

AAAP FALL NEWSLETTER

September 2003

Congratulations to the 2003 AAAP Award Winners

Carol Cardona - Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award

Gregg Cutler - Special Service Award

Keith W. Jarosinski - P.P. Levine Award

Daniel J. King - AAAP Achievement Award

Benjamin Lucio-Martinez - C.A. Bottorff Award

Myrna Miller - Reed Rumsey Student Award

Lenita Moura - Reed Rumsey Student Award

Andrea Sinclair - L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship

Deoki Tripathy - Phibro Animal Health Excellence in Poultry
Research Award

Elizabeth Turpin - Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper

Pedro Villegas - Special Service Award

Nobuko Wakamatsu - A.S. Rosenwald Poster Award



Special points of
interest:

- *Committee List*
- *Annual Report*
- *Business Meeting Minutes*
- *Award Nomination Forms*

**Awards Nomination
Deadline
December 1**



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MANY THANKS TO THE 2003 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE WVPA/AAAP/AVMA
ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER, COLORADO

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Hy-Line, Inc.
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Reflections on the XIII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association



The XIII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA) was held July 19-23, 2003 in Denver in conjunction with the annual meetings of the American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

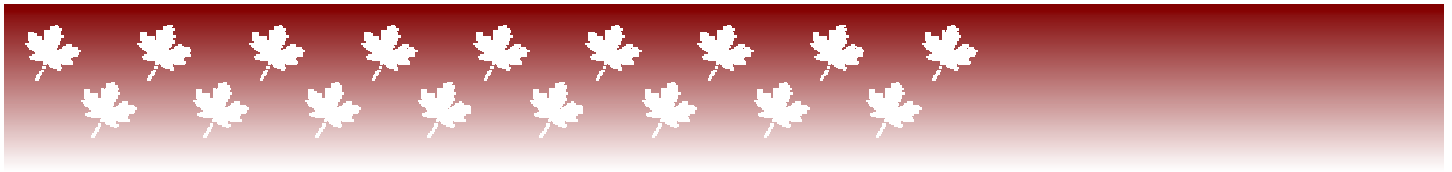
Total attendance was 877, including 178 spouses, children and guests. Participants represented 51 countries. Participants from countries other than the United States totaled 323. To assist prospective registrants with visa applications, The AAAP issued 215 official invitation letters to prospective participants in 24 countries.

The scientific program consisted of 403 total papers and posters (146 oral, 12 keynote, 2 special lectures, and 243 posters). The presenters represented 41 countries. Of the scheduled presentations, 227 (56%) were from countries other than the United States. A special effort was made to provide partial travel support to international presenters. 50 international presenters (including 22 AAAP members) received support from the Congress and 6 additional international presenters were supported by the Houghton Trust.

The keynote and special lectures were a highlight of the Congress. Vladimir Zelnik presented the Houghton Lecture. Peter Biggs presented the Lasher History Lecture. Twelve other keynote speakers provided lectures on topics important to the Congress and to contemporary poultry medicine.

Special events and a full social program rounded out the Congress. The opening ceremony featured remarks by Dr. Joe Howell, president of AVMA, Syed Naqi, president of AAAP, and Erhard Kaleta, president of WVPA. The closing ceremony featured remarks by Bruce Little, Executive Vice President of AVMA, David Little, Director of the Convention and Meeting Planning Division of AVMA, Beth Krushinskie, incoming President of AAAP, and others. Social events included a welcome reception and gala banquet, both held at the Adams Mark Hotel, and the closing event held at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Attendance at the social events was excellent (over 600 for the welcome reception, about 400 for the banquet and museum events).

The traditional AAAP Awards Banquet, held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, honored those receiving AAAP awards in front of a full house of about 300 persons. Special presentations recognized the long time service to AAAP of Robert Eckroade as Secretary and Business Manager, Kimberly Sprout as Assistant Business Manager, and Louis van der Heide as Editor of Avian Diseases.



Informal photos were taken throughout the meeting and displayed in almost real time. The best of these (more than 200) have been assembled on a CD, "Memories of Denver 2003" which is available for purchase from AAAP. Extra copies of the Program and Abstracts, which include extended abstracts of the keynote addresses, are also available.

The Congress was publicized in all 4 editions of the Convention Daily News, published by the AVMA. A synopsis of these articles was published in the September 1, 2003 issue of JAVMA.

The Congress expenses were within budget, thanks to generous donations and prudent management.

The organizing committee, consisting of Bruce Stewart-Brown, John Glisson, Carol Cardona, Chuck Hofacre, Sue Clanton, Bob Eckroade, Kim Sprout, Mo Saif, Cal Anthony, Lloyd Spencer, Aly Fadly and Dick Witter, along with many others, worked hard to insure the success of the Congress. The well-managed congress website was a key source of information for participants and presenters. Special thanks are due to the 27 donor companies and government organizations who underwrote the core activities, the AVMA who cooperated fully in the planning and provided significant speaker support as well as the excellent venue and other services, and the WVPA leadership. Finally, let me thank all the AAAP members who were good hosts and who, along with our WVPA colleagues, made this Congress an experience to remember.

Dick Witter
Chair, WVPA program committee



**46th ANNUAL REPORT
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2003**

The American Association of Avian Pathologists enters its 47th year with a total membership of 973 (741 domestic and 232 international). 783 (607 domestic and 176 international) of the 973 members have paid their 2003 dues or are life or retired members and are exempt from paying dues. The membership consists of 549 members (416 domestic and 133 international), 180 associate members (160 domestic and 20 international), 113 retired members (100 domestic and 13 international), 26 life members (25 domestic and 1 international), 37 student members (32 domestic and 5 international) and 68 international associate members (8 domestic and 60 international).

Subscriptions to *Avian Diseases* were down from last year with an average of 1400 copies printed per issue for volume 46 (volume 45 averaged 1425 copies per issue).

In the 2002/03 audit for AAAP business transactions prepared by Elko and Associates of Media, PA, the following items were particularly noteworthy.

Due to the income of the World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress, unrestricted fund revenues were up from last year and totaled \$454,608 for fiscal year 2002/03 as compared with \$250,017 last year. This increase in income will be spent in July and August as bills from the Congress are paid.

Revenue generated by *Avian Diseases* was up this year and totaled \$154,857 as compared with \$130,005 last year.

Sales of educational materials were up this year, totaling \$33,536 compared with \$22,583 last year. The new CD form of the slide study sets accounts for much of this increase.

Interest income was \$9,396 this year compared with \$11,154 last year.

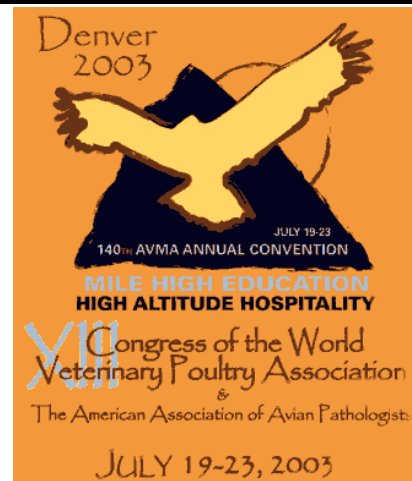
Unrestricted fund disbursements were \$277,474 (in 2001/02 they were \$270,011) resulting in a gain of \$177,134 for the year.

Due to responsible fiscal policy and the increase in dues and subscriptions, the financial status of AAAP is sound. Electronic distribution of AAAP Newsletters and the Directory began this year, saving substantial costs of paper printing and mailing. Electronic publication of the *Avian Diseases* journal will be available next month as well.

Two major changes will occur in 2003. After 21 years, the business office will move from Kennett Square, PA to the University of Georgia in Athens. The editor of *Avian Diseases* will change December 31.

