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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.

2016 AAAP Annual Meeting in San Antonio

The American Association of Avian Pathologist's 59th Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX this year. This event will be held in conjunction with the AVMA Convention August 6-9 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 900 E Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78296.

The AAAP Symposium, *Emerging and Reemerging Zoonotic Diseases*, will be held Saturday, August 6th from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. AAAP committees will meet at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. Also at the hotel on Saturday will be the AAAP new member Meet and Greet from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Conference Room 7. All members are invited to stop by and welcome our new members.

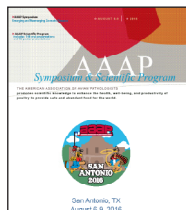
Sunday, August 7th will be the first day of the scientific program beginning at 8:00 am and running through Tuesday, August 9th until 5:30 pm at the convention center. Guillerma Zavala will be giving the keynote speaker address Sunday, August 7th from 11:00 am to 11:30 am. The keynote address is titled, *Emerging and Reemerging Poultry Diseases: an International Perspective*. The AAAP

Business Meeting will immediately follow from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Karel Schat will give the AAAP Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture titled, *The History of the First Generation Marek's Disease Vaccines: the Science and Little Known Facts*, on Monday, August 8th from 11:15 am to 11:45 am.

The annual AAAP Awards Luncheon will be held in Salon CD at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel from 12:00 to 2:00 pm on Monday, August 8th. The Wine and Cheese Social will be from 4:30 to 5:30 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 floor plan of the convention center. [San Antonio Convention Center floorplan](#). Also find below a San Antonio Riverwalk area map which includes the the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel and the San Anontio Convention Center. AAAP committee and affiliated group meetings will be held in the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel.



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the 2016 Symposium and Scientific
Program Schedule





Letter from the President

Robert Porter

As I write this letter we in Minnesota are enjoying our first 80 degree day of the year, while most recently we were in the 50's and 60's. My wife and I enjoyed a relaxing bike ride along one of the many bike trails in St. Paul. Just one year ago in relatively cool weather we were immersed in the largest select agent veterinary catastrophe in the history of the United States. In my neck of the woods the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory was in the middle of a three-month period of conducting 18,000 PCR tests for avian influenza while 9 million Minnesota poultry, representing 108 AI-positive premises, were being depopulated. Fortunately, at the time of this writing, we have not seen the recurrence of HPAI in the Midwest. We remain vigilant and become rather excited about any incidence of high flock mortality that might represent the index case of HPAI. All of us on the federal, state, and university/ laboratory level continue to review our protocols and plan for the worst.

All of the recent experiences in the Midwest will become excellent fodder for discussion at the 2016 AAAP Annual Meeting; in fact, this year's symposium entitled "*Emerging and Reemerging Zoonotic Diseases*" will address the zoonotic avian influenza outbreaks (H5N1 and H7N9) that affected human health in China. The symposium will also include presentations on how to communicate science-based information to the public, an issue that was commonplace one year ago.

The 2016 AAAP Annual Meeting in San Antonio promises an interesting mix of topics and engaging committee discussion. Congratulations to all of those who have contributed poster and oral presentations and also to Dr. Danny Magee with the assistance of Dr. Ivan Alvarado for organizing the sessions. Be sure to attend and educate yourself. I urge you to participate in the AAAP committee of your choice. The committee activities are an excellent way

to network with your colleagues and make a difference in your profession. As someone who has been a member of AAAP for thirty years, I can assure you that this is not your father's AAAP. I have been impressed by the current effort to engage veterinary students and young veterinarians in committee functions, giving them a voice in AAAP activities.

The 2016 AAAP Annual Meeting will be special to me because it represents the culmination of my year as President, a role that was entirely unexpected, but a result of the great pleasure I derived from serving on the AAAP Board of Directors. One of my platforms was to recognize the contributions of our state poultry associations that provide organizational support to many of our activities in poultry medicine, research and diagnostics. For this year only I am presenting the President's Prize, which has been funded by several poultry associations. Drawings will be held at the New Member Welcome Reception and AAAP Business Meeting. Prizes will consist of gift certificates that can be reimbursed for AAAP educational materials.

An additional highlight for me at the 2016 AAAP Annual Meeting is the introduction of the Merck Veterinary Scholarship Award that provides education stipend support for the brightest new members of our association. This should only be the start of new funding from our membership and allied industries to support the education of new members. Finally a highlight of the awards banquet will be the introduction of the AAAP Hall of Honor, which will recognize our members, both living and deceased, who have made monumental lifetime contributions to poultry medicine and research and the AAAP.

It has been a pleasure to serve as 2015-2016 AAAP President. I must recognize the outstanding effort of the AAAP Board of Directors, AAAP Foundation, Bob and Janece Bevans-Kerr, and last but not least the incoming President Hector Cervantes, a mover and shaker in the poultry medicine profession who has been active in many AAAP functions, and is well known by our membership. Thank you for the opportunity to serve AAAP this year.

Sincerely,

Rob Porter



Letter from the EVP-Elect Suzanne Dougherty

I have been shadowing Dr. Chuck Hofacre this past year to prepare for my new role as Executive Vice President for AAAP which begins this summer. It has been very informative to be directly involved in his email and conference call communication for AAAP as well as attend all board meetings. I have also visited the AAAP office twice with Bob and Janece in Jacksonville, FL. It has been a wonderful and very beneficial learning opportunity.

