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Join us for the **2024 AAAP Annual Meeting!**

Register

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The meeting will be held in exciting St. Louis, MO from July 9th - 11th at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel.

Early Bird Registration Rates*

Member: \$425.00

Non-Member: \$550.00

Retired Member: \$200.00

Student Member: \$75.00

Early Bird Deadline: May 11, 2024

**Speakers who submitted an abstract and are accepted into the program will receive a discount that will waive the registration fee. Please wait to register until after you have received this code.*

Read more about the meeting location, hotel reservations, the event schedule and sponsorship by visiting the [Annual Meeting website](#).

Hotel Information

Hotel reservations in the AAAP room block for the 2024 annual meeting are now available!

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St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton
St Louis, Missouri, 63103
1820 Market St.

If you are not a government employee, click the first link below to make your reservation under the standard room rate (\$185/night). If you are a government employee, click the second link below for the government room rate (\$150/night).

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Welcome and Update on AAAP from Deirdre Johnson, AAAP President



Dr. Deirdre Johnson,
AAAP President

Dear AAAP Membership,

Welcome Spring! Just like with many things in our lives, AAAP has a seasonality to its operations. Currently, preparations for our AAAP Annual meeting in Saint Louis, MO are underway. Our AAAP business office as well as

shown in our Symposium Schedule under the Annual Meeting tab on our website, www.aaap.info.

In late November, the AAAP Board of Directors met to discuss our 5-year strategic plan. An independent, professional facilitator led this 2-Day meeting to review our vision and mission, plus define our current strengths and opportunities, all of which pulled from the AAAP membership survey results. Some of the key AAAP strengths include networking forums, outreach to allied organizations, continuing education, and literature availability. The identified areas of opportunity were technological gaps, office communication, committee structure and expectations, and publication review time. The Board of Directors, Business Office, and all other AAAP leadership positions take this feedback from our membership very seriously. We recognize the importance to hear this feedback for the improvement of our organization. Through our current efforts and internal changes, we are underway to lead AAAP in a direction that reflects the balanced needs of our membership. The progression will be communicated in a variety of manners, including this Spring Newsletter. Attendance at our annual AAAP Business Meeting from 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM on Thursday July 11th is also strongly encouraged to listen to our updates firsthand.

Many of our AAAP committees are hard at work preparing for our annual meeting. Last year's Top Performing committee, the Program Advisory Committee, is no exception. The chair, Dr. Natalie Armour Manginsay and her co-chairs, Drs. Tak Niino and Darrell Kapczynski, have a committee charge to "organize and present the AAAP Scientific Program at our annual meeting". It takes significant preparation, review, and execution to accomplish this charge. This committee has requested and been approved to expand their committee structure to 6 AAAP members to assist in this important annual role. This is just one example of the evolution of our committees to accommodate the growth and needs of our organization.

Most of our other AAAP committees also perform their annual roles prior to our annual meeting. The Committee Review Committee (CRC), led by Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown, meets in the Spring with chairs and co-chairs to evaluate that year's accomplishments. It is also a meeting to provide support from the Board of Directors, review the committee resources, and recruit for future AAAP symposiums. At the completion of the committee meetings, the CRC selects the

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Enteric Disease Committee, chaired by Dr. Maria Terra-Long, and the Therapeutics, Biologics, and Bioprotection Committee, chaired by Dr. Randy Singer. These committees have composed an excellent agenda to describe the interface of gut health and its currently available remedies, which concludes with U.S. industry veterinarian input.

I mentioned in the Fall newsletter the importance of AAAP's relationship with our American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Under Member Services on our website, the AAAP Business Office created a link to "Join the AVMA". Here, you will find our "Top 11 Reasons to be in the AVMA", explanations as to our obligation to maintain AVMA status, and information on the House of Delegates (HOD), Councils, Committees, Panels, and Trusts. On this page, you will also find a list of AAAP members that volunteer for these important AVMA groups. When possible, please thank our AAAP members that volunteer for both AAAP and AVMA groups. Like I mentioned in the Fall Newsletter, the AAAP and AVMA committees are at the heart of our organizations. They are led by AAAP members who are volunteering outside of their regular "day job" to make many of the inner workings of our organization possible.

I'm very grateful and honored to serve as your President this year. Thank you all for your dedication to AAAP. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting in Saint Louis, MO. It is always wonderful to share in the collegiality and discuss our mutual passion for poultry health.

Best Regards,
Deirdre I. Johnson
AAAP President 2023-24

**2024 AAAP Program, Natalie Armour Manginsay,
Program Advisory Committee Chair**

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Natalie Armour Manginsay, BVSc, MAM, PhD, dACPV Chair,
AAAP Program Advisory Committee

Dear AAAP Membership,

The Program Advisory Committee is excited to present our first ever hybrid scientific program at this year's AAAP Annual Meeting, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from July 9th through 11th. In response to AAAP membership requests, other unique features of the meeting this year are that it will be a day shorter than previous meetings and will be held mid-week rather than over a weekend.