Kim Sprout and I are delighted to have been able to serve the AAAP for these many years and will assist Dr. Chuck Hofacre and Sue Clanton in any way we can in the transition of the office.

Robert J. Eckroade, DVM, PhD
Secretary-Treasurer





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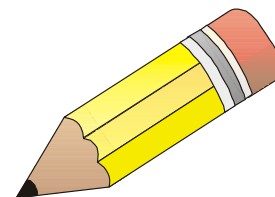
The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship committee reviewed 4 applications this year. All four applicants were awarded financial aide up to \$1,200.00 each.

The 2002/03 audit of the AAAP Foundation, Inc. was prepared by Elko and Associates of Media, PA. A copy has been sent to the audit committee of AAAP and is included in the agenda materials given to the Board of Directors.

Restricted accounts include the C.A. Bottorff, Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator, Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship, Richard Rimler Memorial, L. Dwight Schwartz Scholarship, and Reed Rumsey Student Funds. The C.A. Bottorff fund now totals \$55,707. Revenue this year consisted of interest income of \$3,191 and contributions of \$25. Expenses were \$1,072 resulting in a net gain of \$2,144. The Reed Rumsey Student Fund now totals \$41,968. Revenue consisted of interest income of \$1,162 and contributions of \$100. Expenses were \$2,144 resulting in a net loss of \$882. The Bayer-Snoeyenbos fund totals \$35,737. Revenue consisted of interest income of \$2,454 and contributions of \$0. Expenses were \$2,233 resulting in a net gain of \$221. The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship fund now totals \$61,903. This year's revenue consisted of interest income of \$4,823 and contributions of \$200. Expenses were \$5,571 resulting in a net decrease of \$548. The Richard Rimler account totals \$21,784. Revenue consisted of \$1,407 in interest income and \$0 in contributions. Expenses were \$77 resulting in a net gain of \$1,330. The L. Dwight Schwartz Scholarship account totals \$17,213. Revenue consisted of \$123 in interest income and \$7,920 in contributions. Expenses were \$1,175 resulting in a net gain of \$6,868. The "unrestricted" account totals \$69,667. Revenue consisted of \$922 in interest income and \$16,910 in contributions. Expenses of \$18,490, most of which were contributions, resulted in a net loss of \$658.

The total fund balance for AAAP foundation is \$303,979 compared with \$295,504 last year.

2004 ACPV Certification Examination



The Certification Examination for the American College of Poultry Veterinarians will be held on **Saturday, July 24, 2004**, preceding the Annual Meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Avian Pathologists in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The examination will be given in English only in (3) parts consisting of photographic slides, multiple-choice questions and a written practical examination.

The final date for submission of the completed application forms for the 2004 examination will be November 1, 2003. Additional information and application forms are available on the ACPV website www.acpv.info. Forms are also available from: Dr. Sherrill Davison, Secretary/Treasurer ACPV, 382 West Street Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Telephone: 610-444-5800 ext. 2711. E-mail: acpv@vet.upenn.edu.



**American Association of Avian Pathologists
46th Annual Meeting
July 22, 2003
Denver, Colorado**

The 46th annual meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Syed Naqi, President at 10:40 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 110 members.

Dr. Naqi asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our members who passed away this year, Drs. Morris Cover, Tom Dickson, and George Rowland.

A motion was carried to approve the minutes of the forty-fifth annual meeting as published in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee placed into nomination Dr. Richard Chin for President-elect, Dr. Charles Hofacre for Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Stewart Ritchie for Director-at-large.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was carried to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented.

Please review the minutes from the annual meeting and contact the business office with any corrections.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Naqi recognized three members leaving the Board this year. Dr. John Donahoe, past president, Dr. Robert Eckroade, 21 years as Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Mark Bland, Director at large. He also recognized Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown, retiring Scientific Program Chair and his assistant Lynn Barnes, Dr. Louis van der Heide, retiring editor of *Avian Diseases* and his assistant Ingrid van der Heide, and Kimberly Sprout, assistant to Dr. Eckroade.

Central Region Election

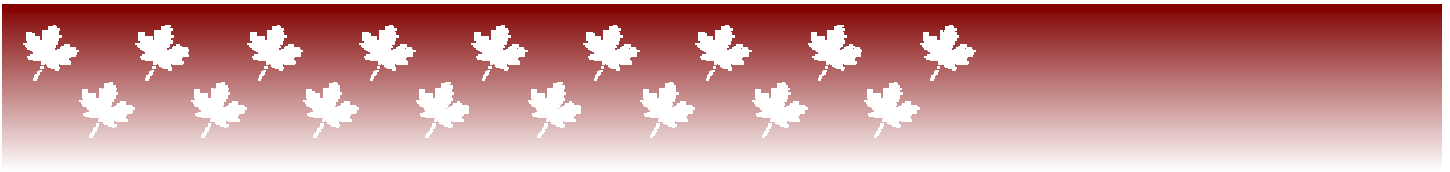
Dr. Ching Ching Wu has been elected to serve as the Central Region Director for the next four years.

Audit Committee Report

Dr. Fred Hoerr reported that the financial statement prepared by Elko and Associates for AAAP, Inc. and AAAP Foundation, Inc. appeared to be in order. A motion was carried to accept the report as presented.

46th Annual Report

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Highlights of the AAAP Board Meeting

Dr. Eckroade reminded the membership that the Board meetings are open to all and gave the following report from the Board.

Members were reminded that we need 500 AVMA members to maintain allied status. All veterinarians should belong to AVMA and be active in their state associations..

A motion was carried to allow the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Higher Education to translate the *Laboratory Manual for the Isolation and Identification of Avian Pathogens* into Arabic.

A motion was carried to again support the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Congressional Fellowship Program with \$2,000.

Drs. Elizabeth Krushinskie and Karen Burns will be offered the opportunity to attend the AVMA Leadership Conference.

Drs. Arthur Bickford and Phil Lukert were elected into Life Membership.

The very difficult task of choosing a new editor for *Avian Diseases* from a pool of excellent candidates was done. All candidates were interviewed and asked to answer a series of questions. After several hours of discussion, Dr. Jagdev Sharma was selected as the new editor of *Avian Diseases* effective January 1, 2004.

AAAP Foundation Report

Dr. Charles Hofacre reported that the Foundation Board is exploring options to increase investment income. Currently the interest rate on certificates of Deposit is very low and a safe investment that will yield higher returns is needed. Please donate to the foundation.

Dr. Eckroade gave the following Foundation Report.

The Preceptorship Committee reviewed four applicants and funded all four.

The foundation fund totals \$303,979 which is an increase from last year. The Restricted accounts include the C.A. Botorff, Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator, Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship, Richard Rimler Memorial, L. Dwight



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The Foundation continues to send educational material to developing countries. This year requests were made for educational material to be sent to Ghana, India, Pakistan, Mongolia, and Nigeria.

WVPA Congress Committee

Dr. Witter reported that the planning for the WVPA Congress began four years ago. As of July 22, 2003, 728 people had registered. Obtaining visas was a problem in some countries and special invitation letters and requests were sent to many registrants. Registration went well.

Fundraising went very well with 28 companies contributing about 50% of the \$350,000 budget and the other 50% coming from AVMA and the registration surcharge.

The program is full. There are 12 keynote lectures, the Houghten Lecture and the Lasher History Lecture in addition to the 146 oral presentations and 243 poster presentations. 42 countries are represented. Dr. Carol Cardona has put together an excellent social program and Lynn Barnes is creating a slide show of pictures taken during the meeting.

A special thank you to AVMA and WVPA. Dr. David Little and the AVMA staff have been great during this meeting. They have constantly been asking what they can do for us.

AVMA Delegate Report

Dr. Mo Saif reported that things are going well with AVMA. AVMA is under a great deal of pressure from Animal Rights groups about welfare issues such as induced molting and swine gestation crates. AAAP members, as animal health professionals, must continually monitor their position to balance the needs of all groups.