Initiatives for 2016-2017

There are several priority initiatives I would like to work on in 2016-2017 as I transition into my role as EVP:

1. Encourage the creation of and welcome AAAP affiliated student chapters into the AAAP membership. We recently had four student groups express interest in becoming AAAP Student Chapters and we are exploring ways to support these chapters. We hope to gain more chapters in the upcoming years.
2. Explore ways to meet the needs of a younger membership, specifically the Y generation and millennials. We will be working with the Membership Committee to find out what this generation is looking for from an organization like AAAP and the best ways to provide it.
3. Focus on the AAAP Foundation. We are appreciative of Dr. Fred Hoerr's efforts the last 5-6 years to establish scholarships for students through the association. We are endlessly grateful for the generous donations of our members to support these scholarships. With all this new activity, there is a need to update the processes and policies of the Foundation board and committees so that our responsibilities are carried out smoothly,

correctly and clearly communicated. We also need more focus on the foundation to best utilize our efforts and find ways to fully endow all scholarships.

4. Assist in making our committees stronger and utilize their expertise in press releases, position statements, white papers, etc.

5. Position AAAP to be more pro-active rather than re-active when it comes to position statements and white papers that are important to our industry. This will take active commitment and work from our committees. AAAP is looking into the possibility of having press releases to communicate our position statements and information to the public as well as poultry veterinarians and scientists.

6. Give members exposure and chances to participate in the legislative process and issues that affect the poultry industry. Continue to work with AVMA on important legislative issues. Keep members aware of ongoing issues that are pertinent to our industry.

7. Define AAAP's role as it relates to backyard chickens and the veterinarians who treat them.

Membership Update

The 2016 AAAP membership renewal period is taking place so please be sure to renew your membership. 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.

The retirement of both of the top executives in AVMA, Ron DeHaven and Elizabeth Curry-Galvin will undoubtedly result in some changes in the structure of the staffing at AVMA but we were assured that it will be a fairly seamless process to our organizations and will not result in AVMA losing focus for food animal veterinary medicine.

AAAP Hall of Honor

The AAAP is gearing up for its annual convention in San Antonio, Texas August 6-9, 2016. In addition to the many scientific presentations and posters, we have an exciting new addition to this year's convention and awards banquet. 2016 will be the inaugural year for the AAAP Hall of Honor. The American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) grants this honor to a member in recognition of distinguished contributions to poultry

health or to the AAAP. We will have 27 very deserving members who are part of this first class and they will be recognized at our Annual Awards banquet in San Antonio.

AAAP Foundation

Our AAAP Foundation has received some very generous donations this past year for student scholarships. Merck Animal Health and Elanco Animal Health will both sponsor scholarships in 2016-2017. Dr. Fred Hoerr, our AAAP Foundation president, is forming a new Development Committee whose job will be help raise funds for the Foundation and also help steer and lead the Foundation with respect to future giving projects. Let us know if you are interested in helping!

AAAP Position Statements and White Papers

Our Animal Welfare and Drugs and Therapeutics committees are working hard to update AAAP position statements. The updated versions will be posted on the AAAP website after approval by the Board of Directors. We also completed two white papers for members review and reference on topics including "Poultry Welfare and Careful Use of Antibiotics" and "Judicious Use of Drugs Fed to Poultry and the Risks to Human Health".

[Click here to view all AAAP position statements and white papers or go to: aaap.info/position-statements](http://aaap.info/position-statements)

AAAP Washington DC Fly-In to AVMA Governmental Relations Division

AAAP had 7 members visit the AVMA Governmental Relations Division office in Washington DC the week of April 18, 2016. This fly-in focused on AAAP needs and interests in relation to current legislation, government agency issues and stakeholder group issues. There were also visits to the hill to discuss issues with congressional and senatorial offices.

Food Animal Veterinarians and AVMA

The AVMA's three Food Animal Veterinary Allied organizations--the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the AAAP--meet twice a year with the AVMA Executive VP, Dr. Ron DeHaven and his senior staff. This group discusses the issues of greatest

concern for food animal veterinary medicine. This is the second year that we have made the effort to meet in Schaumburg and the result has been extremely positive. Notably, it has led the AVMA to hire a food animal veterinarian to be on staff to review positions and policies of the AVMA from a food animal perspective. Secondly, it has kept AVMA very focused on many of the regulatory issues that are or will be impacting food animal agriculture and especially food animal veterinarians. We were all very pleased to see the AVMA recognize the need to have greater involvement at the national level with the human medical community on the antibiotic use and resistance issues.

Hopefully, there will be much more to tell you on this initiative once the AVMA board has had the opportunity to discuss a proposal from the three food animal groups.

