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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.

2015 AAAP Annual Meeting in Boston

This year's AAAP Annual Meeting was held in Boston on July 11th through 14th at the Boston Convention Center. The four day event included a half day symposium on Saturday morning titled, "An Update on Marek's Disease Vaccination, Diagnosis and Immunosuppression." Six presentations were given and a round table discussion on the impact of new vaccines on Marek's Disease protection. The Scientific Program began Sunday and concluded on Tuesday, July 14th. It consisted of 144 oral presentations and 97 poster presentations. Featured events included a New Member Meet and Greet, a Wine and Cheese Social in the Poster Room, and the annual Awards Luncheon. This year's keynote speaker was Jagdev Sharma from the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. The title of his presentation was, "Outreach by our Industry to Improve Household Nutrition and Income by Increasing Returns from Backyard Chickens in Rural Africa." On Monday, AAAP members enjoyed the third in a series of history lectures titled, "Pioneers of Avian Medicine." The lecture was titled, "The Life and Times of Ray Bankowski (1914 - 1993) and was given by Richard H. McCapes of Davis, CA.

AAAP does much to mentor young people who are beginning their career or contemplating a career in avian medicine. Four AAAP awards are given to students. The Scientific Program includes presentations by winners of three AAAP student awards, giving those talented individuals a chance to present their research to a prestigious audience.

The Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper Award is a competitive award given to a candidate who is enrolled in a thesis-requiring Master of Science program or a Ph.D. program, or has received such degree within the year preceding the application deadline. The award is meant to recognize excellence in poultry disease research by a graduate student. This year's winner was Stivalis Cardenas-Garcia and the title of her presentation was, "An evaluation of peripheral blood and splenic lymphocyte proliferation in two chicken breeds."

The Reed Rumsey Award is given to students, residents or interns in a college of veterinary medicine program or an avian medicine training program. This competitive award is given based on an abstract submission of original research or a case study conducted by the applicant. There are two Reed Rumsey Award winners each year, one for clinical research and the other for basic research. This year's award winners who presented their papers during the Scientific Program were Seiche Genger (North Carolina State) for clinical research with her paper titled, "Jejunal Length and Weight is Increased in Commercially Raised Turkeys with Depressed Growth," and Eric Parent (University of Montreal) in basic research for his paper titled, "Virulence profiles characterization of clinical strains of *Clostridium perfringens* causing necrotic enteritis in successive broiler chicken flocks raised without antibiotics."

The L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship is intended to introduce veterinary students to the many aspects of poultry medicine and to facilitate their interaction with research scientists, poultry diagnosticians, and clinical poultry veterinarians who would further their education and training. This year's winner was Eric Shepherd from the University of Georgia and he presented a paper at the Scientific Program titled, "Development of Real-Time Quantitative RT-PCR Assays to Detect GA07, GA08 and GA13 Infectious Bronchitis Virus Types."

The fourth student award given at the Annual Meeting recognizes the best student poster presented at the meeting. While the previous awards were announced ahead of the annual meeting, the A.S. "Rosy" Rosenwald Student Poster Award is a true surprise to the winners as the judging is done during the Scientific Program. This award, like the Reed Rumsey award, is given to two students—one for basic research and the other for applied research. This year's poster award winners were Blanca Lopez de Juan Abad for applied research and Matthew Moreau for basic research. Ms. Abad's poster was titled, "Evaluation of Factors that Influence Dose Variability of Marek's Disease Vaccines" and Dr. Moreau's poster was titled, "Salmonella Enteritidis Displays Enhanced Virulence and Colonization in Mice following Growth in Egg Yolk."

Highlights of the AAAP Board of Director Decisions from July 2015 meeting :

- AAAP Inc. will give 25% of their annual surplus to the Foundation.
- AAAP will give a \$3,000 donation to the Marek's Disease Symposium.
- AAAP's \$10,000 donation toward publishing the 9th Avian Influenza Symposium proceedings in Avian Diseases was returned as the symposium was very successful in other fund raising.
- Dr. Mo Saif will be AAAP's representative at the White House listening session on updating the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology.
- AAAP will work with the Wildlife Disease Association regarding how the two organizations can work together.
- AAAP members will receive a 33% discount on charges for color prints in the Avian Diseases journal.
- AAAP is working with China Agricultural University Press on a Chinese translation of the Avian Disease Manual.
- AAAP endorsed a position statement from the AAAP Animal Welfare Committee titled, "FAD Emergency Mass Depopulation of Poultry."
- A new Small Flock Interest Group will meet for the first time at next year's annual meeting in San Antonio.

Highlights of the AAAP Foundation Board of Director Decisions from July 2015 meeting :

- The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Scholarship application information will be changed to state that 2nd year veterinarian students can apply for the scholarship.
- A new mission statement for the AAAP Foundation will be developed.