Members interested in running for AVMA Councils and Committees should contact Drs. Cutler or Saif. Please do not get discouraged if you are not elected or appointed the first time.

Thank you Drs. Saif and Cutler for the great job you do for AAAP.

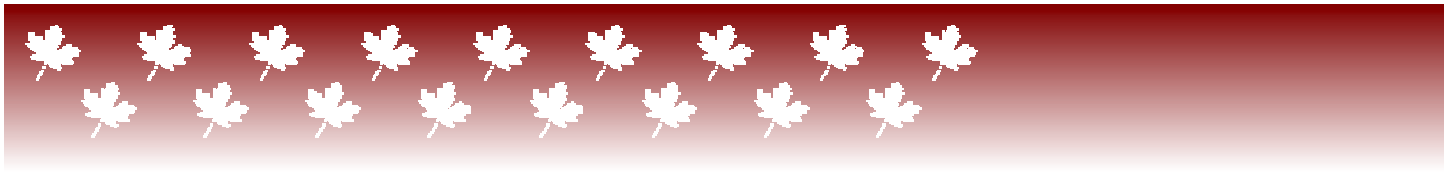
Scientific Program Committee Report

Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown reported that there were 12 keynote lectures, the Houghten Lecture and the Lasher History Lecture in addition to 146 regular oral presentations and 243 poster presentations.

Thank you to the Scientific Program Committee members and a special thank you to Lynn Barnes for her work on the program as Dr. Stewart-Brown's assistant.

Dr. John Glisson will be the Program Chair for the next three years.

Thank you Dr. Stewart-Brown.



Report of the Editor

Dr. van der Heide reported that volume 46 of *Avian Diseases* was 1049 pages. This included 82 articles, 40 research notes, 21 case reports, and 3 pet bird case reports. The rejection rate remains at about 10%. The Editorial Board continues to do an outstanding job of expert manuscript review and deserves the full support and recognition of the AAAP membership. He has enjoyed his 10 years as editor and will keep in touch with Dr. Sharma.

Thank you Dr. van der Heide for an outstanding job for the past 10 years.

Awards Committee Report

Dr. John Smith thanked co-chair Dr. John McCarty and the committee members for a great year. This year there were 23 submissions for 10 awards and 13 members were awarded.

There were no submissions for the M.S. Hofstad Award. Please encourage students to apply.

The deadline for submissions for 2004 is December 1, 2003.

Thank you committee members for all your hard work. Thank you Drs. McCarty and Smith.

Membership Committee

Dr. Susan Williams thanked everyone who volunteered to work in the booth.

There are still quite a few members who have not paid their 2003 dues. Please send payment to the business office.

Thank you Dr. Williams.

Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Committee

Dr. Kenneth Eskelund reported for Dr. Steve Roney that there were only 4 applicants this year and all were funded at the maximum. At the current interest rate, there will only be enough income generated to fund 3 awards next year. Please promote the program and make donations for it.

Thank you Dr. Eskelund.

History Committee

Dr. Carol Cardona reported that 2 historical articles were published in *Avian Diseases* this year. Dr. Peter Biggs gave the Lasher History Lecture this year.

2007 is the 50th anniversary for AAAP and the committee will make a proposal to the Board of Directors for a 50th anniversary celebration.

Thank you Dr. Cardona.



Toxic, Infectious, Miscellaneous, and Emerging Diseases Committee

Dr. Shivaprasad reported that the committee will be hosting the 2004 symposium entitled "What are emerging diseases, how do they emerge and what can we do about them".

Diseases of Poultry

Dr. Mo Saif reported that the 11th edition of *Diseases of Poultry* has been published. Thank you Drs. Saif, Barnes, Glisson, Fadly, Swayne, and McDougald.

Electronic Information Committee

Dr. David Ley reported that the new Slide Study Set, consisting of 22 existing and 3 new sets is available. *Avian Diseases* will be available online in the very near future. The re-designed website is functioning well and there are plans to add a "member only" area.

Thank you Dr. Ley.

Epidemiology Committee

Dr. David Hermes reported on behalf of Dr. Tim Cummings that there was only a 23% response rate to the salary survey that was recently conducted. The committee will disseminate the information to the membership soon.

Tumor Virus Committee

Dr. Robert Silva reported that the updated slide study sets on Marek's Disease and Lymphoid Leukosis are almost complete and will be submitted to the Education Committee. Work has just begun on an avian retrovirus slide set.

Respiratory Diseases Committee

Dr. Sherrill Davison reported that the committee met and discussed avian influenza and avian influenza vaccines.

Animal Welfare and Management Practices Committee

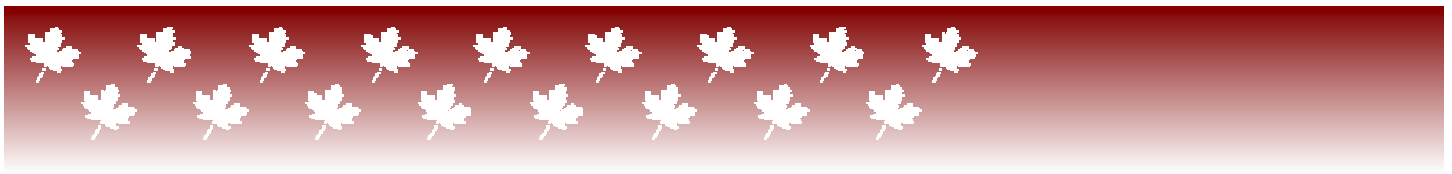
Dr. Jose Linares reported that 26 people attended the committee meeting. The committee is asking members to submit welfare articles to JAVMA and to educate colleagues about animal welfare as it relates to poultry.

Foodsafety and Diseases of Public Health Significance Committee

Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie reported for Dr. Tom Holder that a request to hold a symposium in 2005 will be submitted to the Board.

Old Business

None



New Business

Dr. Joan Jeffrey invited everyone to attend the 53rd Western Poultry Disease Conference in Sacramento, California on March 7, 8, and 9, 2004. The conference will be preceded by the ACPV workshop "Emergency Preparedness".

Dr. Mo Saif invited the membership to the 54th North Central Avian Disease Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on September 21-23, 2003.

Dr. Julius Fabricant would like to enlist a younger AAAP member to take over a job he started over 60 years ago to archive over 100,000 index cards of disease information, diagnoses, etc.

Dr. Arnold Rosenwald suggested that AAAP send a resolution to AVMA thanking them for a great meeting.

Dr. Shivaprasad mentioned that he will submit a proposal to the AAAP Board to restart the avian histopathology interest group which would meet at AVMA and do informal slide reviews.

Dr. Naqi thanked AAAP for the honor and privilege of serving as president.

The John Delaplaine gavel was passed to Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie and a Past President plaque was presented to Dr. Naqi. Thank you Dr. Naqi.

Dr. Krushinskie expressed thanks and gratitude to the nominating committee and membership for selecting her as the next AAAP President.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM.



From the Desk of Dr. Oscar Fletcher

I am resigning as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State, effective June 30, 2004 or when a new dean arrives. It has been an honor to serve in this role at NC State and I am grateful for the support of the university administration, associate deans, department heads, and the staff, faculty, and students of the College. Next June will complete 15 years for me as dean both here and at Iowa State and I look forward to returning to the faculty. I am also most appreciative of the friendships and help given by my colleague deans at NC State and the deans and academic leaders in the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. The NC Veterinary Medical Association, through its members and directors, continue to provide many positive interactions with this College. Our NC Veterinary Medical Foundation board members past and present are dedicated friends of our profession and of this College. I thank all of them for their continuing support.