Sincerely,



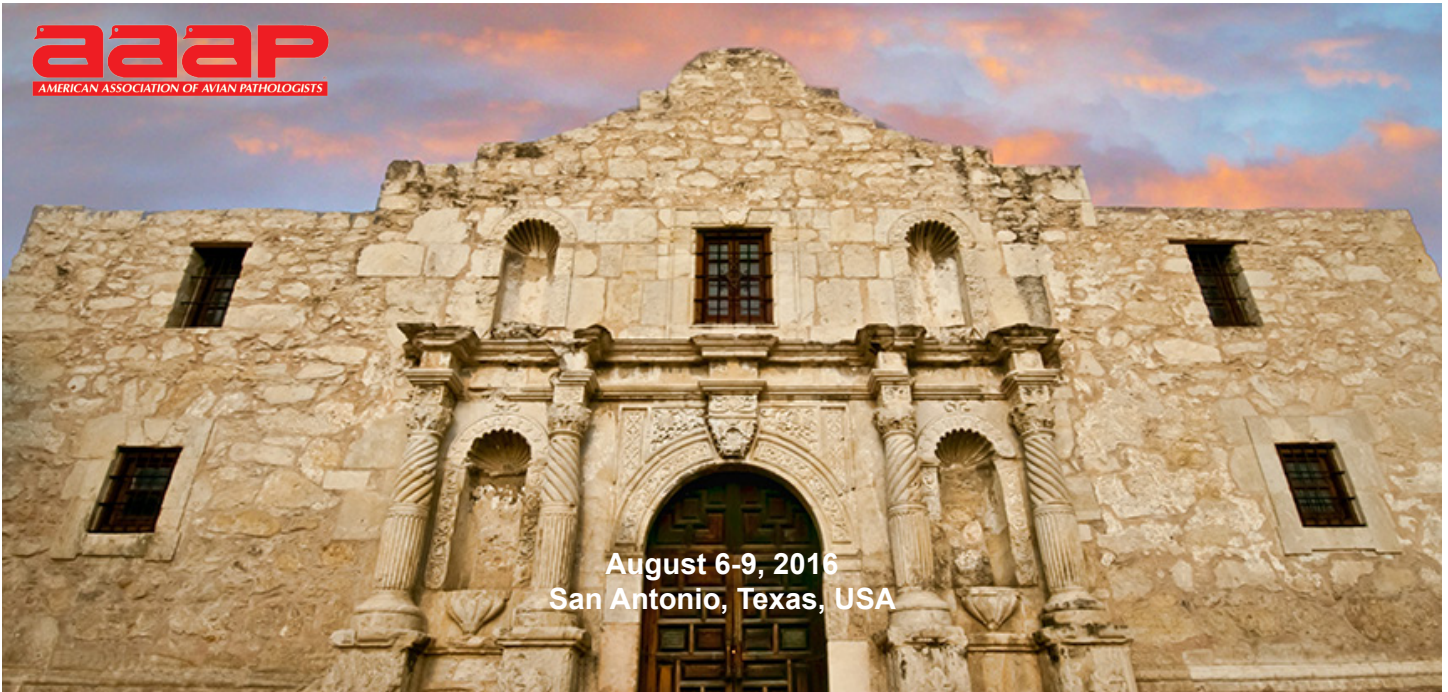
Suzanne Dougherty

Announcing the New AAAP Foundation/ Elanco Memorial Scholarship 2016



The Elanco Memorial scholarships are intended to honor the memory of past Elanco poultry veterinarians and scientists by supporting learning opportunities for future generations. One undergraduate student will be awarded a \$2000 scholarship, while a \$3000 scholarship will be presented to a veterinary student interested in poultry medicine. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2016, and recipients will be notified by January 31, 2017. The AAAP Foundation and Elanco are proud to honor the memories of Dr. Samantha Pohl and Dr. Ben Schlegel with the establishment of these two scholarships.

Registration for 2016 AAAP Annual Meeting is Open



General Registration

General registration for AVMA is open for AAAP members. You can register at the [AVMA site](#). The VIP code for AAAP members is: 2016AAAP

Speaker Registration

Speaker registration is open. All presenters should have received an email with instructions for registration from AVMA. ***If you have not received this email please contact us immediately at aaap@aaap.info.***

The AAAP Designated Hotel is the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel which is 3 blocks from the convention center.

Poster Presentation Instructions

The poster boards will be horizontal with dimensions of eight feet wide by four feet tall. Each poster board will have two posters. Your presentation must not be larger than four feet by four feet. Push pins will be provided on-site to attach your poster to the board.

Poster Board Size: eight feet (2.43 m) long by four feet (1.22 m) tall.

Presentation Size: four feet (1.22m) long by four feet (1.22 m) tall.

Important Dates

4/29/16 - Deadline for advanced registration

5/30/16 - Deadline for speaker service center feedback (abstract updates and changes)

7/1/16 - Deadline for pre-convention registration

After 7/1/16 - Standard registration rates

New Members

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

Samantha Allen	Adebayo Sokale	Christopher Stephens	Weisheng Cao
Theodore Derksen	Felipe Navarro	Michel Bublot	Kathryn Mccullough
Channing Sebo	Lieze Rouffaer	Jose Chipollini	Catherine Avedoza
Amanda Craig	Shelby Harris	Richard Mcmillan	Randy Segars
Meng Li	Michael Babak	Melissa Yates	Marie-eve Brochu Morin
Andrew Bishop	Jolene Tourville	Mohamed Zaki	Ruth Sheppard
Richard French	David Ackerman	Brigetta Allen Hughes	Michael Foley
Jason Crawford	Maurice Raccoursier	Ashley Prochazka	Barbara Birtcil
Brianna Ford	Nadia Bergeron	Sara Hartsoe	Mark Mouw
Jianping Li	Ghislain Hebert	Rebecca Dickerson	Galya Fedderly
Isabelle Kallenberg	Marie Souvestre	Manuela Crispo	Bethany Richards
Corrado Longoni	Youchan Bae	Hayley Crosby-durrani	Cody Branstad
Christopher Daniels	Corissa Steimling	Fernando Salgado-bierman	Kristin Killoran
Lorraine Fuller	Karen Segovia	Alexandria Holloway	Elizabeth Wheeler
William Shaw	Alexander Mclachlan	Corina Hines	Cecilia Lavigne
Kristin Mesires	Danielle Williams	Akhil Alsadwi	Rosalie Ierardi
Craig Kiebler	Robert Beckstead	Yi Tang	Madhuri Subbiah
Alfredo Condemarin	K Denise Apperson	Harshakumar Shetty	Travis Boatwright