The American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) Annual meeting will be held on August 6-9, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Annual Meeting.

AAAP Symposium: "Emerging and Reemerging Zoonotic Diseases" will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016. The Symposium will be an update on zoonotic avian influenza outbreaks, particularly HPAI H5N1 and most recently, H7N9 outbreaks in humans in China. The keynote address will be by Dr. Robert O'Connor. Also included will be a presentation on data collection and analysis for effective prevention and control of zoonotic diseases as well as on communicating science-based information to non-scientists e.g. legislators, the media, and the general public. The symposium will conclude with a presentation on the One Health Initiative.

The AAAP Scientific Program will be from Sunday-Tuesday, August 7-9, 2016. The Program will consist of oral and poster presentations on topics such as: Antibiotics, Avian Influenza, Avian Leukosis Virus, Bacteriology, Case Reports, Coccidiosis, Diagnostics, Food Safety, Gut Health, Immunology, Infectious Bronchitis Virus, Infectious Bursal Disease, Laryngotracheitis, Marek's Disease, Mycoplasma, Newcastle Disease Virus, Processing, Reovirus, Salmonella, Virology, Wealth of Knowledge, Welfare.

2016 Abstract Submissions are being accepted now through November 30, 2015.

[Submit Abstract](#)



Letter from the President

Robert Porter

Wow! What a beautiful summer we enjoyed in Minnesota. June, July and August average temperatures were well above 75 degrees F and generally dry. This not only allowed for many outdoor activities, but also helped to curtail the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus, giving our poultry producers and veterinarians some breathing room to reassess their biosecurity programs, clean and disinfect barns and repopulate for the Fall. My pleasure in assuming the one-year presidency of the AAAP in July is indeed tempered by the memory of the HPAI outbreaks throughout the Midwest.

In the Spring of 2015 I was touched by the number of email messages and phone calls I received from my AAAP colleagues who inquired about the AI situation and expressed their concern for Minnesota. Their well wishes and words of support were greatly appreciated. I was often asked how the AI situation was being managed in Minnesota and it is appropriate to recognize the parties that were involved. First, I am proud of our veterinary diagnostic laboratory technical and office staff that performed thousands of AI PCR tests, helping our poultry industry maintain product movement and business continuity while also assuring the public that the poultry meat and eggs leaving Minnesota farms were safe and wholesome. Second, the USDA was rapid to respond and worked quickly to establish incident command centers to track AI-positive premises. The NVSL was an invaluable resource on AI testing. Additionally, several volunteers from NAHLN labs across the U.S. assisted the Minnesota VDL with late night and weekend AI testing. Next, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (MBAH) was essential for organizational efforts, on-farm sample collection and monitoring activity in control and surveillance zones. Minnesota is fortunate to have strong working relationships between the MBAH and our poultry industry. Finally, our poultry associations, namely the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and the Chicken and Egg Association of Minnesota, have been highly responsive to the HPAI catastrophe by organizing educational programs and communicating industry concerns and needs

to the state and federal authorities. It is appropriate that recognition of the working relationship between the AAAP and our state poultry associations is one of my presidential platforms for 2015-2016.

In Boston, with the experiences of the recent HPAI situation, the Poultry Welfare Committee drafted and the AAAP Board of Directors approved a position statement on Emergency Mass Depopulation. This statement supports novel emergency depopulation methods on a "case-by-case basis, taking extreme care to appropriately consider the species, housing and environmental conditions, currently available methods and resources." Ventilation shutdown was recently approved as an alternative approach by the USDA; this a direct result of the tremendous effort by the AAAP Welfare Committee.

I ask each of you reading this message to pause and think about someone who helped direct your career in poultry medicine, education or research. Chances are that this individual was or is a member of the AAAP. I also urge you to pay it forward and serve as mentors for our current veterinary students through participation in externships, AAAP committees and educational programs. Access to poultry farms in AI-stricken states may be extremely limited in 2016. Please think outside the box to provide alternative types of experience for these students. Your support for our students can also be expressed through donations to the AAAP Foundation, which funds a variety of educational opportunities, including academic scholarships.

I look forward to working with the AAAP Board of Directors in 2015-2016, including Francene Van Sambeek, our outgoing President, and Suzanne Dougherty, the new Executive Vice-President Elect of the AAAP. I also recognize Danny Magee and Ivan Alvarado, as chair and vice chair of the AAAP Program Committee. Our association is in excellent hands with talented and enthusiastic individuals who want make the AAAP even better. Finally, I offer a special thanks to Bob Bevans-Kerr who has been working with Merck Animal Health to establish greater scholarship funding for deserving poultry students. Stay tuned!