Oscar J. Fletcher, Dean
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2003 Committee Reports

Membership Committee Minutes

Susan Williams, Chair
July 20, 2003



Present:

Susan Williams, Randy Chick, Jean Sander (part time)

Membership numbers from Kim:

973 total members, 783 Total paid members

38 New domestic members (all types)

18 New international members (all types)

549 Members (DVMs that are AVMA members), 431 Paid Members (DVMs that are AVMA members). We should have 500 AVMA paid members to keep our association with AVMA.

Ways to increase membership:

1. DVMs in AVMA--look into sending out a letter with the AAAP dues notice a reminder to send in AVMA dues. Place notices in AAAP newsletters regarding being a AVMA member to keep our delegates (important for molting issues). Remind DVMs that if they attend the AAAP/AVMA meeting and are not AVMA members that their registration fees is higher and basically they are paying AVMA dues then when they register.

2. Associate members--Send out notices on AAAP listserve to remind people to pay dues.

Also remind people to update email addresses with the business office and list serve (David Ley told me at the Business meeting the list serve is barely working these days).

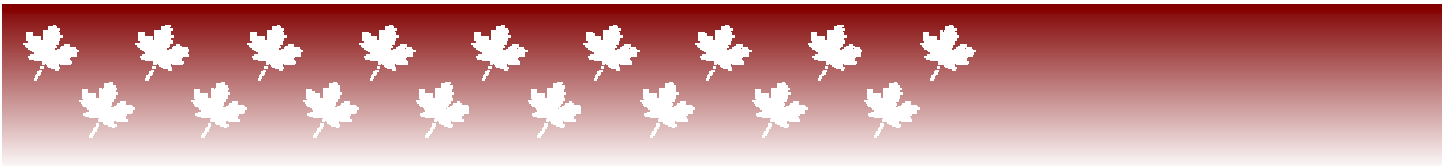
Get an unpaid dues list and send out targeted notices to those people. Maybe involve the Directors in their regions to remind people to pay.

Booth value at meetings:

AAAP/AVMA meeting--politically correct so that AVMA knows that we are an active organization and represent a large group.

IPE--this past January was good because we sold about \$3000.00 worth of materials and got a few new memberships. Southern Conference of Avian Diseases (SCAD right before IPE) --look into having a self-serve booth with applications and list of educational resources and a notice about where the booth will be during IPE.

I understand that a lot was going on during the meeting this year but our committee is very important. If AVMA decides to audit the affiliated groups to see if they have 500 paid members, we would be out. We need everyone's input on how to recruit more members and to keep the ones we have.



Scientific Program Committee Report 2003

Bruce Stewart-Brown

I. General

The 2003 Program consists of 403 total papers compared to 156 in 2002. Of these 403 papers, 146 are in the oral program, 12 are invited keynote speakers, one paper is the invited Lasher History Paper, one is the WVPA selected Houghton Lecturer, and 243 posters.



As it relates to the program as a whole, 42 countries are represented. The program is 50% AAAP and 50% WVPA. Some large representations from other countries are as follows:

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| • China | 29 | • Italy | 11 |
| • India | 15 | • Denmark | 10 |
| • Canada | 12 | • Germany | 10 |

II. Oral

In order to keep to 146 oral spots on the program, over 25 papers that wanted oral only were declined or asked to move to the poster sections. Some moved some did not. 77 of the 146 are AAAP members or 53%. 17 are USA presenters (12%) not currently AAAP members and 52 (36%) are considered to be from WVPA/non AAAP. The oral program looks like this for some of the common areas of interest.

Disease	2001	2002	2003
ALV	7	6	5
Marek's and Other Herpes	9	9	9
Influenza	6	14	9
NDV/Paramyxo	4	4	15
IBDV	10	10	8
CAV	2	4	5
IBV	9	9	5
Pox	6	2	3
Campylobacter		4	5
Salmonella	10	10	9
Antibiotic Issues	3	5	6
Mycoplasma	8	6	7
Misc. Bacteria	9	7	8
Pneumovirus	4	6	6
Coronavirus/PEMS	3	2	3
LT	1	2	1
Cocci/Necrotic	5	6	8

III. Financial Assistance

There were a number of ways we assisted people that participated in our meeting. Although WVPA traditionally does not assist the program participants (beyond keynote speakers) we have been able to help some of these people from various parts of the world.



AAAP Food Safety Committee Meeting

Tom Holder, Chair

July 21, 2003 - Denver, Colorado

Thirteen members of the committee were present to discuss items of interest and concern.

Dr. Michael Vaughn of Bayer Pharmaceutical delivered a presentation on the status of the FDA/CVM - NOOH (Notice of Opportunity of Hearing) requested of Bayer in October 2000. This action by FDA is intended to effect the removal of Baytril (Enrofloxacin) from the market for use in poultry only (cattle, horses and pet animals not affected). This action prompted a formal hearing at which a federal judge listened to both sides of the issue. The central focus is the role of antibiotic usage in food animals in the transfer of antibiotic resistant bacteria to humans in food. The specific issue is Fluroquinolone resistant *Campylobacter*. Verbal arguments by both sides began in May 2003 and are completed. A final series of documents will be submitted by mid August. Many interested parties await the outcome of this critical hearing. Dr. Vaughn's presentation was very enlightening.

Committee members unanimously agreed to ask the AAAP Board for the privilege to conduct a Food Safety Symposium at the 2005 Meeting in Minneapolis. Food Safety is a critical issue, which needs such further attention by AAAP. A letter requesting this intention was given to AAAP President Beth Krushinskie at the meeting.

The committee members also wish to thank Dr. Tom Holder for his leadership of the group for the past several years.

Biotechnology Committee Report

David Suarez, Chair

The AAAP Biotechnology Meeting met on July 22, 2003 and was Chaired by David Suarez. The co-chair Calvin Keeler was unable to attend. This was the first year for a new chair and co-chair. A program was put together to highlight recent developments where biotechnology was being used in poultry medicine, but the goal was to try to include topics that were not being covered at the current AVMA/AAAP program. With support of the committee, this type of agenda will be continued in future meetings.

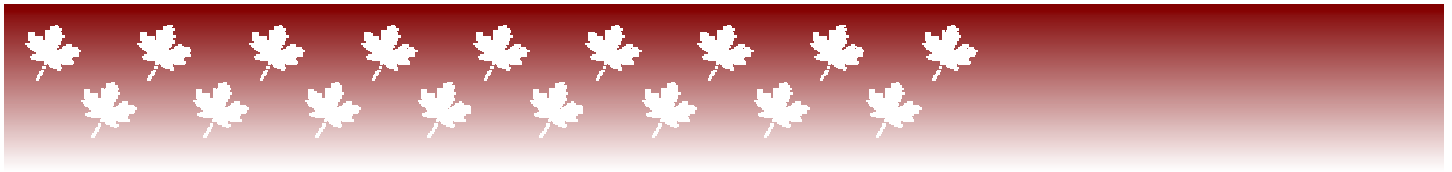
The Agenda for today's session focused on the use of real time RT-PCR in poultry medicine and included three speakers:

- 1) Erica Spackman-Proficiency testing for avian influenza virus for RRT-PCR
- 2) Jan Pedersen- Validation of a RRT-PCR test for exotic Newcastle Disease
- 3) Bob Smith-Overview of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network.

Summary of Erica Spackman's presentation

The goal of the proficiency testing was to ensure that the test is being properly performed. The goal is to have each technician who would normally run the test in the laboratory take the proficiency panel. The person performing the test would have to extract the RNA from the sample and run the Type A test (matrix) and if positive run the sub typing tests. Therefore the panel test RNA extraction techniques, the RRT-PCR, and results analysis. The panel as being used for avian influenza virus was 14 samples with inactivated whole virus at different concentrations in some of the samples. It was given as a blind panel and





included H5 and H7 viruses as well as non H5,H7 virus samples, and negative samples. Results were requested to be returned in one week. The panels were compared to the key (results of panels performed blindly by SEPRL technicians). Although cycle threshold data was collected and compared the results were interpreted as positive or negative. The cycle threshold data was difficult to assess especially for labs using equipment other than the Cepheid Smartcycler, which is what was used at SEPRL. The criteria for pass/fail had not been defined, since the panel was designed more to identify problem areas that would require further investigation.