AAAP Student Chapters

AAAP has recently begun the process of incorporating several student chapters. Student chapters of AAAP may be organized at schools or colleges of veterinary medicine under the direction of an advisor who is a member of AAAP. Student Chapters benefit students who are interested in becoming poultry veterinarians and students who are interested in learning more about poultry medicine or food safety related to poultry medicine. Poultry clubs or other qualified groups are encouraged to apply to the AAAP to become student chapters. To apply contact aaap@aaap.info

AAAP Booth at the 2016 SAVMA Symposium hosted by Iowa State University

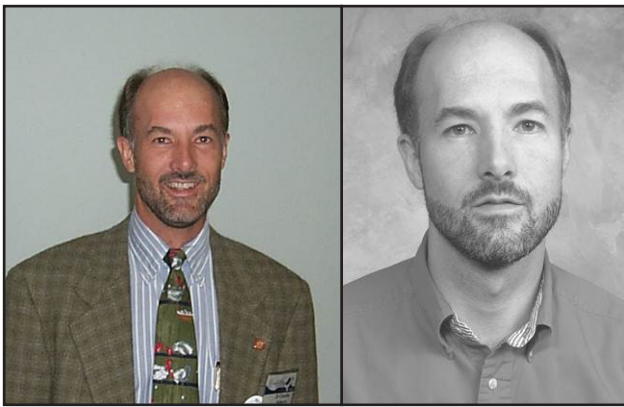
AAAP staffed a booth at the 2016 SAVMA (Student Veterinary Medical Association) Symposium on March 17-19. The booth attracted 12 new members and was a great success. Thank you to all who participated and to Yuko Sato for organizing the booth.



CHUCK HOFACRE AND THE AAAP

By Janece Bevans-Kerr

Chuck Hofacre was in veterinary school at the Ohio State University in 1984 when a couple of his professors began encouraging him to become a poultry veterinarian. John Donahoe and Glyde Marsh (Marsh, by the way, is still practicing poultry medicine in his nineties and was at the last SCAD meeting) also invited Chuck to join the AAAP. They recommended he attend some regional meetings and the annual meeting. There he would be able to get a solid idea about the field of poultry medicine. Chuck took their advice and also spent part of a summer working with Birch McMurray at the University of Georgia. That convinced him that poultry medicine was for him, and soon he was enrolled at UGA in the MAM program and where he later would receive his Ph.D.



Birch McMurray and Mo Saif are the reason Chuck became active in the AAAP. It is common for members of their generation to take younger members “under their wing” (no poultry pun intended.) Dr. McMurray, who was on the AAAP Board of Directors at the time, invited Chuck to go to a meeting. AAAP Board of Directors meetings are and have always been open, and members are encouraged to attend. Not only was Chuck present, but when Dr. Saif saw Chuck sitting in one of the chairs that lined the wall, he asked him to sit at the table with the Board to be part of the discussion.

Chuck found membership in AAAP to be invaluable in his early career. It was in AAAP that he met many other members in the industry who he could contact if he had questions. The journal was important for his research as was the science at the regional and annual meetings. Some of his most valuable discussions happened in the hallways and breaks at the annual meeting.

Fast forward to 2003. Bob Eckroade was stepping down as the AAAP Secretary-Treasurer after 25 years, and the association was looking for a new CEO and new home. Chuck had held ten leadership positions in AAAP and ACPV in the last twenty years and was just concluding as AAAP’s Past President. Chuck applied, got the job, and the AAAP office moved from the University of Pennsylvania to the University of Georgia. Sue Clanton and eventually Jack and Eric Clanton, worked with Chuck to run the association.

A change in location was only the beginning of the changes in store for AAAP. New technologies were changing the way to communicate and conduct business. The AAAP website was expanded to allow for transactions. Now members could get news, use the directory, pay their dues and buy educational materials online. Many of the AAAP awards had funds invested in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) which were no longer available at attractive interest rates. Chuck began to explore other investment options and Bob O’Connor introduced him to his friend, Tim Harrington, of Marin Financial Group. With Tim’s help, the Board invested the funds in a conservative mutual fund portfolio. The growth rate from 2005 to 2015 has been 3.41%—much better than if the funds had remained in CDs. Chuck and Sue also went through the lengthy process of trademarking the AAAP logo, an important process especially in light of the growing number of materials published by the Association.