In closing, many AAAP members ponder whether there will be more cases of HPAI in the Midwest during the cooler Fall weather and waterfowl migration. Only time will tell, but we must prepare for the worst and again will tackle these issues with the aid of the strong working relationships between our poultry associations, poultry industry, boards of animal health and veterinary diagnostic laboratories.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Porter".

Robert Porter
AAAP President



**Letter from the
Executive Vice President
Chuck Hofacre**

Dear AAAP Members,

Our organization has had another very successful year in producing and distributing educational materials and educational meetings for poultry health professionals. Our assets grew by \$149,000 in the fiscal year that ended April, 2015, to a net of \$580,000. We also have several new editions of our educational books that will be completed in this fiscal year which you can be watching for to purchase or encourage students to purchase. Keep in mind, students get a discount as AAAP members.

Our annual meeting in Boston this year was extremely successful with 144 oral papers (one more than 2014) and 97 posters (16 more than 2014). The keynote address was given by Jagdev Sharma who is currently at the Biodesign Institute of Arizona State University. The topic of Dr. Sharma's address was "Outreach by our Industry to Improve Household Nutrition and Income by Increasing Returns from Backyard Chickens in Rural Africa". If you missed this outstanding lecture contact Jagdev. The Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture was the "Life and Times for Dr. Ray Bankowski (1914-1993) given by Dick McCapes, Emeritus Professor Davis, California.

There are 5 people I want to thank for making Boston a success. The first two are our program committee co-chairs, John Smith and Danny Magee. They worked tirelessly to put together the program and to coordinate all of the rooms and AV logistics. This is John's last year as our program chair so Danny will be taking on this role and we know he and his new co-chair Ivan Alvarado will do a great job in 2016 and beyond.

The other 3 thank yous must go to our program sponsorship committee who obtained a record \$122,750 in donations for the annual meeting. Thank you Scott Gustin, Eric Gingerich and Kabal Robbins for doing such a fantastic job!

Our membership has remained fairly stable the last few years at 787 members. Also, we are doing well at maintaining our veterinary members as AVMA members. It is very important for those of you who are veterinarians to maintain your AVMA membership. This allows AAAP to have delegates to the AVMA House of Delegates and our seats on the various AVMA committees and councils.

Lastly, at the annual Business Meeting it was unanimously agreed by the members present that Suzanne Dougherty will be the Executive Vice President Elect. Suzanne will be shadowing me and learning from Bob and Janece all the behind the scenes workings of AAAP for the next year. At the annual Business Meeting in San Antonio she will be your new Executive Vice President.

I cannot thank Bob and Janece enough for making this past year and the Annual Meeting in Boston go so smoothly.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Hofacre
Executive Vice President, AAAP

Upcoming AAAP Board of Directors Meetings

- November 2, 2015 Conference Call
- January 26, 2016 in Atlanta, GA Noon to 5PM at the Georgia World Congress Center in Rm B203
- August 4-5 and 9, 2016 in San Antonio, TX

Board Reports

- [-58th AAAP Annual Report July 2015](#)
- [-26th Annual Report AAAP Foundation July 2015](#)

AAAP Draft Minutes

- [-AAAP Board of Directors Minutes July 2015](#)
- [-AAAP Business Meeting Minutes July 2015](#)

New Members

Welcome to our new members who have joined AAAP since our last newsletter

Giovanna Anchorena	Shalette Dingle	Frank Jin	Matthew Moreau
Eva Anguiano	Carlos Estevez	Rebecca Jones	Angela Potenza
Francisco Aspee	Ana Gonzalez-reiche	Andy Lang	Elizabeth Tenborg
Vinayak Brahmakshatriya	Carlos Gornatti Churria	Benoit Lanthier	Mia Kim Torchetti
Daniel Calvo Carrasco	David Harrington	Tamara Loeffler	Katharine Venters
Marco Cisneros	Vacques Hines	Blanca Lopez De Juan Abad	Eduardo Vicuna
Randi Clark	Carrie Illies	Michael McCabe	Vanessa Walthall
Candace Cooper	Emrah Ipek	Lauren Mcellen	Ben Wileman
Ana Da Silva	Roy Jacob	Sommer Mueller	Mccaide Wooten
Kathleen Deering	Seung-hwan Jeong	Anantharaman Muthuswamy	

AAAP Thanks the Membership Committee

The AAAP Membership committee has done an outstanding job this past year in growing AAAP membership. Particularly student membership is increasing dramatically which is important for the future of the organization. Please thank any members of the committee if you see them.

<http://www.aaap.info/membership-committee>

Long-time AAAP member honored at WPDC and ANECA Conventions



Long-time AAAP member from Mexico, Dr. Ernesto Soto-Priante was recognized with a plaque at the 2015 Western Poultry Disease Conference held in March in Sacramento, California for having served as Chairman of the 2014 and President of the 2015 Conference. Subsequently, in April of this year the National Association of Specialists in Avian Sciences (ANECA) of Mexico dedicated its 2015 Convention to him and honored him with the presentation of the "Golden Turkey Award" for his numerous contributions to the advancement of avian medicine in Mexico and around the world. The pictures above show him proudly holding his two well deserved awards. The AAAP joins the WPDC and ANECA in congratulating Dr. Ernesto Soto-Priante for these achievements.

