
Membership Chair

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So, what will the future hold for millions of egg-laying hens in the USA? Will Congress be the deciding factor to require hens to be housed in enriched cages? Will restaurant chains or retailers dictate industry use of enriched cages or cage-free housing? Or, will a push by the scientific and veterinary community prove what chickens need (and want) and help provide a clear and objective direction within this often politically and emotionally fueled discussion? Time will tell.....so stay tuned to AAAP for future updates!



Can you identify these two girls, (both active in AAAP today)? This image is from the front cover of the Nov. 21, 1964 *Magazine of the Midlands*, Omaha World-Herald. Answer can be found on the back page. Have an interesting photo you would like to share in our fall newsletter? Please send to: aaap@aaap.info.

Welcome to our AAAP New Members

**Sadhana Adhikary
Mohammadali Alizadeh
Hannah Atkins
Juliette Ben Arous
Erin M Brannick
Pablo Catala
Yi-chung Chiu
Ellen W Collisson
Stephen B DeMarcky
Diego G Diel
Mohamed S Elaish
Wael K Elfeil
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AAAP is grateful for the contributions from Bruce Calnek and Dick Witter documenting their original presentations from the 2006 and 2007 Lasher History Lectures in Honolulu, HI and Washington, DC respectively, which are available online at: <http://aaap.memberclicks.net/aaap-history>

Avian Diseases: The Creation and Evolution of P. Philip Levine's Enduring Gift

Bruce W. Calnek, 2009. PDF (6.1MB)

Origin and Evolution of the American Association of Avian Pathologists: 50 Years of Dedication and Accomplishment

Richard L. Witter, 2011. PDF (4.83MB)

AAAP Members Recognized By American College of Veterinary Microbiologists

Dr. Mo Saif who is a diplomate of the college was recognized as the Distinguished Veterinary microbiologist and **Dr. Dick Witter** was elected as an Honorary Diplomate of the College.

PAACO News

The 2012 edition of the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization's (PAACO) popular **poultry welfare auditor training course is set for June 26-28, 2012** on the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville. For more course information and registration materials go to PAACO's website, www.animalauditor.org, or contact Mike Simpson, executive director, at 402-403-0104; e-mail: mike@animalauditor.org.



WPDC attendees enjoy a visit to the BioDesign Institute at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona hosted by Jagdev Sharma and Roy Curtiss

The Direct Relationship between Animal Health and Food Safety Outcomes

CAST Commentaries - QTA2012-1 - May 2012

The health of the animals within the food animal production system impacts many aspects of the system far removed from the animals themselves. To promote high productivity in animal agriculture, researchers need to examine nutrition, management systems, and animal care practices including the use of antibiotics and vaccines. This Commentary looks at the pressures to change livestock rearing methods, evidence to support the direct public health impact on human illness days, and good safety and inspection service regulations. The authors use indirect evidence, diagrams, and graphs to deliver their findings about the ways that healthy animals result in safer food. Chair: Dr. H. Scott Hurd, Iowa State University, Ames. QTA2012-1, 12pp., May 2012. [AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY.](#)

BioOne News

2011 marked BioOne's tenth year online, a year punctuated by gains in both total revenue and global circulation, despite the continued challenges presented by the global economy. BioOne has continued to be an important revenue stream for AAAP with annual royalties from *Avian Diseases* and *Avian Diseases Digest*.

2011 Most Accessed Articles in Avian Diseases in BioOne

Clinical Aspects of Immunosuppression in Poultry
Frederic J. Hoerr Vol. 54, No. 1, March 2010

Blackhead Disease (Histomoniasis) in Poultry: A Critical Review
L. R. McDougald Vol. 49, No. 4, December 2005

Control of Avian Mycoplasma Infections in Commercial Poultry
S. H. Kleven Vol. 52, No. 3, September 2008

Upper Respiratory Tract Infection Caused by Cryptosporidium baileyi in Three Mixed-Bred Falcons (Falco rusticolus × Falco cherrug)
Y. R. A. van Zeeland, N. J., Schoemaker, M. J. L. Kik, J., W. B. van der Giessen Vol. 52, No. 2, June 2008

Global Occurrence and Spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus of the Subtype H5N1
Xin H. Li,, Hui D. Tian, Michael Heiner,, Dian M Li Vol. 55, No. 1, March 2011

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Staff Veterinarian

The ideal candidate must have a degree in veterinary medicine and be licensed (or have the ability to apply) to practice in Ontario. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal and communications skills. Salary and benefit package are commensurate with qualifications. (6-1-2012)

Research & Development Project Leader

This individual utilizes a variety of industry concepts, practices, and procedures to lead research and development activities. Directs, executes and designs innovative poultry vaccine research and development projects. Provides assistance with oversight, mentoring, and guidance of research staff. (5-30-2012)

Poultry Veterinarian Jasper, IN

This position is responsible for advising the Farbest production team on identification, diagnosis and treatment of turkey flock health problems. Will also provide guidance to the company in areas of animal husbandry, feeding programs, vaccination, medication and environmental conditions to help maintain and improve best practices. (5-30-2012)

Veterinary Trainee /Residency Position

Willingham, England

A new post within the Slate Hall Veterinary Practice Group has been created which requires an eager and committed veterinarian. We are seeking a person who is willing to take on a trainee/residency position, training in order to support clinical sampling and diagnostic activities. The successful applicant will be mentored and tutored under the professional guidance of the Partners and Associates. (5-17-2012)

Associate Veterinarian Willingham, England
We are seeking a computer literate person with excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and with an RCVS recognized degree in veterinary medicine to take up the position as Associate Veterinarian. (5-17-2012)



XVIII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association

The XVIIIth Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association, in Nantes, France. The conference will take place on 19-23 August 2013. This congress is organised by the bureau of the French branch of the World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA) and ISPAIA - ZOOPOLE.