In 2005, Chuck and the AAAP office with help from Bob Owen conducted a survey of the membership. At the time, AAAP was mainly an educational organization with the annual meeting and journal being its primary focus. Feedback from the survey, however, showed that members believed that AAAP needed to issue more policy statements, adopt a more active role in environmental and welfare issues and work more closely with the AVMA to broaden AAAP’s influence to a wider audience. Chuck began work to restructure AAAP committees to produce more effectively products such as white papers or position papers and provide better communication between committees and the Board of Directors. He also expanded AAAP’s relationship with the AVMA including meeting with the AVMA Government Relations Division in Washington D.C. Presently, AAAP has 15 members serving as the AAAP representative on AVMA committees; AAAP members participate in AVMA fly-ins to Washington D.C., and AAAP members are active participants in various AVMA student and young leader programs.

AAAP was growing—not only in members but also in services. It soon became apparent that the work of the organization was far more than could be managed on a part-time basis by a full-time professor. AAAP was not alone. Other similar professional organizations were finding the university setting model was no longer working for both the organization or the university. Chuck proposed to the Board of Directors that an outside management company be hired to run the day to day operations of AAAP. This caused much angst among some members. The AAAP office had been in a university setting for fifty years. Handing the organization over to non-veterinarians was a scary business. The AAAP Board of Directors, however, decided outside management was the correct course to take and in 2008 BK Association Management was hired, and the AAAP office moved to Jacksonville, FL. Chuck worked diligently with Bob and Janece Bevans-Kerr to familiarize them with every aspect of the organization. He not only explained what but took pains to explain why and give background information. He made an effort to make them feel part of AAAP. With the hiring of a management company, the job of Secretary-Treasurer (now Executive Vice-President) has become a manageable proposition and will ensure that qualified and talented members will consider this vital position. This is Chuck's legacy to future ExVPs. It is not an exaggeration to say that Chuck has devoted many thousands of hours managing AAAP. For his first several years managing the association until the management company was fully transitioned, it was a full-time job on top of his full-time job.

There have only been 5 CEOs (Secretary-Treasurers) of AAAP since its inception: Morris Cover 1958-1961, Glenn Snoeyenbos 1961-1970, Charles Hall 1970-1982, Robert Eckroade 1982-2003 and Charles Hofacre 2003-2016. The Hofacre era will end this August. He will be passing the helm to Suzanne Dougherty, who will officially take over at the AAAP Annual Business Meeting, August 7, 2016. Chuck won't disappear however, and we expect to see him at AAAP annual meetings until he is Glyde Marsh's age. When asked what he sees as future issues for AAAP and/or poultry medicine professionals in the near future, he responded that we are probably going to see a need for more poultry vet training programs; We are going to need funding for research; It would be wonderful to see the AAAP Foundation grow to provide scholarships for veterinarians in online programs or fund another MAM or NC State resident or pool money for research. USADA money is drying up, and US Poultry and Egg funds are limited; It has been good to see AAAP and ACPV come together in a closer relationship, and a great thing to see the future for both organizations is

looking good; AAAP needs to think about how it is going to replace the baby boomer generation. We should not be waiting for the next generation to join but be actively recruiting. "The same is true for them as when I joined AAAP—Unless you plan on being a poultry veterinarian or poultry health researcher all by yourself, you need to be part of AAAP. All the contacts you need for the rest of your career are here."



Charles Hofacre
AAAP Awards and AAAP/ACPV/AVMA Positions

Reed Rumsey Award-1987
Awards Committee-1990-1994
Board of Governors, ACPV-1994-1998
Food Safety and Diseases of Public Health Significance Committee, chair-1995-1999
President ACPV-1996-1997
Exam Committee Chair, ACPV-1996-1998
AAAP Auditing Committee, Chair-1997-2003
Symposium Chair, International Symposium on Food-borne Salmonella-1998
Program Chair, ACPV Workshop, Managing Rapid Growth-1999
AAAP Board of Directors-1999-2001
AVMA Food Safety Committee-1995-2001
AAAP President-Elect/President/Past President-2000-2002
AAAP Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Vice President-2003-2016
AVMA Legislative Advisory Committee-2004-2009
Special Service Award-2008
Lasher-Bottorff Award-2014
Alternate Representative AVMA Food Safety Advisory Committee-2010-2016
AVMA Steering Committee on Antimicrobial Use in Food Animals-2011-present

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

Other Meetings of Interest

North Central Avian Disease Conference

The meeting was held in conjunction with the 2016 Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF) and featured a topic-rich agenda of various scientific presentations. It was held on March 15-17, 2016 at the Saint Paul River Centre, St. Paul, Minnesota. To find out more about the MPF, visit their website www.midwestpoultry.com.

66th Western Poultry Disease Conference

The 66th Western Poultry Disease Conference (WPDC) will be held March 19-22, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, CA, United States.



Pictured left to right: Bob Bevans-Kerr, Rich Chin, and Dan Domingo
at 65th WPDC conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada

Southern Conference on Avian Diseases

The meeting was held together with Southern Poultry Science Society at the International Scientific Forum in Atlanta GA, January 25-26, 2016. Information is available at: <http://www.ippexpo.org/ipsf/>

3rd International Symposium on Parasite Infections in Poultry

The meeting will be held at the University of Veterinary Medicine, in Austria Vienna on July 1-2, 2016. The full program can be found here: [International Symposium on Parasite Infections in Poultry](http://InternationalSymposiumonParasiteInfectionsinPoultry)