Past Presidents Poultry Scholarship Fully Endowed

Dr. William Chase who donated a generous \$40,000 this year fully endowed the AAAP Foundation Past Presidents Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is intended for students who are pursuing a career in poultry health and well-being and/or food safety in North America. Dr. Chase is one of AAAP's past presidents and a respected member.

Travis Schaal to attend the 2016 AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference as an Emerging Leader



Travis Schaal will attend a three day networking opportunity and workshop in Chicago, Illinois. This conference is for veterinarians interested in learning more about leadership, team building and how the AVMA operates. Applicants should apply online annually to be considered for future emerging leader opportunities at the [AVMA veterinary leadership conference](#).

Doctors Aly Fadly and John Glisson Elected to WVPA Hall of Honour

On September 8, 2015 Aly Fadly and John Glisson were admitted into the World Veterinary Poultry Associations Hall of Honour.



During the last 38 years, Dr. Aly Fadly's research program at the USDA-ARS-ADOL has been focused on diagnosis, immunopathogenesis, epidemiology and control of two groups of avian retroviruses, avian leukosis and reticuloendotheliosis viruses. During his career, Dr Fadly authored or co-authored 219 publications including 138 peer-reviewed journals articles; two patents, 22 book chapters and 57 conference proceedings. Dr Fadly is considered a national and international expert in the area of retrovirus-induced diseases of poultry. The AAAP would like to congratulate Dr. Fadly on receiving this honour.



Dr. Glisson spent his professional academic career at the University of Georgia. Hired in 1984, he retired in 2011 as Professor, Chair of the Department of Population Health, and Director of the Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center. His research work focused on avian mycoplasmas, bacterial diseases, and Newcastle disease. With colleagues, he developed commercially successful vaccines for fowl cholera (PM-One Vax) and Newcastle disease (Avinew). John devoted much of his time to instruction of students, particularly in the Master of Avian Medicine degree program. During his career, he has mentored 21 PhD students, 10 MS students, and 40 Master of Avian Medicine students. Also, he worked closely with the US poultry industry on disease diagnostic and control issues. His work has taken him to all parts of the world, where he has contributed to the development of poultry disease control programs. The AAAP would like to congratulate Dr. Glisson on receiving this honour.

WVPA Future Meetings

XX Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association

Edinburgh, Scotland

September 3-8, 2017

More information here: bvpa.org.uk/

XXI Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association

Bangkok, Thailand

August 26-30, 2019

**Suzanne Dougherty Elected as new AAAP
Executive Vice-President Elect**



Suzanne Dougherty was officially elected to replace Charles Hofacre as AAAP's new Executive Vice-President beginning at the 2016 AAAP meeting in San Antonio. The AAAP would like to congratulate Suzanne and looks forward to her leadership and contributions to the organization.

**Remembering Samantha Pohl
12/22/1985- 7/29/2015**



AAAP members mourn the loss of Samantha Pohl from cancer on July 29, 2015. Samantha was a graduate of Texas A&M University where she received her BS and MS in Poultry Science and her DVM. She will receive her MAM degree posthumously from the University of Georgia. At the time of her death, she was back in Texas and working for Elanco. She loved being a poultry veterinarian and had an intense dedication to the profession. Samantha will be missed.

**Andrea Zedek has been Accepted into the
2015-2016 AVMA Future Leaders Program**



Congratulations to Andrea Zedek for being selected into the 2015-16 AVMA Future Leaders program. The Future Leaders Program is unique and takes a holistic approach to leadership development. Its goal is to develop the strengths and talents of veterinarians, promoting their leadership skills for the benefit of the veterinary workplace, society as a whole, and especially our profession through leadership in organized veterinary medicine. To develop those skills, participants get to complete 360-degree assessments and follow their short- and long-term goals with our professional facilitator, Dr. Ken Andrews, while also fostering individual relationships with prominent veterinarians and participating in leadership lectures. Each class of Future Leaders also works as a team to develop novel, useable resources for AVMA members, thus strengthening teambuilding and project management skills.