Summary of Jan Pedersen's presentation

A real-time RT-PCR (RRT-PCR) test was developed for exotic Newcastle disease by the collaboration of three laboratories at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories, Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, and the University of California Davis. The main advantage of the test was its ability to differentiate virulent from avirulent isolates. Disadvantages were the concern for false positives and the expensive equipment required to perform the test. The test was designed in two stages. For screening, a RRT-PCR test with primers targeted to the matrix gene that could identify most NDV isolates including virulent, avirulent, and pigeon paramyxovirus isolates. A second test was also developed to specifically identify the velogenic or virulent form of NDV (Exotic Newcastle disease) that was causing the California END outbreak. The test will identify most velogenic isolates. The procedure was tested on experimental samples and reference isolates. For validation of the test, clinical samples were used. Since NVSL was not receiving the samples from birds with clinical lesions, a technician from NVSL was sent to the San Bernadino laboratory to collect likely positive samples. These samples were included with the normal caseload for NDV testing that was being received at the laboratory. Typically samples included cloacae or tracheal swabs that were pools of 5 swabs/tube. Tissue and tissue pools were also evaluated. Two RNA extraction techniques were tested including the RNeasy extraction kit from Qiagen and the Trizol method from Invitrogen. For testing swabs the Qiagen and Trizol methods had similar sensitivity, but the Qiagen method was the most efficient. For tissues the Trizol method was superior. For swabs 1400 samples were tested with 178 virus isolation positive and Matrix RRT-PCR positive. 34 samples were virus isolation negative but Matrix RRT-PCR positive. The diagnostic sensitivity was 96.7% and the diagnostic specificity was 97.3%. With the fusion test, Cal/Mex primers, for virulent virus the diagnostic sensitivity was 92.9% and specificity was 99.1%. In comparing swab and tissue samples with 1500 specimens, similar results were seen except with lower sensitivity. The test was considered to have sufficiently good results to replace virus isolation for routine testing and an official protocol was drafted and distributed to the National Animal Health Laboratory Networks labs and others. Currently 17 cooperating labs have been trained. Proficiency test panels are being distributed. Not all cooperating labs are currently using the test.

Summary Dr. Robert Smith's presentation.

Dr. Smith represents the Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). The organization works with Land Grant Colleges and Universities which are commonly involved with research, animal diagnostic laboratories and extension. They also help oversee the National Animal and Plant Laboratory Network. The objective of the network is to establish a functional national network of existing diagnostic laboratories to rapidly and accurately identify select agents. Last year a special appropriation of 15 million was appropriated for the pilot NAHLN (National Animal Health Laboratory Network). The network has 5 "core" labs, CA, CO, GA, TX, and WI, with funds provided to increase BSL-3 laboratory space. Additional satellite labs include AZ, FL, NY, IA, LA, NC, OK, and WA. These labs would be used in an outbreak response for accidental or intentional introduction of infectious disease agents and would provide surge capacity. A parallel plant diagnostic lab network is also being developed. There is interest in adding labs, but funding is uncertain at this time. The objectives are to train personnel, improve BSL-3 capability, assure quality standards and proficiency, and improve communications. David Kinker is the Interim NAHLN coordinator. The PCR assays for avian influenza, exotic Newcastle disease, classical swine fever, and foot and mouth disease are the closest to being implemented in the lab system. Future plans are to maintain the current network, expand communication capabilities, increase the number of laboratories and expand the diagnostic capabilities, including toxicological capabilities.



Tumor Virus Committee Report

Robert Silva, Chair



The Tumor Virus committee met in Denver on July 21.

The committee began by discussing the current status of three new slide study sets. The ALV/MDV/REV Differential Diagnosis study set, led by Dick Witter, Isabel Gimeno, and Aly Fadly has been completed and turned into AAAP. The Marek's Disease study set is being led by Isabel Gimeno, Dick Witter, and Andrea Miles and is expected to be completed by early 2004. The Avian Leukosis Virus study set, led by Guillermo Zavala and Aly Fadly, has just begun and

has no projected completion date.

A discussion, led by Ken Rudd and Shane Burgess, ensued on whether new vv+ strains of MDV were appearing in the field and whether it would be desirable to establish some sort of database to monitor MDV/ALV disease trends in the field. Several committee members expressed their view that the MD problem in the field was declining. Nevertheless, there was also general agreement that the potential for the emergence of new, more virulent MDV strains was still present. The issue of how to improve surveillance was not resolved. Apparently, no individuals or labs are in a position to undertake the task of routinely pathotyping new field isolates. It was also pointed out that the USDA publishes a monthly report on condemnations and these reports can be useful in detecting the emergence of new pathotypes. Several committee suggested the best surveillance method involved the industry itself. It was suggested that if a farm suddenly experienced a sharp rise in MD or avian leukosis, that some outside labs, such as ADOL, would be consulted.

Mission Statement

To keep the AAAP board and membership informed about tumor virus problems in poultry and recommend actions to ameliorate the problems and therefore improve the productivity of poultry.

Objectives

1. To collect and exchange information on tumor virus disease problems affecting the poultry industry.
2. To exchange recent information on tumor virus research and significant tumor virus diseases among committee members and the AAAP membership.
3. To review, and report to the AAAP Board new information on the incidence, diagnosis, pathogenesis, epidemiology, and economic impact of tumor virus diseases.
4. To advise the AAAP Board on appropriate actions to reduce the severity of tumor virus diseases.
5. To plan and carry out educational programs for the AAAP membership.

If you would like your committee report published, please send it to the business office.



Biologics Committee Report

Betty Miguel, Vice Chair

- Convened July 20, 2003
- Eight members present
- Three issues were considered, the autogenous vaccine regulations, the withdrawal period for live vaccines and vaccine contamination and testing.

Autogenous vaccines: Dr. Hayhow proposed to write another letter to Dr. Rippke with copies to Dr. Hill and Dr. Haven, as a follow up to the package submitted to Dr. Hill in January of 2003. This is regarding the proposed changes to the autogenous vaccine regulations. Outbreaks of Newcastle and AI may have interfered with USDA's ability to respond to this petition. Dr. Myers volunteered to give Dr. Hill a call. It was agreed that a lot of effort had been put into the drafting of this proposal and the desire outcome would be to have a response.

Live vaccine withdrawal period: Dr. Venne attended the meeting. He is not a member at present time but is interested in becoming one. He addressed the concern of the 21 day withdrawal period for live vaccines. Shorter withdrawal periods in live vaccines have negative consequences to the industry in US in that there are infections at older ages in birds and condemnations at slaughter. In addition to this there is an increase in the use of antibiotics. Dr. Venne has drafted a letter that will be sent to the committee and then submitted to the USDA, CVB. It was suggested that vaccine companies could supply more data to CVB to contribute to the efforts of reducing withdrawal times for live vaccines.

Vaccine contamination: Although a separate meeting was held this year just to address this issue it was discussed briefly at the committee meeting. The need for more sensitive tests was discussed. A committee had been formed to do further work regarding this subject.

Preceptorship Committee Report

Steve Roney, Chair

For the 2002/2003 year we had only 4 students apply. All were funded at a maximum of \$1,500 each.

We discussed the future of the Preceptorship Program. Today there are so many more competing opportunities for veterinary students, and as a result we have fewer applicants. If this continues we may have to make changes in the program. Committee members were encouraged to promote the program at their universities, and I hope that all AAAP members will do the same.