CAST planned publications for 2016 Bob Evans, AAAP Representative to CAST

- Why Does Bee Health Matter? The Science Surrounding Honey Bee Health Concerns and What We Can Do About It (Commentary) New VFD requirements will have a tremendous impact on bee keepers as few have an established veterinary interaction. I don't even remember a section of insect medicine other than how to kill em. Antibiotics are used to treat some diseases and there is currently concern that no work around is available.
- A Life-cycle Approach to Low-invasion Potential Bioenergy Production (Commentary)
- Ag Innovation Series. Technologies on the Shelf—A Series Keynote Paper (Issue Paper) This series specifically discusses the needs toward feeding the world in 2050. Balancing agricultural needs, technology and consumer concerns must be considered as we press toward the 9 billion population mark.
- Impact of Free-range Poultry Production Systems on Animal Health, Human Health, Productivity, Environment, Food Safety, and Animal Welfare Issues (Issue Paper) We still are looking for funding. With the current AI concerns this paper has tremendous potential to broaden this discussion and lay essential ground work for legislatures to refer to.
- Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Health Benefits and Dietary Recommendations (Special Publication)
- Plant Breeding and Genetics (Issue Paper)
- Protecting Food Animal Gene Pools for Future Generations (Issue Paper) A significant concern about the genetic diversity in several species of plants and animals including poultry needs to be vetted so that research dollars are directed toward gene banking.
- Recruiting and Educating Graduate Students to Become Researchers and Leaders in Global Agricultural Sciences (Issue Paper) Nuff said.
- Scientific, Ethical, and Economic Aspects of Farm Animal Well-being (Task Force Report) This paper is woefully behind schedule but the content is very strong. The authors have dug into some difficult topics to uncover the true impacts of animal well-being without making judgment. This will be a key resource for legislation, public discussion and academic debate. We need to consider assisting in funding this paper as it has significant impact on our business.

New Perspectives on Wellness

By Andrea Zedek

What does “veterinary wellness” mean to you? Does your mind immediately go to the wellness of an animal and the way you would care for it? Probably. But, what if we shift our perspective from the wellness of our animals to the wellness of ourselves? Data suggests we should. A recent study published in JAVMA found that, in comparison to the general population, “US Veterinarians have a higher prevalence of depression and suicidal ideation and perceive greater stigma for mental illness. Additionally, veterinarians frequently experience health-threatening stress related to the demands of practicing veterinary medicine.” (JAVMA 2015; 247;945-955).

Due to these alarming trends, veterinary organizations, including the AVMA and the AAAP, have begun to look at ways to help veterinarians improve their levels of wellness. The AVMA presented the Future Leader Class of 2014-2015 with this problem and challenged them to find ways to help. The Future Leaders created a website (www.avma.org/wellness) with resources and tools for veterinarians, which they presented during a half day Symposium at the 2015 AVMA Convention in Boston.

Realizing that wellness is a team effort, the AVMA then tasked the Future Leader’s class of 2015-2016 with creating a program that would encourage “implementation of wellness in the veterinary workplace.” That program is currently in beta testing and will be released at the AVMA Convention this year in San Antonio, along with a Symposium, on Sunday, August 7th from 9:00am-12:00pm. It will also be available on the AVMA website after the Convention.

In addition, a few weeks ago, the AVMA invited members of veterinary associations, universities, and industry to a Wellness Roundtable in Schaumburg, IL to discuss wellness topics. Discussion centered around major causes of wellness issues among veterinarians, strategies to promote wellness, barriers to implementation of wellness programs and strategies to overcome these barriers. I attended this meeting on behalf of AAAP, and I will be sharing some of the outcomes during a presentation at the AAAP meeting in August (currently scheduled for Tuesday afternoon 8/9). I will also be highlighting some simple tools that participants can easily utilize to increase wellness and decrease stress.

You will be hearing more about wellness from the AAAP in the future. It will be tempting to ignore these communications or brush them off as well-meaning, but unnecessary, for us as poultry veterinarians. However, we use data every day to guide our medical decisions, and

now is not the time to ignore the numbers. Veterinarians are in the business of wellness; let’s start focusing on ours.

Obituaries

Edwin M. Odor

Dr. Odor (Auburn ’67), 74, Tavares, Florida, died Aug. 21, 2015. Following graduation, he practiced mixed animal medicine in Richmond, Kentucky, for 12 years. Dr. Odor later directed the Poultry Diagnostic Center at the University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources’ Lasher Laboratory for 20 years and served as Delaware state veterinarian. He was a diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. Dr. Odor’s wife, Dora; two sons and a daughter; and three grandchildren survive him.

Robert W. Keirs

We remember Dr. Robert W. Keirs who passed away, November 23, 2015. Dr. Keirs was a retired member of AAAP and a member of the Hall of Fame for the Mississippi Poultry Association. You can see a video of Dr. Keirs produced by WattAgNet in 2009 [here](#).

Charles F. Hall

Dr. Charles Franklin Hall, 92, of Bryan, TX died on November 11, 2015. He was born in Shanghai, China, on November 24, 1922, and was the fourth son of YMCA missionaries, Lawrence and Margaret Hall. Charles spent his entire professional career teaching and doing research and diagnostic work at the University of Arkansas, Michigan State University, and Texas A&M University. At each of the universities he received distinguished awards in teaching. He retired with the rank of Professor Emeritus from Texas A&M in 1984. He is survived by a son Thomas Hall and wife Sophie, of Hoyt Lakes, Mn; three grandchildren Brian Hall, Randy Hall and Rebecca Stein and husband Jason of Hays, Kansas, and five great-grandchildren.