Past AAAP Future Leaders:

2014-2015

Erin Brannick

2013-2014

Suzanne Dougherty

Eric Willingham

2012-2013

Karen Burns-Grogan

AAAP Foundation

AAAP Foundation News

By the end of the 2015 fiscal year, the AAAP Foundation funds had the following balances:

Ken Eskelund Preceptorship \$103,448
Reed Rumsey Student Award \$60,500
Lasher-Bottorff \$91,856
Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award \$58,782
Richard B. Rimler Award \$40,582
L. Dwight Schwartz Scholarship \$70,532
Calnek Applied Poultry Research \$57,196
A. S. Rosenwald fund \$7,351
Poultry Scholarship fund \$50,039
Jack Tumlin MAM Alumni Poultry Scholarship fund \$12,150
R. W. Winterfield Poultry Scholarship fund \$7,550
AAAP Past Presidents Poultry Scholarship fund \$49,700

The AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarship fund continues to grow rapidly even as scholarships are being paid out. An endowed scholarship fund drive was started in 2014 with the goal of raising enough money so that scholarships currently funded by member pledges can be replaced by an endowed scholarship as each becomes fully funded. Endowed scholarships are given names and so far three of these named scholarship funds have received significant contributions--the AAAP Foundation University of Georgia Jack Tumlin MAM Alumni Poultry Scholarship fund, the AAAP Foundation R. W. Winterfield Poultry Scholarship fund, and the AAAP Foundation Past Presidents Scholarship fund. Dr. Bill Chase gave a very generous donation of \$40,000 to fully endow the Past Presidents Scholarship. Many AAAP members who made 5 year pledge commitments completed them this year. AAAP President Rob Porter has asked members to consider making new 5 year pledges and/or give to a named scholarship fund.

The AAAP Foundation's long standing Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Scholarship continues to attract many veterinary students interested in exploring a career in avian medicine. There were 16 applicants this past year and 12 scholarships were awarded. The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Scholarship reimburses students for expenses (up to \$1,300) incurred during internships. This year the AAAP Board of Directors voted to open the scholarship to 2nd year vet students as well as students in their 3rd and 4th years. Also going strong and very competitive is the L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship. The winner is reimbursed for expenses incurred traveling to the AAAP Annual meeting.

The Foundation made donations of three *Avian Histopathology* manuals, three Practical Guides for Managing Risk (biosecurity), three Isolation and Identification manuals, and one *Diseases of Poultry* to Bangladesh, India. Also, the Foundation donated to the National Veterinary Institute in Debre Zeit, Ethiopia; four Avian Disease manuals, four Isolation and Identification manuals and two Diseases of Poultry. To Punjab, Pakistan; one Avian Disease manual and one Diseases of Poultry. AAAP also participates in the BioOne Developing World Program where our journal, Avian Diseases, is provided in leading developing world initiatives collectively known as Research 4 Life and EIFL and TEEAL. Through this initiative, AAAP and BioOne provide Avian Diseases free of charge to over 2,500 institutions throughout the developing world.

Some exciting giving is going on at the AAAP Foundation. Thank you to all AAAP members who support Foundation initiatives! If you are interested in making a donation, go to www.aaapf.memberclicks.net

AAAP Foundation/ Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2016



The AAAP Foundation has been approved to receive a \$25,000 sum to fund five \$5,000 scholarships from Merck Animal Health. These scholarships will be for 2nd and 3rd year veterinary students focused on poultry health and well-being and/or food safety. Information on the application process and where to apply will be announced on November 1, 2015. The AAAP Foundation would like to thank Merck Animal Health for this grant.

Allied Organizations

ACPV Announcements

1. Beginning 2016, Dues will increase from \$125.00 to \$150.00.
2. 2015 CE must be submitted by January 31, 2016 in order to be counted. Diplomates failing to submit CE by January 31, 2016, must count the year as exempt.
3. Updated Procedural Manual. Please see the [updated procedural manual](#). It includes information on ACPV committees. If you are interested on serving on an ACPV committee, please contact the ACPV office at support@acpv.info

ACPV Workshop: Disaster/Emergency Preparedness (with emphasis on avian influenza)

The ACPV-sponsored workshop is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th, 2016, prior to the 65th Western Poultry Disease Conference. This workshop is open to all poultry professionals. Previous workshops have always been well-attended. For additional information, please check the ACPV website (www.ACPV.info) or contact the ACPV office (support@acpv.info).

AVMA Future Leaders Program

Are you ready to take the next step in leadership and service for our profession? If you're an AVMA member just emerging in your career (15 years out from veterinary school or less) and you're looking for an exciting yearlong program to help you blaze your leadership path, the Future Leaders Program might just be the program for you. Watch the video at the AVMA site to learn more about the program from our facilitator and an alum of the program. You can find out more about the Future Leaders Program on the AVMA website: <https://www.avma.org/Members/FutureLeaders/Pages/default.aspx>