The scientific program is comprised of 285 presentations, with 104 in-person oral, 141 in-person poster and 40 prerecorded oral presentations, highlighting the latest poultry health and management research and field experiences from a diversity of presenters and experts. Presentations are arranged in sixteen sessions, incorporating topics on viral, bacterial and parasitic diseases, enteric health, diagnostics, epidemiology, vaccinology, case reports, and others.

Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Marc de Beer, will kick off the scientific program on Tuesday, July 9th, with his presentation entitled "Future Perspectives for the Global Poultry Industry". As President of Aviagen North America, Dr. de Beer is well positioned to address a "bird's-eye view" of focus areas for future growth of the poultry industry and emerging technologies that promise to transform poultry production, as well as future challenges that the industry should be prepared for.

Attendees can also look forward to other important components of the program not organized by the Program Advisory Committee, including the Symposium ("Maintaining Intestinal Health with Non-Antibiotic Compounds"), the History

(Jeff Winton).

I would personally like to thank the Program Committee for their tireless efforts in designing an exciting and informative program this year. Our committee reviewed and scored a total of 294 submitted abstracts, facing the added challenges of fewer in-person oral slots (due to the shorter meeting) and three possible presentation formats. Thankfully, our three-person core committee (Tak Niino, Darrell Kapczynski, and myself) was bolstered with an additional three associate members (Yuko Sato, Travis Schaal, and Joel Cline) this Spring, facilitating the work of the committee, and ensuring that each abstract was reviewed and scored by two committee members.

This will be my final year chairing the Program Advisory Committee. I have been honored to serve the AAAP in this role since 2022, and I know that the work of the committee will continue to advance under the leadership of the incoming Program Chair, Dr. Tak Niino. I want to thank the AAAP staff, leadership and membership for all your support. I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

Best regards,

Natalie Armour Manginsay, BVSc, MAM, PhD, dACPV
Chair, AAAP Program Advisory Committee

AAAP Scientific Program

The AAAP Scientific Program will have 3 days of in person presentations with 104 in-person oral, 141 in-person poster and 40 prerecorded oral presentations, highlighting the latest poultry health and management research and field experiences from a diversity of presenters and experts. You can view the program schedule by clicking the button below.

[See the Full Scientific Program](#)

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2024 AAAP Symposium: Maintaining Intestinal Health with Non-Antibiotic Compounds

Hosted by the Enteric Diseases Committee and the Therapeutics, Biologics and Bioprotection Committee

Chairs: Maria Terra-Long and Randall Singer

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

[See the Full Symposium Program](#)

AAAP Annual Meeting and Committee Schedule

Running from July 9-11, the 2024 AAAP Annual Meeting hosts numerous meetings and networking opportunities. View the full schedule by clicking the button below.

[See the Full Meeting Schedule Here](#)

2024 AAAP Women's Network Event

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

If You Think You Suck, You're Probably Wrong

Dr. Cherie Buisson, DVM, CHPV

Tuesday, July 9 at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

The AAAP Women's Network is looking forward to hosting a lunch talk with Dr. Cherie Buisson DVM, CHPV who will give a lecture about Imposter Syndrome

their happiness. Her talk at AAAP will give member's tips on how to combat Imposter Syndrome in order to be a confident professional. Impostor syndrome is characterized by persistent self-doubt despite evidence of one's ongoing accomplishments (Merriam Webster) and impacts high achieving and performing individuals.

This talk is a great opportunity for AAAP members of all backgrounds to learn about an important topic and gain an understanding of the struggles their colleagues and employees may face on a day-to-day basis.

Tickets will be \$20 for AAAP members and \$10 for students. Please reach out to us if the ticket cost represents a hardship for you, we want to ensure all who wish to attend are able to do so. Tickets can be purchased when you register for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered and would like to attend, please call or email the AAAP office. We hope to see you there!

2024 AAAP Annual Meeting Highlights

AAAP Keynote Speaker: *Future Perspectives for the Global Poultry Industry*

Dr. Marc de Beer

Tuesday, July 9 at 8:15 am to 9:00 am

Abstract Focus: *Re-evaluating the gold standard: evaluating environmental Salmonella surveillance sampling methodologies in commercial broiler live-production*

Emily Cason, University of Georgia - 2024 Phibro Avian Bioscience Travel Scholarship Winner

Tuesday, July 9 at 10:45 am to 11:00 am

Welcome Reception & Poster Session

Tuesday, July 9 at 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm

AAAP Poultry Professionals Networking Event

Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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live vaccine approaches for the control of Spotty Liver Disease (SLD) caused by Campylobacter hepaticus in layer hens

Roel Becerra, University of Georgia - 2024 Rimler Memorial Paper Award Winner

Thursday, July 11 at 8:15 am to 8:30 am

Reed Rumsey Clinical Research Award Winner: Protection of Broiler Chickens Against Necrotic Enteritis by Intrapulmonary Delivery of a Live Clostridium Perfringens Vaccine Employing Gut-Lung-Axis Concept