We discussed the lack of income (interest) from CD's, and personal donations. At the present rate, we will only generate enough money to fund 3 of the 6 authorized preceptorships. However we are negotiating with the Foundation to help us out with money from the unrestricted funds. We would also encourage AAAP members to contribute directly to the Preceptorship Program.



AVMA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mo Saif, Chair

July 20, 2003

Present: Reynolds, Cutler, Saif, Krushinskie, Childers, Donahoe, and Wages

The forced molting resolution was defeated again. We need to be proactive on this again. Henry Childers has done a great job as our AVMA Liaison the last few years but he moves on now to run for other office. The AAAP Liaison is always from District I. In the future, this may be a person from AMC in New York. Henry thinks he will be OK.

Mo reviewed the House of Delegates (HOD) meeting. Two animal welfare resolutions were discussed. Reference committees reported. Farrowing crates were on the docket along with forced molting. Forced molting wording will stay the same and it is not referred back to the Animal Welfare Committee. Farrowing crates will be reviewed.

The term “intermittent feeding” is too vague and we must address this. We need Linares or Kreager as Head of our Animal Welfare Committee. Henry Childers wants us to establish some basic research as a proactive practice. Discuss research in committees. This has been done in the Reference Committee. Susan Clubb is not a friend of AAAP. Don Bell has a good review article on forced molting. Also, North Carolina Extension has a recent review.

Beth stated that we need to show real changes in practice. We need to show that we don’t just think of this one month per year. We should communicate with the delegates throughout the year.

Charge the Animal Welfare Committee with this.

We will lose this eventually because economic arguments about animal welfare don’t sway the public anymore. It’s all about what society wants. Still, we need national standards for food animals and the AVMA needs to be involved in this. The delegates are changing and like to grandstand. The HOD is less scientific.

Thus, Mo and Gregg will alter intermittent feeding wording. Gregg doesn’t want a policy decision that damages the industry.

Report of the Editor

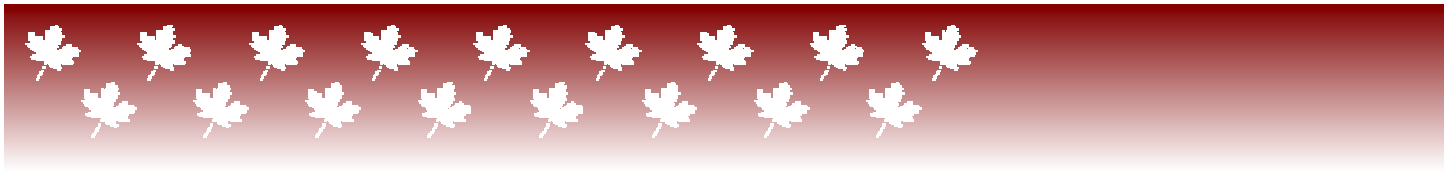
Louis van der Heide, Editor

Volume 46 (2002) of Avian Diseases was 1049 pages, that included 82 regular articles, 40 research notes, 21 case reports, and 3 pet bird case reports. This is 47 pages less than in 2001 and a 4% decrease in the number of printed manuscripts compared to volume 45 (2001).



During the past year we received 166 manuscripts, 17 less than in 2001. Approximately 13% were rejected, 64% accepted, and the remaining 23% are under review or revision. Our final acceptance rate remains at about 87%.

The Editorial Board continues to do an outstanding job of expert and objective manuscript review and deserves the full support and recognition of the AAAP membership.



AAAP Electronic Information Committee

David Ley, Chair

Objectives for 2002-2003

1. See electronic distribution of Avian Diseases to completion.

Electronic distribution (on-line access) is ready to be launched. The EI Committee is pleased with the progress of this initiative, and expresses thanks to Ton Schat for his leadership role in this effort and the for the efforts of the AAAP Business Office in bringing this to completion.

Recommendation – notification of AAAP members and Avian Diseases subscribers of the launch/availability status ASAP.

2. Continue with production of English/Spanish CD consisting of 22 existing AAAP Slide Study Sets plus 3 new sets.

Production has been completed and CD's are being sold/distributed from the Business Office. This was a combined effort of the EI and Education Committees, thanks to all involved!

Recommendation – increase visibility and promotion of the CD to stimulate sales e.g. on the AAAP Web site, at meetings and conferences (e.g. run demo on laptop computer at AAAP sales table), possibly even give 'how to' demo on using the CD and transferring images to Powerpoint presentations at the next AAAP meeting.

Recommendation – Business Office should maintain log of problems/complaints so that improvements/changes can be made, or updated instructions can be offered to users.

Recommendation – find way to efficiently update 'old' slide sets and add 'new' ones.

3. All new Slide Study Sets should be PowerPoint presentations, guidelines for production should be developed by the Education (lead role) and EI Committees. Ideally, new Slide Study Sets should be 'downloadable' from the AAAP Web site, and alternatively as additional CDs.

Discussions of the Education Committee, Electronic Information Committee, and AAAP Board led to significant revisions of this point and the Slide Study Set concept. I have summarized the proposed changes below, which will impact roles of the Education Committee, Electronic Information Committee, Business Office, and production of the Avian Disease Manual. Clearly there are many details to be worked out, but the concept seems to be sound.

- Given that the Slide Study Set concept was originally conceived to provide images for study and teaching along with descriptive text. It has been a problem adding new sets and revising old sets, especially the descriptive text, which accumulates errors and/or outdated information with the passage of time. Additionally, the preferred image format has changed from 2x2 Kodachrome slides to digital formats, e.g. jpg format.

- We need a more efficient way to regularly update and add descriptive information (text) with images.

- Discussion of the issues above (and the known interest of Bruce Charlton in including images to Avian Disease Manual) led to the suggestion that the next and following revisions of the Avian Disease Manual should be produced in two versions: an English text-only version, and an English/Spanish digital version with text and images. This would allow for three purchase options: text only, CD only, text and CD.

- This concept would allow for regular updates and additions of text and images, that would be extremely useful for study and teaching. The primary additional effort would involve collecting and incorporating digital images. However, we already have an 'inventory' of digital images and their descriptions available from production of the Slide Study Set CD. The challenge would be to replace poor images with better ones and to add new ones.

- Other challenges include: what to do with Slide Study Sets currently in development? What about topics/material that would not lend themselves to inclusion in the Avian Disease Manual? Distribution of tasks in getting this done? Etc....lots to be decided and accomplished (the devil is in the details!).

- In meetings of both the Education and Electronic Information Committees, the point was made that submission of



content (text and images) needed to be made as easy as possible for the contributors. Therefore, it was generally agreed that submission of content as Powerpoint presentations was not optimal. It was suggested that text be submitted as Word files and images as jpg files. These could be integrated into a single Word file (or submitted separately) and easily converted to Adobe Acrobat pdf file format. The Acrobat pdf format is used on the Slide Study Set CD and has become the standard file format for this type of application and use on PC and Mac platforms with various operating systems. David Ley agreed to prepare a demo and share it with those interested (I will distribute this demo as Word and Acrobat files at a later date).

4. Continue development of AAAP Web site – specifically, work on creation of a ‘members only’ area, and establish the ability for on-line credit card use in the Public area. Accomplish this with continued assistance of Jeremy Leipzig who did the re-design work already completed. AAAP Board approved \$600 for this work. Contingent on responsive AAAP Web site administrative assistance in either the current Business Office (Dr. Eckroade) or ‘new’ Business Office (Dr. Hofacre).

