



AAAP FALL NEWSLETTER

September 2004

Congratulations to the 2004 AAAP Award Winners

Carlos Estevez - Reed Rumsey Student Award
Robert Good- C.A. Bottorff Award
Stephen Hitchner - Calnek Applied Research Achievement Award
Darrell Kapczynski - P.P. Levine Award
Vanessa Lopes - Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper
Taradon Luangtongkum - A.S. Rosenwald Poster Award
Holly Sellers - Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award
Dennis Senne - Special Service Award
Richard Slemons - Phibro Animal Health Excellence in Poultry
Research Award
Bradley J. Turner - L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship



Special points of interest
(in separate attachments):

- *Annual Report*
- *Business Meeting Minutes*
- *Award Nomination Forms*
- *Committee List*
- *AAAP Call for Papers*

**Reed Rumsey & Rimler Awards Nomination
Deadline
December 1
All others - February 1**

REED RUMSEY & RIMLER AWARDS NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE—DECEMBER 1st

ALL OTHER— FEBRUARY 1st

**NOTE: AAAP CALL FOR PAPERS
& ABSTRACT FORM IN
SEPARATE ATTACHMENT**

Please note our address

AAAP Business Office
953 College Station Road
Athens, GA 30602-4875
Phone (706) 542-5645
Fax (706) 542-0249
E-mail aaap@uga.edu
Website: www.aaap.info



THANK YOU!

MANY THANKS TO THE 2004 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE AAAP/AVMA
ANNUAL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Diamond

American Veterinary Medical Assn.
Aviagen, Inc.
Charles River SPAFAS
Intervet, Inc.
Lohmann Animal Health International
Merial Select, Inc.
Schering-Plough Animal Health

Platinum

Cobb-Vantress, Inc.
Tyson Foods, Inc.

Gold

Alpharma, Inc.
Elanco Animal Health
Hubbard
Hy-Line International
Jones-Hamilton Co.
Novus
Synbiotics

Silver

Alltech Corporation
Bayer Animal Health Corporation
Biomune, Inc.
Foster Farms
Gold Kist, Inc.
Hy-Vac
IDEXX
Perdue Farms, Inc.
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

Bronze

Embrex, Inc.
Lasher Associates, Inc.
Ken Ruud
Sunrise Farms

Philadelphia, PA

Reprinted from:
American Veterinary Medical Association

Sunday, July 25, 2004

Induced molting position statement revised Food withdrawal prohibited

The AVMA House of Delegates Saturday amended the Association's welfare policy concerning induced molting of laying hens. According to the revised statement, neither water nor food should be withdrawn from hens to initiate a biological event meant to increase the birds' egg production.

By approving Resolution 6, submitted by the American Association of Avian Pathologists, delegates have likely put to rest a long-running debate within the HOD about the humaneness of a controversial practice within the poultry industry.

"We have a resolution on this matter with wording that will finally put this to bed, once and for all," said Association of Avian Veterinarians delegate, Dr. James M. Harris.

The AVMA was already opposed to water withdrawal and recommended diets of low nutrient density rather than total feed withdrawal.

The amended portion of the policy reads: "The commercial induced molting procedure is carefully monitored and controlled. Acceptable practices include reduction of photoperiod (day length) and dietary restrictions (including diets of low nutrition density) that result in cessation of egg production. Neither water nor food should be withdrawn. Special attention should be paid to flock health, mortality, and bird weight. Egg quality and safety should be monitored through an egg quality assurance program. The welfare of birds should be a major consideration in this and any management practice."



Dr. Y. M. Saif

The HOD was originally asked to approve Resolution 2, reportedly initiated by the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights for a sixth consecutive year. That resolution stated the AVMA opposes induced molting through the use of food and/or water withdrawal.

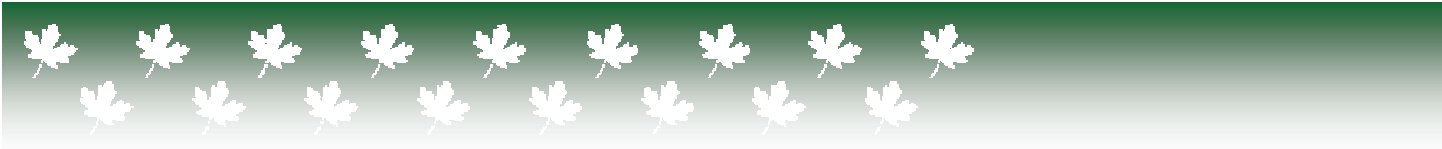
The AVMA Executive Board and House Advisory Committee had recommended disapproval of Resolution 2 by the HOD. Yet on Friday, members of HOD Reference Committee 2, which reviews public matters, narrowly voted to recommend approval of the resolution.