Hemlata Gautam, University of Saskatchewan - 2024 Reed Rumsey Award Winner

Thursday, July 11 at 8:45 am to 9:00 am

AAAP Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture: The History of Avian Reovirus

Dr. Holly Sellers

Thursday, July 11 at 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Business Meeting

Thursday, July 11 at 10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Reed Rumsey Basic Research Award Winner: Analysis of the localized immune response in the bursa of Fabricius post infectious bursal disease virus challenge

Julia Blakey, USDA ARS SEPRL Endemic Unit - 2024 Reed Rumsey Award Winner

Thursday, July 11 at 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm

Awards Banquet (sponsored by Zoetis)

Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us in celebrating and recognizing the accomplishments of our AAAP members at our annual AAAP Awards Banquet on Thursday, July 11, at 6:00 PM. A reception will be held prior to the banquet at 5:30 PM in Foyer C.

Tickets for this event cost **\$30.00** and can be purchased as an item in the registration form. If you have already registered and would like to attend, please call or email the AAAP office.

Thank You to Supporters of the AAAP Foundation, Sara Throne, AAAP Foundation President



Sara Throne,
AAAP Foundation President

Thank you to everyone that has supported the AAAP Foundation through your generous personal and corporate gifts. I am pleased to tell you that the Foundation is in strong standing and in a position to continue to make awards and scholarship grants to allow our mission to continue.

Scholarship Committee Report

Kabel Robbins leads this committee. They reviewed 37 applications from undergraduate, veterinary and MS/PhD candidates. They awarded 12 veterinary students with scholarship sponsored by Merck (\$50K), Cobb (\$5K), and Elanco (\$3K). They awarded 12 \$1500 fully funded named AAAP scholarships to veterinary and MS/PhD students. This committee revised and streamlined the scholarship application this year and will make a few more changes based on their experiences along with aligning it with the preceptorship application.

Preceptorship Committee Report

Karen Grogan leads this committee. There are 10 applicants for the

recommendation to the Foundation to review the language of 'preceptorship' to avoid confusion and increase participation in this amazing opportunity.

Development Committee Report

Travis Schaal leads this committee which is charged with recruiting financial support to fully fund all awards. The committee plans on having a Raffle and Silent Auction for the 2024 annual meeting with the funds being designated for the Avian Bioscience Scholarship in order to fully fund this award. The Giving Eggstravaganza will continue and the board voted to provide two AAAP membership as giveaways during this fundraiser.

New Business

A few new items were brought before the board. The MAM Alumni association met and discussed renaming the second MAM Poultry Scholarship as there are currently two UGA Jack Tumlin MAM Alumni Poultry Scholarships. The 2nd MAM scholarship will be the UGA Glisson/Hofacre MAM Alumni Poultry Scholarship. Additionally the MAM alumni would like to start a fundraiser for fully funded Externship (previously preceptorship) Scholarship to be named the ID Russell Externship Award.

The MAHM alumni association would like to begin their fundraising to create a new poultry scholarship fund. These efforts will be led by Dr. Kathleen Long and the scholarship will be named at a later date.

Raffle to Support the AAAP Avian Biosciences Travel Scholarships

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 5 tickets for \$40. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards AAAP Avian Biosciences Travel Scholarships. Winners will be drawn at 1pm CST on July 10th. Winners will be announced at the awards banquet and will also be notified via email.

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Silent Auction to Support the AAAP Foundation Scholarships and Preceptorships

The AAAP is seeking donations for the 2024 Silent Auction. If you would like to be a silent auction contributor, please click the button below to submit the items that you would like to donate. We will ask for donors to have the items shipped within 2 weeks of the auction closing.

This year's silent auction will occur during the same days of the annual meeting, from July 9th - 11th. All money raised will go towards the AAAP Foundation Scholarships and Preceptorships. We hope to see many AAAP members participate in the auction!

[Donate Silent Auction Items Here](#)

2024 Rimler Memorial Paper Award

Roel Becerra, University of Georgia

Abstract Focus: *Spotty liver disease (SLD) caused by Campylobacter hepaticus*

2024 Reed Rumsey Award - Basic Research

Julia Blakey, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine

Abstract Focus: *Analysis of the localized immune response in the bursa of Fabricius post infectious bursal disease virus challenge*

2024 Reed Rumsey Award - Applied Research

Hemlata Gautam, University of Saskatchewan

Abstract Focus: *Protection of broiler chickens against necrotic enteritis by intrapulmonary delivery of a live Clostridium perfringens vaccine employing gut-lung-axis concept*

2024 Phibro Avian Bioscience Travel Scholarship

Emily Cason, University of Georgia

Abstract Focus: *Re-evaluating the gold standard: evaluating environmental Salmonella surveillance sampling methodologies in commercial broiler live-production*