AVMA Governmental Relations Externship Program

The AVMA extern program pairs talented veterinary students together with the AVMA Governmental Relations Division for a four-week program that introduces externs to the breadth of public policy issues facing the profession and provides hands-on lobbying experience with legislators and staffers on Capitol Hill. It's an opportunity to learn a facet of the profession that you won't find in school – and make a difference in shaping the profession at the same time. AVMA provides \$1200 stipends for ten externs. Externships run for four weeks. Applicants are asked to select first and second choice blocks from a list of options. Note that May and June are the most popular

timeframes, so applicants may select one or the other, but not both, when listing their choices. <https://www.avma.org/Advocacy/getinvolved/Pages/AVMA-Governmental-Relations-Student-Externship-Program.aspx>

AVMA Student Fly In

The AVMA Governmental Relations Division is teaming up with SAVMA to host a joint 2016 Legislative Fly-in that will bring veterinary students and veterinarians to Washington, D.C., to participate in a two-day workshop. The event will introduce participants to the legislative process and brief them on the federal legislation that impacts the veterinary profession. AVMA's governmental relations team will spend the first day of the workshop educating participants on high-priority legislation before setting them loose on Capitol Hill to meet with their elected officials. The 8th AVMA Legislative Fly-In will take place Feb. 28- March 1, 2016, in Washington, D.C. <https://www.avma.org/advocacy/getinvolved/pages/legislative-fly-in.aspx>

Allied Association Groups

Association of Veterinarians in Broiler Production

Deirdre Johnson, President

Association of Veterinarians in Turkey Production

Duane Murphy, President

The Association of Veterinarians in Turkey Production (AVTP) is an organization whose purpose is to promote communication and education among its members. AVTP Membership is by invitation only and is extended to any individual who: 1) possesses a degree in veterinary medicine and; 2) works for a production company raising market type turkeys and/or breeder type turkeys producing hatching eggs (primary breeder, multiplier breeder, or commercial), or works for one of the State or national turkey commodity groups.

Association of Poultry Primary Breeder Veterinarians

Travis Schaal, President

This Association of Poultry Primary Breeder Veterinarians composed of representatives from the poultry primary breeders in North America representing more than 60 percent of the world supply of meat-type chicken, egg-type chicken, and turkey breeding stock. The group works to address issues related to bird health and welfare, international trade of poultry breeding stock, food safety, and public health.

Association of Veterinarians in Egg Production

Eric Gingerich, President

The Association of Veterinarians in Egg Production was formed to promote communication among the veterinarians working with egg-type chicken production flocks. Membership is limited to veterinarians who provide significant veterinary service work to the egg layer industry.

Upcoming Meetings

North Central Avian Disease Conference

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2016 Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF) and features a topic-rich agenda of various scientific presentations. It will be held on March 15-17, 2016 at the Saint Paul River Centre, St. Paul, Minnesota. Closer to the meeting, you will be able to register through MPF, using the Pre-Registration Form, or pre-register online at www.midwestpoultry.com. To find out more about the MPF, visit their website.

65th Western Poultry Disease Conference

The 65th Western Poultry Disease Conference (WPDC) will be held April 24-27, 2016 at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown, Vancouver, BC, Canada. The WPDC website is: <http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/wpdc>

Southern Conference on Avian Diseases

The meeting will be held together with Southern Poultry Science Society at the International Scientific Forum in Atlanta GA, January 25-26, 2016. IPSF Online preregistration for the International Poultry Scientific Forum available at: <http://www.ippexpo.org/ipsf/>

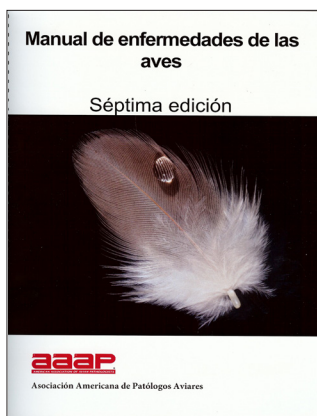
Avian Disease Manual (New Spanish Edition)

A new Spanish edition of the Avian Disease Manual is now available. The Avian Disease Manual is one of the bestselling publication of the AAAP due to concise yet complete information on commonly encountered diseases affecting poultry. It has become an educational staple to North American veterinary and poultry science students, to those interested in avian diseases, and a most useful reference in developing countries. With the new Spanish edition we hope to extend the reach of this important manual.

The manual is divided in various chapters grouping diseases by agent. Within each chapter, diseases are listed alphabetically and the addition of an index further helps the reader to quickly locate the required information. The Appendix contains tables, each of which lists the most common diseases of a single body system. Various tables let you quickly compare diseases at a glance. This edition contains two new tables: diseases of the ducks and diseases of the upland game birds, to cover a wider spectrum of avian species. A poultry drug use list is also provided as a general guide. Also new to this manual is a chapter "How do we investigate a sick flock?" The necropsy chapter includes the differential diagnosis procedure which goes on when a post-mortem examination is being performed. Last, the 7th edition includes more photos than previous editions and photos are included in the text and can be found after each disease section. AAAP is grateful for Martha Pulido and her students for their work on translating chapters and for Pedro Villegas for his extensive work and oversight making this spanish edition of the Avian Disease manual possible.