First phase renovation of the AAAP web site has been completed: thanks to our consultant, Jeremy Leipzig for his design, and to Kim Sprout for continued development, maintenance, and addition of new content. It was decided to ‘put on hold’ the development of a ‘members only’ area until after the Business Office transition. Jeremy has recommended using a ‘hosted’ web site (commercial web site provider) that which could offer increased features, functionality, security, etc. of course, for a fee. Some features and benefits to the organization and membership could include:

- Public and member areas.
- Password protection for access to the member area.
- Ability to conduct financial transactions, e.g. credit card purchase of educational materials, credit card payment of new and continuing member dues.
- Members could also check the status of their membership status (dues paid, or dues owed).
- Member access to the membership directory, possibly with the ability to ‘self update’ member contact information.
- E-mail and list serve functions.

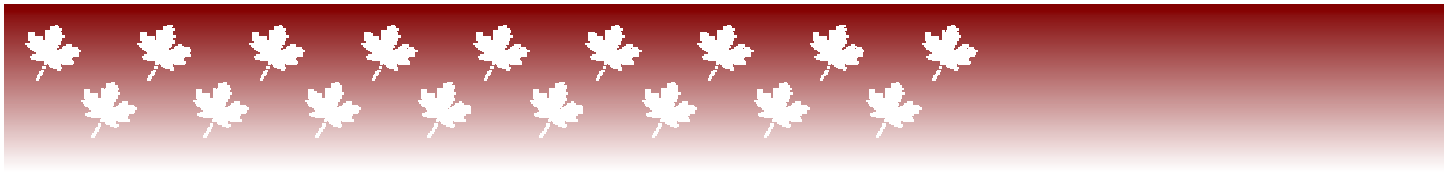
A goal would be to integrate as much as possible Business Office functions with features and benefits to the membership, to make the AAAP web site as user-friendly and functional as possible. Of course, cost effectiveness is also a goal. Chuck Hofacre said that he would work with Steve Thayer on exploring some of these issues.

5. Encourage the Business Office to establish and maintain a AAAP listserve. The current unofficial listserve, AAAPNET, has not been maintained and kept current. The official AAAP listserve could be used by the Business Office for all electronic communications to members, used by members for communications among members, should be closed to non-members, and could be ‘monitored’.

Recommendation – ask Don Reynolds to take AAAPNET ‘off line’ and notify the membership that this has been done. Consider establishing a new list serves that could flow from further development of AAAP web site/data base capability. For example:

- A list serve of the entire membership that ‘automatically’ updates to stay current. This could be monitored or not, and available to the entire membership or limited to the Business Office.
- List serves could ‘automatically’ be established for the membership of each committee.
- List serves could be established by request for interest groups, eg. tumor viruses, food safety, etc.

The goal would be to integrate list serve functions into the capability of the AAAP web site and member data base features.



AAAP Animal Welfare and Management Practices Committee

Jose Linares, Chair

July 20, 2003, Denver, CO

Minutes

Attendees: Steve McCarter, Yan Ghazikhanian, Robert Williams, Eric Gingerich, Greg Rosales, Ken Rudd, Jarra Jagne, Marion Hammarlund, Mark Bland, Michael Martin, Kenton Kreager, Randolph Chick, Becky Tilley, Ronald Guenther, Klaus-Peter, Behr, Jill Nezworski, Beth Krushinskie, Kristi Scott, Phil Stayer, Richard Julian, Mo Saif, Miguel Ruano, Scott Westall, Chip Garrity, Gregg Cutler, Nancy Reimers and Jose A. Linares.

The meeting was called to order by Jose A. Linares, Chair.

The AVMA HOD Resolution 1 (anti-molting) and the UEP response (letter) were discussed. Demonstrations by animal rights activists at the HOD hotel were mentioned. Mo Saif, AAAP Delegate to AVMA HOD briefed the committee about the debate on molting at the HOD and announced that we have to further modify the current AVMA Position Statement on Molting as delegates are having difficulty with the use of the term “intermittent feeding”. The proposed changes will be forwarded to the committee for review and then to the AAAP Board of Directors for approval.

The committee discussed the topic of animal welfare auditor training for poultry veterinarians. Our committee has discussed in the past the possibility of organizing an auditor certification course for veterinarians. Robert Williams brought to our attention that audits are now carried out by private contractors, not necessarily poultry veterinarians. This effectively eliminates the need for our proposed certification course. Nevertheless, the need for poultry veterinarians to be involved in the process was emphasized.

The committee discussed the possibility of organizing a future AAAP Symposium. Gregg Cutler voiced his concern that in the current environment a symposium would lead to another exchange with animal rights activists as it happened in New Orleans. The committee decided against a symposium.

The committee at the request of AAAP nominated the following for the position of Co-Chair: Eric Gingerich, Robert Williams, Kenton Kreager, Chip Garrity and Jose A. Linares. The nominations will be forwarded to the AAAP Board of Directors for their consideration.

With, no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Mission Statement

To research, evaluate and provide critical information to the AAAP Board of Directors and the membership on poultry welfare and management issues that may have a bearing on this body and to be a liaison between the AAAP membership and the AVMA Animal Welfare Committee.

Goals

1. Collect and provide information on the role of the veterinarian in the responsible handling of poultry within our industry and research institutions.
2. Assist in the development of AAAP and AVMA positions on animal welfare issues.
3. Take a proactive role in advising the AAAP Board and Membership on issues associated with animal welfare.



**AAAP Respiratory Diseases Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2003
Hyatt Regency Downtown**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. There were 25 members and guests present at the meeting.

1. Avian Influenza in the Netherlands – Dr. David Suarez

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak in the Netherlands

The Netherlands, a small country of only 16 million people, has an extensive poultry industry that is geared toward exports of live poultry and poultry products. The Netherlands exports the most live chickens in the world and is also the largest exporter of table eggs. It also has significant exports in broiler and other meat products.

On Feb 28, 2003 the first suspicion of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the Netherlands was observed and on March 3, 2003, it was confirmed. This was the first outbreak of HPAI in the Netherlands in over 80 years. The outbreak quickly spread; on March 7th - 36 farms were confirmed to be infected, March 24th - 96 farms infected, April 7th - 177 farms infected, April 22nd - 230 farms infected, May 15th - 252 farms infected. During the course of the outbreak the virus spread to several areas of the country with dense poultry populations. These areas included regions close to the German and Belgian borders. On April 27th the virus spread from the Netherlands into Belgium and on May 9th spread from the Netherlands to Germany. Fortunately, the outbreaks in these countries were more quickly controlled. A total of 28 million birds were destroyed or died during the outbreak, making it the largest outbreak of HPAI ever recorded. On May 15, 2003 the last reported case occurred.

The HPAI virus was an H7N7 virus that had a small insertion at the hemagglutinin cleavage site. No low pathogenic precursor virus was recovered, but anecdotal evidence suggests some birds were serologically positive for H7 influenza with no evidence of disease. The virus hemagglutinin gene sequence was clearly a Eurasian lineage virus, and was close to but distinct from the Italian H7N1 viruses.

The virus had evidence of being a zoonotic agent. Over 80 cases of infection were observed in humans. Most of these cases were restricted to conjunctivitis, but other people also had influenza-like illness. One veterinarian developed a severe respiratory infection and was the only known mortality. At least three cases of human infections were thought to have occurred by human to human spread and not from spread directly from infected poultry. General precautions for humans working in the eradication effort were to receive their human influenza vaccinations and to take influenza antiviral drugs. A study by Dutch officials for evidence of infection of swine on farms with infected poultry was also undertaken. Five of 13 herds tested had evidence of seroconversion to an H7 virus based on HI test. However, no virus was ever isolated from swine.