AAAP Foundation Scholarship Awards

Endowed Poultry Scholarships**AAAP Past Presidents Poultry Scholarship**

Cole Crumpacker, University of Missouri

UGA Jack Tumlin MAM Poultry Scholarship

Luke Trimble, The Ohio State University

Angel Olvera, University of Georgia

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Qinyi Lu, University of California, Davis

G. Yan Ghazikhanian Poultry Scholarship

Gideon Ajibola, Purdue University

AAAP Women's Network/Boehringer - Ingelheim Foundation Poultry Scholarship

Miranda Carrisosa, Michigan State University

Frederic J. Hoerr Poultry Scholarship

Christian Rushing, Mississippi State University

R. W. Winterfield Poultry Scholarship

Jiddu Joseph, Mississippi State University

H. John Barnes Poultry Scholarship

Matthew Johnson, North Carolina State University

Sponsored Poultry Scholarships

AAAP Foundation Barger/Opengart Poultry Welfare Scholarship

Allison Weaver, North Carolina State University

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Mostafa Shelkamy, Iowa State University

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James Wilson, University of Georgia

Jennifer Irwin, NC State University

JeJuan Bryant, NC State University

Nikolas Faust, Texas A&M University

Alejandra Figueroa, Western University of Health Sciences

Dana Bubka, University of Pennsylvania

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Stephanie Benedict, Ross University
Cody Hanna, Louisiana State University

Cobb Poultry Scholarship

Caley Ellington, Iowa State University

Elanco Memorial Poultry Scholarships

Nathan Freeman, Purdue University
Naomi Boysen, Texas A&M University

Endowed Poultry Preceptorships

2024 Kenneth H. Eskelund Preceptorships

Sarah Carlisle, University of Georgia
Stephanie Benedict, Ross University

Sponsored Poultry Preceptorships

2024 Aviagen Preceptorships

Carley Rehr, Auburn University
Cierra Dunham, University of Georgia
Cody Hanna, Louisiana State University
James Wilson, University of Georgia

2024 Association of Veterinarians in Egg Production Preceptorship

John Soethout, Iowa State University

2024 Huvepharma Preceptorship

Nikolas Faust, Texas A&M University

2024 Alltech Preceptorship

Nathaniel Miller, University of Georgia

2024 Southern Poultry Research Group, Inc. Preceptorship

New AAAP Foundation Awards and Scholarships

The Huvepharma Excellence in Mentorship Award

The AAAP Foundation is pleased to announce that the AAAP Excellence in Mentorship Award has been fully funded, due to a significant donation made by Huvepharma to complete this award. The award will now be given each year in perpetuity as the **Huvepharma Excellence in Mentorship Award**, and will recognize AAAP members who demonstrate a passion for mentoring students and fellow colleagues. The Development Committee would like to thank Huvepharma for generously contributing to fund this award, as well as all of the AAAP members who have donated to this award since its inception in 2019.

The Outstanding Animal Welfare Presentation Award

In the spirit of promoting animal welfare presentations, the AAAP announces the **Outstanding Animal Welfare Presentation Award**. This new award, funded by the families of Drs. Kate Barger and Ken Opengart, will be awarded to the most outstanding animal welfare presentation during the annual American Association of Avian Pathologists meeting. Presentations should reflect original research that drives continuous improvement of poultry welfare outcomes and may include topics that enhance welfare understanding, highlight practical application of animal welfare principles and best practices, and/or evaluate innovative technology.

The Barger/Opengart Poultry Welfare Scholarship

The **Barger/Opengart Poultry Welfare Scholarship** is intended to recognize students with a demonstrated interest in studying and/or specializing in poultry welfare. Scholarship funds must be used to support student experiential learning opportunities that will further enhance knowledge and/or specialization in the field of poultry welfare. Funded by the families of Drs. Kate Barger and Ken Opengart, dedicated members of AAAP, this scholarship aims to encourage a career track in poultry welfare and facilitate student interest in welfare education and research. In addition to providing \$1500 to the selected student, the supporters of this scholarship will invite the student to share their

AAAP Foundation Guild Program

The AAAP Foundation Guild Program recognizes members who make valuable contributions to the Scholarship, Award, and Preceptorship Funds. Membership into the AAAP Foundation Guild is earned through cumulative donations to the AAAP Foundation. Donations can be made in small increments and are counted over the lifetime of the donor. Since its inception in 2018, over 100 AAAP members have joined the ranks of the Foundation Guilds, by making donations at the following levels:

Donor Guild - \$1,000

Gold Feather Guild - \$5,000

Platinum Guild - \$10,000

Diamond Guild - \$20,000

For more information on current AAAP Foundation Guild Members:

<https://aaap.memberclicks.net/aaap-foundation-guilds>

Donate to the AAAP Foundation

AAAP Foundation Donation

This past February, the AAAP Foundation was pleased to donate four copies of our publications: *Avian Disease Manual, 8th Edition*, *Gross Pathology of Avian Diseases*, *Isolation and Characterization of Avian Pathogens*, and *Avian Histopathology*, to the Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University of Bangladesh!