During the committee's deliberations, New Jersey delegate, Dr. Robert P. Gordon, asked committee members whether they as veterinarians could honestly defend the practice of intermittently withdrawing food from laying hens.

If there was any evidence of induced molting harming chickens, said AAAP alternate delegate, Dr. Gregg J. Cutler, he would lead the fight to end the practice.

Dr. Harold J. Davis, Utah delegate, worried that the HOD's approval of Resolution 2 would result in a flood of similar resolutions directing the AVMA to take a stand on any number of welfare issues. When the entire HOD convened Saturday morning, delegates were presented with Resolution 2 and a substitute resolution pertaining to induced molting.

(Continued on page 4)



AAAP delegate, Dr. Y. M. Saif, asked that the HOD rules be suspended to allow consideration of the newly presented Resolution 6. The meeting was then briefly recessed to allow the House Advisory Committee a chance to review the substitute resolution, which they subsequently recommended for approval.

When the issue of induced molting first came to the HOD, Dr. Saif explained, the AAAP promised to fully study the matter. Resolution 6 reflects advances in research that provide dietary tools for inducing molt without food withdrawal, he said.

"This resolution does two things," observed Dr. John H. de Jong, Massachusetts delegate. "It addresses the science that we've been asking for, and it also addresses the emotion of the people who feel strongly about this issue."

After they voted in favor of Resolution 6, delegates disapproved Resolution 2.

AVAR vice president and AVMA member, Dr. Holly Cheever, said later, "We are satisfied with Resolution 6 in that, if you sort through all the verbiage and the several paragraphs, you'll find, 'neither water nor food should be withdrawn'.

Delegates request more information about foie gras

Delegates on Saturday voted to refer to the AVMA Animal Welfare Committee a resolution opposing the practice of force-feeding ducks and geese to produce foie gras—a delicacy made from the birds' liver.

In the background of Resolution 3, petitioners who submitted the resolution state that they oppose the practice because it adversely affects the birds' health and welfare.

They also mentioned that there is a considerable weight of scientific evidence, including a study, the Report of the Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare, by a committee of the European Commission to support that view.

The House Advisory Committee recommended that the House of Delegates refer the resolution to the Animal Welfare Committee for further study. The AVMA Executive Board recommended disapproval. But HOD Reference Committee 2, which handles public matters, recommended approval of the statement.

During their deliberations, it became clear that delegates knew little about foie gras or how it is made.

Foie gras is a French term meaning "fatty liver." Birds are force fed, mostly corn, to expand their livers up to several times their normal size. Only three farms in the United States produce foie gras—two are in New York and the other is in California.

Many delegates objected to how the practice of foie gras deliberately causes liver disease in the birds. But a majority of delegates were uncomfortable passing the resolution without having more information.

Even though he has personal reservations about foie gras, Dr. Y. M. Saif, delegate for the American Association of Avian Pathologists, advocated—and the HOD agreed—to refer the matter to the Animal Welfare Committee for further study.



**47th ANNUAL REPORT
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2004**

The AAAP is in a new era in its membership. We have had a reduction in our number of paid members from 783 in 2003 to 697 for this year. This is reflected in a reduction of dues revenues of approximately \$2,000. This reduction in number of paid members may be a reflection of a reduction in the past year of the overall economy, the university economy and the poultry industry economy.

For fiscal year 2002-2003, the AAAP business transactions were compiled by the accounting firm J. Michael Smith & Associates, Bogart, GA. The following items were noteworthy.

Despite the expense of \$148,332 in FY 02-03 for the WVPA and the move to Athens, GA, the AAAP was able to end the year with \$6,394 income over expenses. This was due in large part to the excellent job by Dr. Witter and his WVPA committees in keeping costs down for the WVPA and the successful fund raising efforts. We must also express a very large thank you to Dr. Bob Owen for his organizing for Hubbard Farms to provide an egg truck and 2 drivers to transport the AAAP office from New Bolton Center, Pennsylvania to Athens, Georgia, at no cost to the AAAP.