La edición en español del Manual de Enfermedades de las Aves esta ahora disponible. El Manual de Enfermedades de las Aves es la publicación más vendida de la AAAP por su habilidad de dar a un precio razonable concisa y completa información sobre enfermedades avícolas. Se ha establecido como un elemento educacional necesario para los estudiantes de veterinaria y ciencia avícola, para los interesados en enfermedades de aves, y como una referencia necesaria para países en desarrollo. Con la nueva edición en español esperamos ampliar el alcance de este importante manual.

El manual está dividido en varios capítulos agrupando las enfermedades por agentes. Entre los capítulos las enfermedades están catalogados alfabéticamente y la adición del índice ayuda a localizar la requerida información. El apéndice contiene tablas las cuales consisten de las enfermedades más comunes de un solo sistema de cuerpo. Varias tablas facilitan la comparación de enfermedades en una sola mirada. Esta edición contiene 2 nuevas tablas: enfermedades de patos y enfermedades de aves de juego de tierras altas para cubrir un espectro de especies avícolas. Una lista de medicinas también es proveída como guía general. Nuevo a este manual es el capítulo "¿Cómo investigamos una bandada enferma?" El capítulo sobre necropsia incluye los diferentes procesos diagnósticos que suceden en la autopsia. Finalmente la Séptima edición incluye más fotos que las ediciones previas. Las fotos son incluidas en el texto y después de cada sección de enfermedades. Quisiéramos agradecer al Dr. Pedro Villegas por ayudarnos con la traducción del Manual de Enfermedades de las Aves.



The manual is available to order at our [online bookstore](#) for \$75 plus shipping.

Members receive a 10% discount by using the following code: aaapmember

AAAP News

Emergency Mass Depopulation Guidance

The AAAP Animal Welfare and Management Committee now has 3 documents (below) approved by the AAAP Board available for AAAP Members.

- [AAAP Position: Statement on Emergency Mass Depopulation](#) (July 30, 2015)
- [AAAP Emergency Depopulation Background Information](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on Mass Depopulation](#)

The FAQ are an overview of some of the questions that may arise from media and the general public regarding poultry specific foreign animal diseases and the role of emergency depopulation. These FAQ and additional documents (AAAP position statement and background) are not intended as an instruction guide, but rather a reference for poultry veterinarians and a starting place for information. For additional questions or concerns, please contact AAAP directly at aaap@aaap.info and a designated spokesperson from AAAP will respond to your request.

Avian Influenza Resource Section

The AAAP Animal Welfare Committee has gathered resources on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza for AAAP members to review. To access the page you must be logged in: [link here](#).

Cervical Dislocation Guide

A new video guide to cervical dislocation is now available on the AAAP website for members to view. You can find the video [here](#).

Broiler Foot Paw Scoring Guide

Animal welfare audits (industry and retailer) usually include various aspects of assessment for broilers. One of these items is the evaluation of the paw (foot pad & toes) of the broiler. Since the broiler has regular contact with the litter in the shed during its life, the paw is used as a welfare outcome. Poor paw scores can result from many reasons including poor litter management, disease conditions, nutritional problems, etc., that are linked to excessive moisture and ammonia in the litter which can lead to inflammation and ulcerations on the plantar surface of the foot. Good paw scores usually indicate that the environment and flock have been managed to prevent litter conditions that can negatively impact the well-being of the broiler. Paw scoring for welfare is common in many countries but the scoring system is not uniform. A full guide to scoring foot paw including a scoring sheet is available to AAAP members [here](#).

AAAP Booth at University of Minnesota SCAVMA Convention



AAAP maintained a display at the University of Minnesota Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) convention on March 19-21. The AAAP display at the University of Minnesota SCAVMA convention was a success. This success is not measured in number of books or number of student memberships sold, but on the total number of visits to the display and conversations with many students. These students inquired about careers in poultry medicine and many were astonished that there was an organized poultry organization for veterinarians who practice poultry medicine. The opportunity for education was invaluable.

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AAAP Members now receive a 33% discount on color page charges when publishing in *Avian Diseases*.

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Message From the Executive Director

It seems the AAAP Foundation is entering a new era of growth....

The AAAP Foundation was established in 1988 and from the beginning has been the vehicle through which AAAP awards have been given. The Foundation's Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Scholarship fund was also begun in 1988 and through a generous donation by Dr. Eskelund. Many AAAP members have had the opportunity to explore just what it is to be a poultry veterinarian with the help of this scholarship.

In 2009, the President of the AAAP Foundation, Fred Hoerr, began an initiative to offer more poultry scholarships. AAAP members stepped up to the plate and since 2011 has awarded over \$29,000 for student scholarships.