These books were a highlight of a workshop held at the university: *CPD Training for Academic Veterinarians on Animal Disease Progression and Their Diagnosis in the Laboratory and Field* by the Davis Thompson foundation and the Global Health Pathology Network.

AAAP News Update

AAAP Representation on AVMA

Did you know that the AAAP is a constituent allied veterinary organization of the AVMA? This means that the AAAP gets a seat on the house of delegates to advocate for poultry needs in the veterinary world. Dr. Kate Barger Weathers and Dr. Karen Grogan, the 2024 AAAP House of Delegates, are pictured here representing the poultry sector at their most recent AVMA house of delegates meeting.



In addition, AAAP has 17 members serving on 11 different AVMA committees and panels. We are proud that the poultry sector is represented in the following committees and panels: the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee, the Animal Welfare Committee, the Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee, the Committee on Antimicrobials, the Committee on Disaster and Emergency Issues, the Committee on Environmental Issues, the Convention Education Program Committee, the Food Safety Advisory Committee, the Legislative Advisory Committee, the Panel on Depopulation, and the Panel on Humane Slaughter.

AAAP's Involvements in the AVMA

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Publications

The AJVR has published two 2 poultry related articles for AAAP members. These articles are open access. Click the titles below to read the articles:

[Splenic gene expression of cytokines at multiple time points following lipopolysaccharide challenge in layers in: American Journal of Veterinary Research - Ahead of print \(\[avma.org\]\(http://avma.org\)\)](#)

[Inhibitor of P-glycoprotein-mediated drug transport by curcumin in broiler chickens in: American Journal of Veterinary Research - Ahead of print \(\[avma.org\]\(http://avma.org\)\)](#)

Look Out for Future AAAP Meetings

AAAP 67th Annual Meeting - Portland, Oregon

Hilton Portland Downtown, Portland, OR

July 28 - July 31, 2025

AAAP 68th Annual Meeting - To Be Determined

Summer of 2026

AAAP and Poultry Science Association Joint Meeting

AAAP 69th Annual Meeting - Fort Worth, Texas

Omni Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, TX

July 12 - July 15, 2027

2024 AAAP Election

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get your vote in by April 17! Here are the list of nominees:

President-Elect:

Jose Linares
Ivan Alvarado

Associate Director:

Wayne Collins
Brian Ladman

Director:

Bill Stanley
Isa Ehr
Daniel Maekawa
TJ Gaydos
Kabel Robbins
Rick Phillips

Student Director:

Nathan Miller
Cooper Stanley
Hayden Miller
Nikolas R Faust
Stephanie Benedict
Miranda Carrisosa

BioOne Ambassador Awards

Do not miss the 2024 BioOne Ambassador Awards Nominees. Now in its seventh year, the [BioOne Ambassador Awards](#) recognize early-career researchers who demonstrate creative approaches to communicating their specialized scientific research to the general public. By making scientific research more accessible to a wide audience, these researchers encourage greater scientific literacy and aid in the broader understanding of our natural world.

This year the AAAP has nominated 3 early career researchers.

[2024 BioOne Ambassador Award Nominee Research Collection](#)

These articles are in the free-to-read portion of the collection.

Roel Becerra

Protection Efficacy of Recombinant HVT-ND-LT and the Live Attenuated Tissue Culture Origin Vaccines Against Infectious Laryngotracheitis Virus When Administered Individually or in Combination.

Avian Diseases 67(2), 145-152

Irene Bueno

Avian Diseases 67(1), 20-32

Yu-Yang Tsai

Laser Capture Microdissection, Culture Analysis, and Bacterial Sequencing to Evaluate the Microbiota of Focal Duodenal Necrosis in Egg Layers.

Avian Diseases 67(2), 177-185

Upcoming AAAP Webinars

So far in 2024, we've hosted 3 fantastic webinars. In February, we got to hear from Dr. Maricarmen Garcia as she discussed the recent outbreaks of Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). At the beginning of March, we heard from Dr. Carnaccini as she discussed the overview of neoplastic diseases at PDRC. And at the end of March, we heard from Dr. David Halvorson and Dr. Steven Clark as they discussed the recent impacts and outbreaks of Avian Metapneumovirus (aMPV).

The AAAP office has been getting a lot of questions regarding the fees behind webinars and we wanted to clarify - webinars have a fee to cover the cost of applying for RACE certification, the cost of the work done to create and communicate the webinar, and the cost of the conferencing software. In addition, the webinars are another income source for AAAP. It's thanks to the support of our webinar participants that the AAAP is able to keep producing high quality and relevant webinars that can offer CE credit for its members.

Our upcoming "Avian Metapneumovirus Symposium Webinar 2024," will review the most recent and up-to-date information surrounding the current avian metapneumovirus outbreak in chickens and turkeys in the United States. Within this webinar broiler and turkey veterinarians will present on the field presentation and clinical findings of the disease, diagnostic and research laboratories will present on laboratory identification, sequencing, and virus isolation efforts, and histopathologists will present on specific lesions seen with infection of AMPV. There will be more webinars announced at a later date.

out the virtual education section of the AAAP website. Please click the button below to be directed to that webpage.