Subscriptions to Avian Diseases were down from last year with an average of 1300 copies printed per issue for volume 47 (volume 46 averaged 1400 copies per issue). The revenue generated by Avian Diseases was about the same as last year - \$154,795 ('03-'04) vs. \$154,857 ('02-'03). Expenses for Avian Diseases were higher due in part to the move of the journal from Dr. van der Heide in Connecticut to Dr. Sharma in Minnesota. The addition of electronic publishing increases our costs of each issue by ~\$3,500 totaling ~\$14,000 per year. This cost is somewhat offset by our joining BioOne, which brought in revenue of \$8,198.55.

Sales of educational material continues to be strong netting AAAP approximately \$17,000 this past fiscal year.

Interest income is abysmal (1.6% interest on a 1 year CD). In the past 3 years, we went from \$11,154 to \$9,396 to only \$2,737 this year.

Despite the 2 major moves for our organization and hosting the WVPA, our organization is still very financially strong and continues to grow. The use of electronic information distribution to members and board consideration for investment of the unrestricted funds, our organization should continue on its financially sound position.

Please take time to thank Bob Eckroade and Kim Sprout for serving AAAP and passing it on to Sue and me in such great shape.

Charles L. Hofacre, DVM, MAM, PhD
Secretary-Treasurer

July, 2004

**15TH ANNUAL REPORT
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS FOUNDATION, INC
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2004**

The 2003/04 financial compilation of the AAAP Foundation, Inc. was by G. Michael Smith and Associates, Bogart, Georgia.

The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Committee reviewed 10 applications this year. Nine applicants were funded. Six by the Ken Eskelund Foundation and 2 were funded by the AAAP board General Fund, with 1 funded by Dr. Willie Reed at Michigan State.

Accounts that restrict the board's use of the principal are the C.A. Bottorff, Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator, Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship, Richard Rimler, L. Dwight Schwartz Scholarship, Reed Rumsey, and the new Calnek Applied Poultry Research Achievement Fund. At year end, the C.A. Bottorff fund totaled \$55,494. Revenue from interest was \$611 with expenses of \$1,074 resulting in a net loss of \$213. The Reed Rumsey student award ended the year with a balance of assets of \$41,153. The fund realized a loss of \$815. The Ken Eskelund fund ended the year at \$57,256 with revenue totaling \$1,052 (\$752 interest and \$300 contributions). Expenses were \$5,699 for a net loss of \$4,647 to this fund. The Bayer-Snoeyenbos award ended with \$35,116. This fund gained \$478 in interest but overall lost \$621 from expenses of \$1,069. The Richard B. Rimler award value totals \$22,837 with \$11,648 in 405 shares of common stock in the Southern Company and the remainder in cash. This fund gained \$784 in interest and dividends from investment gains with an additional \$350 in donations, totaling \$1,134 increase in revenue. The fund paid \$1,406 in expenses. The L. Dwight Schwartz fund ended FY03-04 with \$22,827 up from \$17,213 by an additional \$5,000 donation from Wilma Schwartz and \$191 interest. The expenses were \$1,477. The Calnek Applied Poultry Research award ended at \$30,112 up by \$112 of interest.

The unrestricted fund took in \$15,674 in income in FY03-04 in large part from a \$10,000 donation by Dr. I.D. Russell. The unrestricted fund donated \$11,000 to AAAP for the WVPA to result in a net ending balance of \$69,074 (down \$593 from FY02-03).

The AAAP Foundation total fund grew from \$303,979 to \$332,544. This growth was due primarily to the generosity of AAAP members and their families. The foundation made contributions of educational material to veterinary schools in Bangladesh, Botswana, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, and Ukraine.



Charles L. Hofacre, DVM, MAM, PhD
Secretary-Treasurer



AAAP Board of Directors

Front row L-R: Chuck Hofacre, Sue Clanton, Ching Ching Wu, Beth Krushinskie, Louise Dufour-Zavala
Back row L-R: Stewart Ritchie, David Frame, Syed Naqi, Richard Chin, Mariano Salem, Bob Owen



Highlights of the Board Meeting:

Thanks to Dr. Saif and the Co-editors for the 11th edition of Diseases of Poultry. The Board voted for the distribution to the authors the royalties from the sales of the book. Since Iowa State University was withdrawing its funding, the Board voted to sunset the M.S. Hofstad award.

There will be an evaluation sheet distributed to evaluate the AAAP Scientific program placed in the break room at future meetings so we can get immediate feedback on the program.

The Resolutions Committee began the procedure to change the AAAP By-laws to include email voting on elections. It is believed that this change will enhance the efficiency of the voting process. This change will be mailed to the members 30 days prior to the next meeting.

The Board voted to approve a contribution of \$2,000 to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Congressional Fellowship program. There will be more information to come on the application process.