Eric Lovell

Dr. Eric J. Lovell, 49, was born in Morgan City, LA on July 7, 1966 and has resided in Pensacola for 19 years. Dr. Eric graduated from LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in 1991 and went on to obtain his Masters in Avian Medicine from the University of Georgia. He traveled the world while working for Maine Biological Laboratories, before settling in Pensacola and purchasing Spanish Trail Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Eric passed away unexpectedly on December 16, 2015. He leaves behind his loving wife, Dr. Kim G. Lovell and his beautiful children, Zachary and Kaylee.

AAAP Media Coverage

Press Release

AAAP has partnered with Joseph Feeks of PR Works (prworks.net) to help AAAP with official AAAP press releases. Joseph offered his service pro bono, understanding that AAAP is a volunteer organization with limited funds. As Joseph pointed out, AAAP gets very little press coverage and he would like to help us to better position our position papers and items of news worthy content. Below are some examples of press releases that have been picked up by news outlets as a result of Joseph's work on our behalf. The AAAP Board is grateful for Joseph's support and efforts on behalf of AAAP.

Right to Treat Sick Poultry with Antibiotics (2/19/16)

Welfare Should not be Sacrificed for Marketing (4/21/16)

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AAAP Members Attend Fly-in to DC



Pictured left to right: Nathaniel Tablante, James Barton, Suzanne Dougherty, Karen Grogan, Robert Porter, and Rosemary Marusak

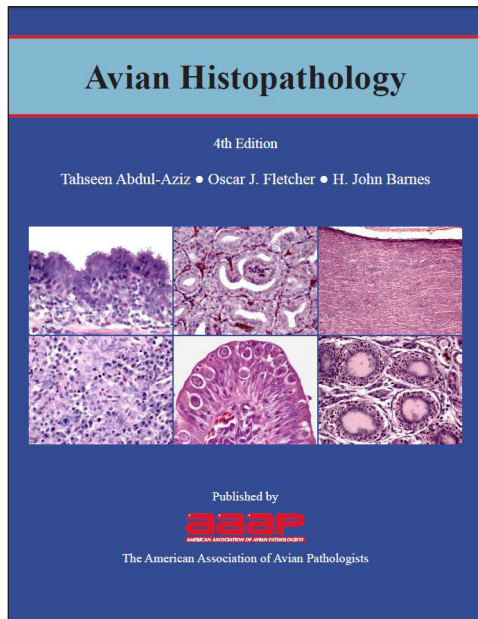
A group of seven AAAP members attended a fly-in to Washington DC April 20-21st. The AVMA Governmental relations office hosted them and set up meetings for them to talk with USDA-Aphis, USDA-FSIS, FDA-CVM, National Chicken council and National Turkey Federation. They also visited their congressman's offices to discuss AVMA and poultry issues. Great visit for poultry advocacy. If you have a interest in legislative activities join the AAAP LAC committee. They will be meeting this year at convention in San Antonio on Saturday August 6th at 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Conference room 10 or contact Suzanne Dougherty.



New AAAP Publications

Avian Histopathology

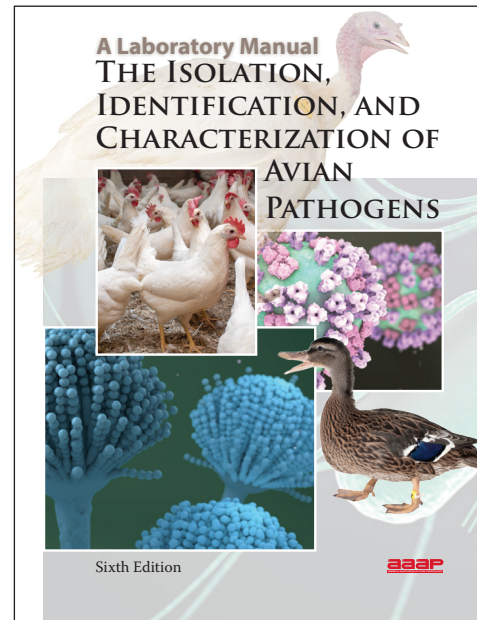
The 4th edition of the *Avian Histopathology* will be available for purchase in June 2016. The new edition has about 650 pages that include 2005 colored pictures. Several chapters in this edition have been revised by incorporating new information and adding new images. As in previous editions, the book maintains the organization of chapters by organ systems, which provides a systemic approach to avian histopathology. Lesions associated with specific diseases and conditions in different organs and tissues are described. It will sell for \$185 and can be shipped worldwide. It will be available as an ebook or hard copy.



The AAAP would like to thank the authors Tahseen Abdul-Aziz, Oscar J. Fletcher, H. John Barnes for all their work in publishing this book. Without their hard work and dedication we could never make this happen.

Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens

The 6th edition of Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens will also be available for purchase in June 2016. This new edition has 172 new pages of content. It will be available for \$75 worldwide. It will be available as an ebook or hard copy.



Many thanks to Editor in Chief Susan M. Williams and editors Louise Dufour-Zavala, Mark W. Jackwood, Margie D. Lee, Blanca Lupiani, Willie M. Reed, Erica Spackman, and Peter R. Woolcock for their work in publishing this book. AAAP owes a great debt to these and the many dedicated members who volunteer their time to create publications that benefit the profession.