Virtual Education Webpage

AAAP Educational Materials

Did you know that AAAP has a plethora of educational materials available for sale? We have a wide range of resources ranging from textbooks, slide study sets, and webinars for CE credit.

To view our diverse selection, checkout the flyer by clicking the button below. On the flyer are links in the text and on the photos that will give you more information about how you can order or download copies of AAAP's educational materials for yourself!

Bookstore Flyer



The flyer features a dark background with orange and yellow geometric shapes. The AAAP logo is in the top left. The course title is in large white letters. A red box at the bottom left contains the registration fee. The right side lists authors, narrator, and reviewers in white text.

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- Dr. Roberta Dwyer, D.V.M.

Narrator:

- Mr. Mark Eclov

Reviewers of the course material:

- Dr. Hailey Quercia, D.V.M.
- Dr. Annika McKillop, D.V.M.
- Dr. Victoria Bowes, D.V.M.

Veterinarians in Private Practice. This online training course is designed to educate general-practice veterinarians about poultry issues in small and backyard poultry flocks. The course was made possible through collaboration between the University of Kentucky, Utah State University, and Michigan State University. Learn more and apply now!

Register for the Poultry Course

The Rich History of Avian Medicine and the AAAP

The History of Avian Medicine Committee maintains the history of Avian Medicine website, which you can find on the AAAP website by clicking on the column “About” and then click on “History” or go directly to <https://www.aaap.info/history>. The website has lots of information that may be of interest not only to our newer members, but also information for our more senior members.

For example: you can find information on the founding of the AAAP in 1957 with five articles describing the start and developments. Especially the article by Dr. Dick Witter will provide you with a detailed understanding how our Association has become the prime avian disease organization in the world.

If you are interested in the history of specific diseases, the development of organized avian medicine or the history of specific research institutes you can find information in the section “Historical Articles” with two sections. The first one “Historical articles published in **Avian Diseases**” has articles mainly based on historical lectures presented during the AAAP Annual meetings. These articles especially about diseases provide not only relevant information about the scientific history of a disease but also information on how the research developed and the role of the researchers. This type of information is seldom presented in scientific review articles.

A second type of documents can be found in “Historical Documents”, which currently has four articles including the history of the development of the poultry industry in Georgia. If you believe that you have material that may fit in this

The autobiography section has currently 64 entrees. You may want to check if your favorite researcher, professor or field veterinarian is in this list and learn more about him or her. If your favorite person is not mentioned, you may want to contact him or her and suggest to write an autobiography. If you are a more senior member of the AAAP consider writing your own autobiography. If you need help writing the autobiography or want a template, we are ready to assist you--you may actually find it a fun project!

We also started recently a new section on obituaries. If you know a colleague who passed away, please contact the History Committee, so that we can publish his or her obituary on the website after we receive the authorization from the family.

Finally, we plan to start a new section after the Annual Meeting, in which we will feature the cover pages of *Avian Diseases* featuring the photos of prominent researchers including the short description of the person. This will preserve the covers going back to volume 49 (2005).

As always, we love to get suggestions for front cover nominations, historical articles, etc. We hope that you may become interested in the history of the AAAP and avian disease research and join us during our zoom meeting on June 12.

Ton Schat
Chair of the History Committee

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The AAAP has 18 committees that are doing outstanding work for the poultry industry. You can read more about the different AAAP committees and interest groups on our website. You can join a committee or interest group today by clicking the button below.

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***Avian Diseases:* A Note from Editor Randy Singer**

Avian Diseases has a long and rich history. Originally founded in 1957 with Dr. P. P. Levine as its first editor, *Avian Diseases* quickly became a leading international peer-reviewed journal of research and case reports related to diseases of various avian species. Dr. Levine stated in the front matter of the first issue in 1957 that “We hope to publish a journal of high quality with its usefulness and scope not limited by any geographic or political boundaries.” I believe that over the subsequent 67 years we have succeeded in this endeavor. However, scientific publishing is changing rapidly, and to survive in this new environment, we must continue to adapt to the shifting landscape. One other point that Dr. Levine made in his 1957 introduction was “The only requirement is that this journal be self-sufficient.” Finding a way to remain self-sufficient, while simultaneously balancing the needs of the large and diverse AAAP membership and being an attractive journal in which top researchers will want to publish, is the key challenge that *Avian Diseases* faces in the near term. I welcome input from our entire membership as well as nonmembers who publish in *Avian Diseases*.

Some of the key challenges that we will be addressing during 2024 include the following:

Open Access

Most papers published in *Avian Diseases* reside behind our AAAP paywall, being freely available to members. We generate revenue from subscriptions, royalties, article purchases, and book dealers who sell institutional access. However, studies are showing that readership and journal impact might be improved if articles were open access, in which papers are freely available to everyone with the cost of publication borne by the authors. We will be examining options for *Avian Diseases* to find a model that works for us, but my hope is that we might transition to open access in 2025.