In the past year there have been some exciting new developments:

Fred Hoerr proposed to members another initiative—named endowed scholarships and again AAAP members are responding generously. We are grateful to Dr. Bill Chase who made a contribution of \$40,000 to the AAAP Past Presidents Poultry Scholarship, our first of fully endowed scholarship. Other endowed scholarship funds are under way, the AAAP Foundation R. W. Winterfield Poultry Scholarship fund, the University of Georgia Jack Tumlin MAM Alumni Scholarship fund, and the Riddele-Julian Canadian Student Scholarship fund.

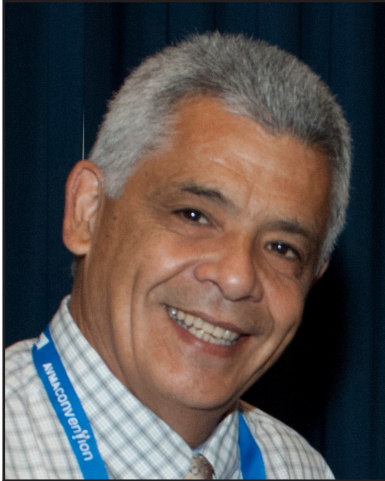
Just last month the Foundation was awarded a grant from Merck Animal Health for \$25,000. This grant will fund 5, \$5000 scholarships for 2nd and 3rd year veterinary students who are planning to pursue careers in poultry medicine. Applications will be open from November 1 through December 1, 2015 for the 2016 AAAP Foundation/Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program. A special thanks to Dr. Norman Stewart for his help with this grant. We are also very excited about two additional new scholarships—one for undergraduate students and the other for veterinary students. Look for an announcement soon!

In light of these new developments, the AAAP Foundation Board of Directors has beginning to update the Foundation's governing structure. The first step is to update the mission statement. Last summer the Board worked on a few drafts which we plan to send to the AAAP membership in a survey. Please give your input by responding to the survey when you see it.

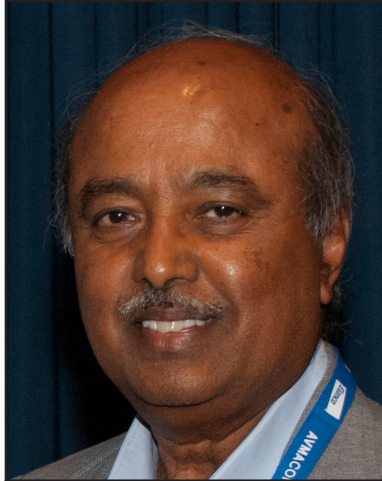
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Executive Director, AAAP

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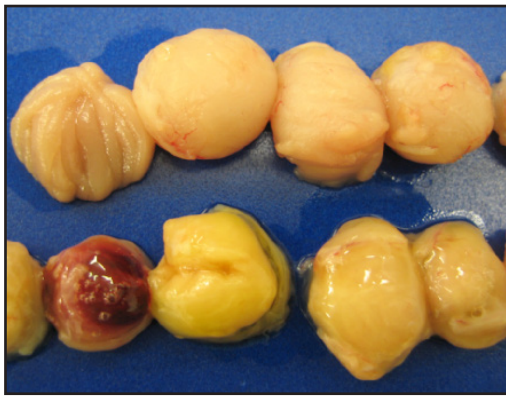
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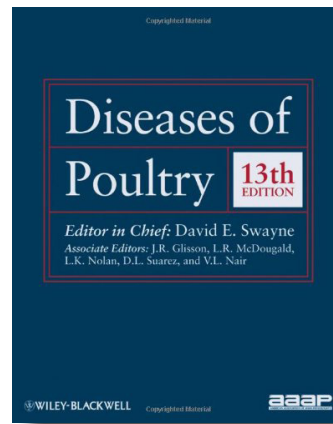
[Frequently Asked Questions on Tumor Virus Diseases](#)

A New Slide Study Set is Available

Infectious Bursal Disease



Infectious Bursal Disease, prepared by Dr. Silke Rautenschlein and Dr. Egbert Mundt covers everything from diagnosis to preventative strategies for IBD. You can order the new slide [here](#). AAAP thanks Drs. Rautenschlein and Mundt for their work and generous contribution to making this slide set. We encourage members to get their copy today.



Available in print since September 2013, is the new ***Diseases of Poultry 13th Edition***-- the definitive reference book for all aspects of poultry health and diseases. It is also available as an e-book. AAAP publishes *Diseases of Poultry* in partnership with Wiley Blackwell Publications. This new edition has added newer diagnostic methods and a new chapter on the emerging importance of zoonotic infections for poultry pathogens. There are also many new high quality photographs in this 1400 page volume.

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