Announcing the 2016

AAAP Student Awards



2016 Reed Rumsey –Clinical Research

Silvia Carnaccini- University of California, Davis, Turlock branch

Abstract focus: Study on the Prevalence and Association of Novel *Mycoplasma* spp. with Reproductive Disease in Commercial Goose Breeders.

2016 Reed Rumsey – Basic Research

Hyesun Jang- The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Abstract focus: Correlation Between Interferon Response and Protective Efficacy of NS1-Truncated Mutants as Influenza Vaccine Candidates in Chickens.

2016 Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper

Nik Faiz- North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Abstract focus: Evaluation of Viral and Host Mechanisms Involved in Permanent Marek'S Disease Virus Induced Immunosuppression

2016 Schwartz Travel Award

Maria Arendt – University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine

2016 Schwartz Travel Award

Brandon Armwood – North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Announcing the 2016 AAAP Foundation Scholarship Winners

2016 AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarship Winners

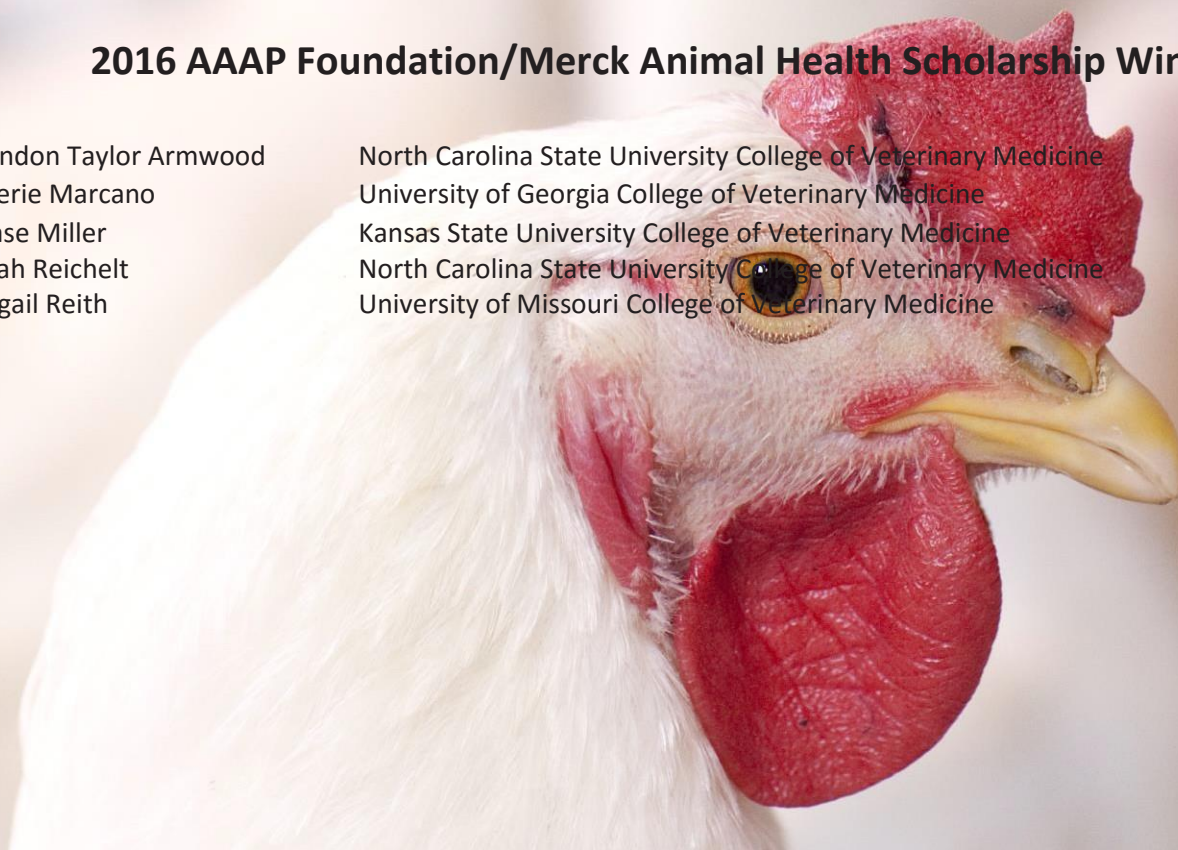
Maria K. Arendt	University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine
Randi Clark	Mississippi State University School of Veterinary Medicine
Trevor Lee	Auburn University
Lauren McEllen	Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
Lucas Nickel	University of Saskatchewan Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Eric Shepherd	University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine
K. Denise Apperson	Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine

2016 Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Scholarship Winners

Andy Bishop	University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine
Corine Giroux	Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
Jessica Hockaday	Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine
Jonathan Durmin	University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine
Joshua Packer	Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Julia Krout	University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine
Laura Tensa	Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Lauren McEllen	Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
Rebecca Remeika	Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
Tamara Loeffler	Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine
Vaques Hines	Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine

2016 AAAP Foundation/Merck Animal Health Scholarship Winners

Brandon Taylor Armwood	North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Valerie Marcano	University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine
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Future Convention Cities

2017	July 21-25	Indianapolis, IN
2018	July 13-17	Denver, CO
2019	July 19-23	Washington, D.C.
2020	July 30-August 4	San Diego, CA



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