Speed of Review and Publication

There is concern that review times are too long. Time between submission and decision can affect an author’s choice of journal in which to publish. I firmly believe that we must maintain the scientific rigor of our peer-reviewed journal, which means that obtaining quality reviews from experts in the field can take

Scope

In 2014 the scope of *Avian Diseases* was narrowed to focus on poultry health. I would like to see our journal return to an expanded scope that includes more avian species. More importantly, though, I would like to encourage authors to submit papers on topics in which our membership is actively engaged but that are currently being submitted to other journals. For example, studies on foodborne pathogen interventions, which would definitely help many AAAP members, are often being submitted elsewhere. I will be focused on determining reasons why authors are choosing other journals for publication.

Artificial intelligence (AI)

We are already seeing examples in which authors are using AI to write papers as well as to generate images for their papers. There have been clear examples of papers being published with AI-influenced falsified or inaccurate data, and some of these have been retracted because of ethical concerns. Determining the role of AI in scientific writing will be a key priority for our editorial team.

In 2024 the journal will be entirely digital, representing a major change for readers of *Avian Diseases*. However, individuals can still choose to order a print copy of the entire issue, which is done via the [“Print on Demand”](#) feature on the *Avian Diseases* website.

It is truly an honor, and a deeply humbling experience, to take over as Editor-in-Chief of *Avian Diseases*, now entering volume 68. Dr. Mo Saif, whom I have known for most of my career, advanced the journal as Editor-in-Chief over a very successful 11-year span. He replaced Dr. Jagdev Sharma, with whom I overlapped when I first joined the University of Minnesota. As I look over the list and accomplishments of past editors of *Avian Diseases*, I can only hope that I am worthy of this responsibility and that I will make the AAAP membership proud of its journal. I know that I am surrounded by an incredible Editorial Board and Advisory Board, and with their help I am confident that we will navigate *Avian Diseases* successfully through these challenging times. My hope is that *Avian Diseases* will continue to provide a desirable and impactful means for exploring a broader scope of health and disease in diverse avian species and will continue to have a long-lasting impact worthy of Dr. Levine's initial vision.

AAAP Office Staff Changes

We are excited to welcome Lily Peterson and Lauren Willins as our newest staff members supporting AAAP and ACPV. Lily will be serving as the Assistant Executive Director of both the AAAP and the ACPV. Lily has a background in education and joins us with 4 years of leadership experience in her previous roles. Lauren will be serving as an Administrative Assistant for both the AAAP and ACPV. She comes with a background in journalism and has 4 years of experience working in marketing and social media.

We welcome both Lily and Lauren to the office, and we look forward to their contributions and positive impacts within both AAAP and ACPV. Lily joined us on January 1, 2024, and Lauren started on March 1, 2024. You may have seen many positive impacts already on the website and communications. We all look forward to exciting things ahead.

American College of Poultry Veterinarians (ACPV)

**ACPV in St Louis, Francene Van
Sambeek, ACPV President**



Francene Van Sambeek, DVM, MAM, Dipl. ACPV
ACPV President

Daffodils are nodding their heads; grape hyacinths sprinkle their purple flowerets throughout the lawn; spring is here! After a cold, snowy winter, pleasant breezes waft through the house windows and enjoying the world outside is done without a coat. I hope you take time to enjoy all the wonderful moments this world has to share.

As I noted in the fall newsletter, challenges to our industry continue to spring up everywhere. The vision of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians is to define and set the gold standard in the veterinary specialty of poultry health and well-being. The recent avian metapneumovirus isolations in various states continue to show why and how important veterinary oversight is to our bird's health is to the US industry. Avian influenza, infectious coryza and infectious laryngotracheitis breaks show that diseases that we thought we had under control will find the cracks in our biosecurity on our commercial farms, in our travels, and in interactions with our producers and rear their ugly heads. Consumer concerns that their food supplies are safe continually need to be appropriately addressed.

The ACPV mission statement "to establish standards and implement the specialty certification of veterinarians who attend to poultry health and well-being by oversight of training programs and credentials, preparation and administration of the certification exam, and support of continuing education for recertification, with accountability to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties" captures the fact that every diplomat proved by study, writing and testing, that they have "the scientific knowledge to enhance the health, well-being, and productivity of poultry to provide safe and abundant food for the world" that has never been more critical and truly defines our role in this industry. Antibiotic mandates from retailers and consumers are realities that

scientifically valid options available for our birds' health and welfare.

Internal challenges are being addressed as well. I want to wish Diana Kerr well on her new job opportunities and thank her for ALWAYS picking up the phone and helping me out in times of distress. She was always a comforting, helpful and knowledgeable resource. I look forward to working with Lily Peterson as she assumes more responsibilities in the ACPV and AAAP office. I hope you will join me in St. Louis to meet Lily and get to know her better.