For more information go to: <http://www.wvpac2013.org/>



USDA Multicultural Scholars Program Poultry Science Scholarship:

Scholarship Overview: The Department of Poultry Science at North Carolina State University is pleased to announce that five USDA Multicultural Scholarships are available to minority students who are interested in pursuing a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Poultry Science at NC State University starting Fall 2013! Details about our undergraduate program can be found at: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/poultry/index.php>

[Scholarship details can be downloaded here.](#)

New Avian Disease Manual

All images will now be printed in the manual.
Available as a hard copy and in ebook formats.

Available August 2012

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Staff Veterinarian Iowa or Minnesota

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Sunday, August 5, 2012 12:15-2:30

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Let us know by June 25, 2012 to make sure your company is listed in our printed program.

AAAP Actions Since November 2011

AAAP AWC and AAAP BOD votes to recommend AVMA to support H.R. 3798.
1/24/2012

AAAP BOD approves 2012-2013 Budget
1/24/2012

AAAP sends comments to FDA on Docket No. 2008-N-0326: New Animal Drugs; Cephalosporin Drugs; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order for Prohibition
2/13/2012

AAAP endorses letter with coalition urging congress to fund AFRI \$325 million in FY13.
2/23/2012

AAAP endorses letter of support for FY13 Funding for Food & Agriculture Research, Education and Economics (FFAR)
3/5/2012

AAAP BOD endorses letter AAC Budget Book Fiscal Year 2013 in letter to congress
4/5/2012

AAAP endorses letter with AAC for BIO/AFBF in support of science-based regulation in response to possible GE salmon amendment.
4/24/2012

AAAP BOD endorses letter to congress opposing Federal Meeting Attendance Prohibition with ASAE and other associations
5/7/2012

AAAP endorses updated letter with AAC for BIO/AFBF in support of science-based regulation in response to possible GE salmon amendment.
5/8/2012

AAAP Drugs & Therapeutics letter to the editor approved by AAAP BOD
5/15/2012

AAAP BOD appoints Bob Evans as AAAP representative on CAST BOD
5/21/2012

AAAP BOD endorses letter to Senate regarding Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)
5/30/2012

Message from the Executive Director

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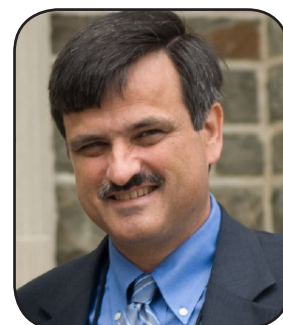
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Best Regards,
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San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, California, USA

August 4-7, 2012

Our program will be from Saturday-Tuesday, August 4-7, 2012 concluding at 5PM.

Saturday, August 4, 2012 (7:50AM – 12:30PM)

AAAP Symposium

Enteric Disease in Poultry: Recent Advances in Characterization, Diagnosis, and Control.

San Diego Convention Center, Room 29ABCD

Saturday, August 4, 2012 (1:00PM – 5:30PM)

AAAP Committee Meetings

San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina

Saturday, August 4, 2012 (5:30PM – 6:30PM)

AAAP New Member Meet and Greet

AAAP Members are invited to welcome new members

San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina

Sunday-Tuesday, August 5-7, 2012 (8:00AM – 5:00PM)

AAAP Scientific Program

San Diego Convention Center, Rooms 29AB and 29CD

Sunday, August 5, 2012 (9:55AM – 10:00AM)

WVPA Young Poultry Veterinarian Award

Sponsored by *Pfizer Animal Health*

San Diego Convention Center, Room 29AB

Sunday, August 5, 2012 (10:00AM – 10:30AM)

Keynote Speaker:

Technology and Feeding the World

Todd Armstrong

Elanco Animal Health, Indianapolis, IN.

San Diego Convention Center, Room 29AB

Sunday, August 5, 2012 (12:30PM – 2:30PM)

AAAP Awards Luncheon

Hilton San Diego Bayfront, Indigo Ballroom

Monday, August 6, 2012 (10:00AM – 10:30AM)

Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture:

The History of DNA Biotechnology in the Poultry Industry

Dr. Calvin Keeler

University of Delaware

San Diego Convention Center, Rooms 29AB

Monday, August 6, 2012 (10:30AM – 12:00PM)

AAAP Business Meeting

San Diego Convention Center, Rooms 29AB

Monday, August 6, 2012 (4:00PM – 5:15PM)

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2014	July 26 - 29	Denver, CO	Colorado Convention Center
2015	July 11-14	Boston, MA	
2016	August 5-8	San Antonio, TX	

Other Meetings of Interest

XVIII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association, August 19-23, 2013 Nantes, France.

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