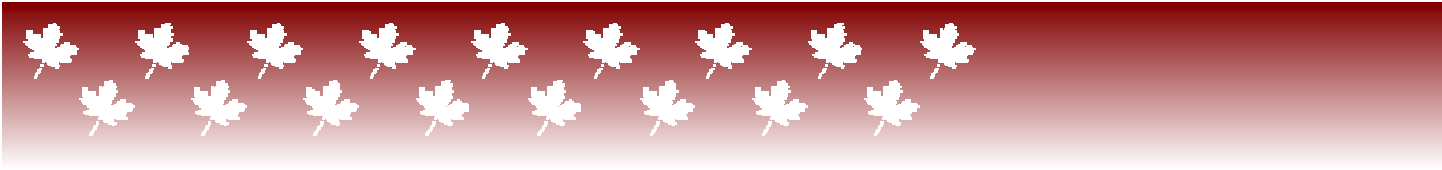
2. Update on the Southeast Region – Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala

Broiler Health has been excellent in the past two years in the Southeast. In areas where Infectious Bronchitis (IB) Del 072 or Ga 98 viruses had been identified as a problem, the use of Del 072 vaccine has been very effective in preventing losses associated with IBV. In Georgia, virus isolation results reveal that the majority of IBV strains isolated are still vaccine strains. The trends have changed between 2001 and 2002 [Ark 65 (01)-67%(02), Conn 16-16%, Mass 13-10%, Del or Ga 98 5-4%]. This contrasts with 10-20% of the viruses isolated in 1999-2000 which were identified as Ga 98 or Del 072.

The Mycoplasma situation is also quiet; in Georgia attempts to pinpoint the origin of some breeder flock MS cases using molecular epidemiology have been unsuccessful, although Dr. Kleven's lab is building a bank of Georgia isolates (backyard birds, game fowl, and commercial layers) which should be very helpful in the future.

3. Other Reports

There were also two additional reports on laryngotracheitis and avian influenza given.



Attention all AAAP members that are Veterinarians

The Membership committee would like to remind the Veterinarians in the organization that if you are not a member of the AVMA, you pay a higher registration fee for the annual AAAP meeting. The difference between the AVMA member (Continuing Education) fee and the non-AVMA veterinarian (CE) fee for the meeting is just about the same as the Membership fee for AVMA. So please become a member of AVMA—membership forms are available from the AVMA (<http://www.avma.org>) and you will need 2 AVMA members as sponsors. Renewal notices for AVMA members will be coming out soon. **Your membership is critical for AAAP's continued association with the AVMA** and without it, we could lose our delegates that represent poultry concerns to the AVMA. Issues like forced molting, antibiotic usage and cage sizes are not likely to go away in the near future.

Nominations for Membership General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is soliciting nominations for membership on the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan. The General Conference Committee is the official Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture that serves as a forum for the study of problems relating to poultry health and as the need arises, to make specific recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning ways in which the Department may assist the industry in solving these problems.

The General Conference Committee consists of one member-at-large who is a participant of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and one member elected from each of the six geographical regions outlined in 9 CFR 147.43. There must be at least two nominees for each position up for election. The regions that are up for election in 2004 are 1) South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico; 2) South Central Region: Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; 3) West North Central: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. Voting will be done by secret ballot, and the results must be recorded. At least one nominee from each region up for election must be from an underrepresented group (minorities, women, or persons with disabilities). The process of soliciting nominations for regional committee members will include, but not limited to: Advertisements in at least two industry journals, such as the newsletter of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, the National Chicken Council, the United Egg Producers, and the National Turkey Federation; a Federal Register Announcement; and special inquiries for nominations from universities and faculty in poultry science and veterinary science.

The three regional members shall be elected at each Plan Conference. All members shall serve for a period of 4 years, subject to continuation of the Committee by the Secretary of Agriculture, and may not succeed themselves. Nominations should be sent to the executive secretary of the General Conference Committee by no later than May 1, 2004.



38th National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing—To be held October 22-24, 2003 in Ocean City, Maryland. For more information, contact Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. at (302) 856-9037, e-mail dpi@dpichicken.com or fax (302) 856-1845.

ACPV Sponsored Workshop “Emergency Preparedness” - To be held March 6, 2004 at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California. This workshop will address what are emergencies (infectious, natural and bioterrorism), their impact on the poultry industry, and how to prevent and/or prepare for them. For further information, please contact the workshop coordinator Dr. H.L. Shivaprasad by e-mail hlshivaprasad@ucdavis.edu or phone (559) 498-7740.

53rd Western Poultry Disease Conference—To be held March 7-9, 2004 at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California. This year’s program will highlight food safety issues (particularly campylobacter, salmonella, and risk assessment related to antibiotics), avian influenza, and finally, California’s experience with exotic Newcastle disease. Deadline for title submission is October 20, 2003. For more information, please visit the conference website conferences.ucdavis.edu/wpdc (please do not add www. to the address). Or contact the program chair, Dr. Joan Jeffrey, UCD-VMRTC, 18830 Road 112, Tulare, CA 93274. Phone (559) 688-1731; Fax (559) 686-4231; e-mail jjeffrey@vmtrc.ucdavis.edu.

XXII World Poultry Congress - Istanbul 2004

The Turkish Branch of World's Poultry Science Association is very pleased to invite you to XXII World’s Poultry Congress which will be held in Istanbul, June 8- 13, 2004.

The scientific program of the World’s Poultry Congress consist of 38 sessions covering various topics, including genetics, nutrition, management, physiology, disease control, processing and economics. Each of these 38 sessions combines two invited oral presentations, five submitted oral presentations, and discussion of submitted posters.

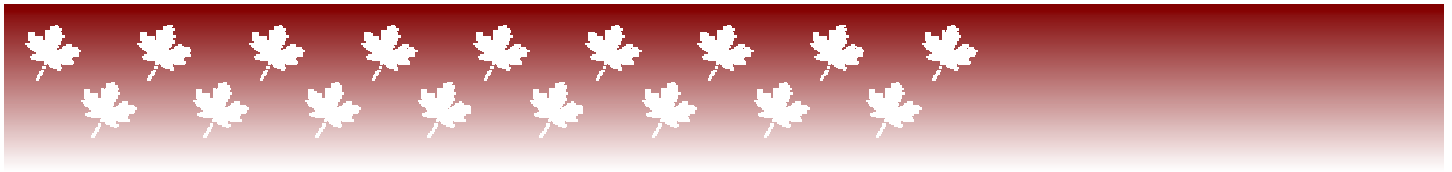
The website of WPC2004 (www.wpc2004.org) contains detailed information about the exact topics of all 38 sessions, chairpersons and invited speakers, and fellowships to support attendance.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to participate and we look forward to seeing you in Istanbul, 2004.

For more information please contact: Servet YALCIN, Prof. Dr., Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Animal Sci., Izmir-Turkey. Fax:90 232 388 1867; Phone. 90 232 388 4000/1449 (ext.)

141st AVMA Annual Convention—To be held July 24-28, 2004 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

AAV 25th Annual Conference & Expo - To be held August 16-20, 2004 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Applications for papers may be submitted by mail, fax or the internet by October 24, 2003. Phone (303) 756-8380; Fax (303) 759-8861; www.conferenceoffice.com/aav.



Available Positions
Veterinarian
Department of Avian Medicine, The University of Georgia

The Department of Avian Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia is seeking a veterinarian to fill a position in clinical poultry medicine. Requirements include the DVM or equivalent and Masters or PhD degree or board certification (or eligibility for examination) by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. Responsibilities include clinical services to the poultry industry and major participation in instruction in the Master of Avian Medicine degree program. This position will be a non-tenure clinical professorship. Salary and rank are dependent on qualifications and training.

Interested persons should submit their curriculum vitae and names of 3 persons who may be contacted as references. Deadline for receipt of application is October 30, 2003. The search may be reopened/extended.

Direct inquiries and submit applications to: Dr. Pedro Villegas, Department of Avian Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-4875. Phone: (706) 542-1904. Fax: (706) 542-5630. Email: pedrov@uga.edu.

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