Regarding our summer meeting in St. Louis, I want to thank the ACPV breakfast sponsors, Elanco Animal Health and Zoetis for agreeing to provide us a delicious start for our annual meeting. I am really looking forward to welcoming our newest diplomats to the college that morning (best part of the job) and visiting everyone at the meeting. Several emeritus applications are in the works, so recognizing those individuals for a lifetime of achievement in our poultry world will be a treat.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your ACPV President for 2023-2024, and I hope to see everyone in St. Louis this summer. Until July, I wish you an enjoyable spring/summer and please do not hesitate to contact anyone on your ACPV board if you have a need, concern or a complement.

Thanks!

Francene Van Sambeek, DVM, MAM, Dipl. ACPV

2024 ACPV Election Results

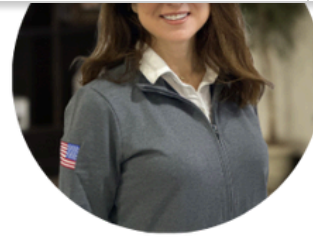
We are pleased to announce the results of this year's American College of Poultry Veterinarians election.

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ACPV Governor
Algis Martinez
(2024-2027)



ACPV Governor
Yuko Sato
(2024-2027)



ACPV President-Elect
Kelli Jones
(2024-2027)

Thank you to everyone who voted in this year's election and to all the candidates who participated.

2024 ACPV Workshop

Thank you to everyone who registered for the 2024 ACPV Workshop "Salmonella Outbreaks: Different Perspectives on Foodborne Pathogen Outbreaks." We know many of you are staying for the 2024 World Poultry Disease Conference (WPDC) also in Salt Lake City, and we look forward to hearing all about it when you return. Safe travels back to all of our ACPV Workshop and WPDC attendees!



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Starting on Friday, July 12th and ending on Sunday, July 14th, 2024

Early Registration: \$500.00

Late Registration (after May 15th): \$600.00

Registration for the meeting includes access to all presentations and discussion panels, proceedings of the symposium, lunches, the welcome and closing receptions and the banquet!

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The meeting will be held in the Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton, St. Louis, MO. Hotel reservations in the Marek's Symposium room block are now available! Click the link below to book your stay.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 15, 2024

[Make a Reservation in the Room Block](#)

Read more about the meeting details by visiting the [14th International Symposium on Marek's Disease and Herpesviruses Website](#).

MDAH Scientific Program

Keynote Speakers

The Intimate Relationship between Stress and Neurotropic Herpesviruses

Clinton Jones

Friday, July 12, 2024, 8:30 am to 9:15 am

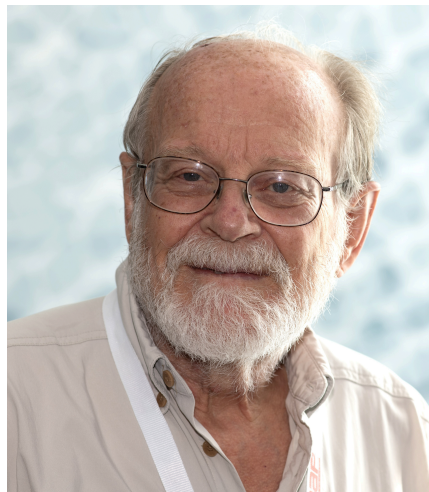
Lessons learned from autoimmune vitiligo in the Smyth chicken: insights into multifactorial disease and avian immune responses

Gisela F. Erf

Saturday, July 13, 2024, 8:30 am to 9:15 am

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Welcome to the 14th International Symposium on Marek's Disease and Avian Herpesviruses



Ton Schat,
Chair of the National Organizing Committee

In about three months we hope to welcome you to the 14th International

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Symposium). It has been six years since the 12th MDAH Symposium in China where we met in person. We are looking forward to renewing our friendships and meet a large group of new researchers. If you are planning to participate in the AAAP Annual meeting you may want to consider registering for the MDAH Symposium as well, which will follow directly after the end of the AAAP Meeting.

The fundraising committee chaired by Dr. Maricarmen Garcia has been very successful in raising the necessary funds to make this Symposium possible. A big thank you to our sponsors! In addition, the organizers have been successful in obtaining NIFA funding to help defray meeting costs for students and post-doctoral researchers and we encourage their attendance. The early registration fee of \$500 is available until May 15 and includes three breakfasts and lunches as well as the two dinners. The program committee chaired by Dr. John Dunn has put a very attractive program together which you can find at <https://aaap.memberclicks.net/14th-international-symposium-on-marek-s-disease-and-avian-herpesviruses>.

The Symposium would not have been possible without the approval by the Board of Directors of the AAAP and help given by the AAAP office staff. The staff has provided and will provide strong logistic support in all aspects of organizing the Symposium. Thank you, Bob and Nathan Bevans-Kerr and the various members of your staff.

In conclusion we hope to see many of you during the Symposium.

Ton Schat (Chair of the National Organizing Committee), John Dunn, Maricarmen Garcia and Mark Parcells.

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