Dr. Steven Clark and Teresa Gruber gave a presentation on CAST which generates information to those who write laws on animal welfare, food safety, etc.

The Board also voted to join the Food Supply Veterinary Medicine Coalition (Bovine, Swine and Sheep, and Small Ruminants Practitioners and AVMA) and contribute \$10,000 to the survey.

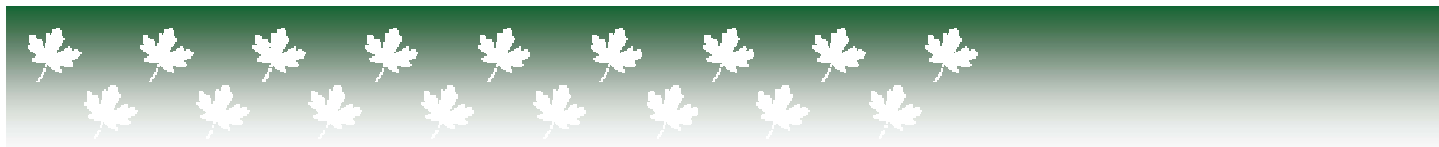
We have one application for reviewers to the AJVR Editorial Board which we will be submitting.

We need to thank the sponsors for our annual meeting. Drs. Owen and Eckroade did an incredible job of fund raising. Please show our gratitude to the donor companies.

Please thank Dr. Bruce Calnek, Dr. I. D. Russell, Ms. Wilma Schwartz, and Ms. Lucy Rimler for the contributions they have made and continue to make.

Reminder:

The dues notices will be mailed around October 1st.



AVIAN DISEASES ANNUAL REPORT

July, 2004

Submitted to the AAAP Board
Submitted by Jagdev M. Sharma, Editor

Manuscript Processing Data: Summary of Volumes 45-47

Volume	Year	Total Articles Published*	% Regular Articles	% Research Notes	% Case Reports	% Other (obituaries, history, awards)
45	2001	141	54	32	13	1
46	2002	148	55	27	16	2
47	2003	135	56	32	11	1

*Acceptance rate: Approx. 85%; Lag period: Approx. 11 months

- Electronic submission and review was initiated January 1, 2004. The background work for this transition was completed in Fall 2003. Several electronic publishers were invited to submit bids. Allentrack, a subsidiary of our current publisher, Allen Press, was selected. The selection was based on cost and a successful track record with other electronic scientific journals.
- Since its initiation in January 2004, electronic submission has been available to authors and reviewers of *Avian Diseases*. All correspondence between the authors, reviewers, Editor and the Asian Diseases Office Staff is conducted electronically, thus saving time and the cost of postage and the post office box. These savings partially offset the annual cost of electronic processing. Thus far, we have electronically processed 78 manuscripts. The mean time between the receipt of the manuscript and the final decision by the Editor was 66.4 days.
- Avian Diseases Advisory Board (ABAS) was appointed by the AAAP Board. The members appointed to a 5-year term include Drs. Carol Cardona (California), Oscar Fletcher (North Carolina), Dick Jones (UK), Mark Parcells (Delaware) and John Smith (Georgia). The function of the ADAB is to work with the Editor in an advisory capacity to critically evaluate all aspects of *Avian Diseases* and to formulate recommendations that would enhance the journal's scientific quality and professional stature. The ADAB and the Editor have collaborated in initiating some of the changes listed below. The AAAP Board has approved the changes. Most of these changes will begin with the September 04 issue.
 - A "Mission Statement" for *Avian Diseases* appears on the inside cover of the journal. The Mission Statement addresses the vision of the diverse membership of the AAAY and defines the focus and the aspirations of the journal.
 - The phrase "**An international journal dedicated to avian health.**" appears on the outside cover of the journal.
 - The date of the publication printed on the cover and the Table of Contents page has been simplified to say "**March**" rather than "**January to March.**" Thus, we would have four issues per year: March, June, September and December.
 - The following **new information** has been printed on the inside cover of the journal: the address of the AAAP web site; the name and contact information of the Editor; the names and e-mail addresses of the ADAB members and publisher information.
 - The **Table of Contents page** has been dressed up by inserting the name of the journal on the top of the page.



AVIAN DISEASES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

- f) Starting with the January 05 issue, the cover of the journal will have a **glossy white cover**. The new cover with red and black fonts has been selected to enhance the market appeal of the journal and bring the journal into the 21st century.

- **Editorial changes initiated in manuscript processing:**

- a) Experts, not on the Editorial Board, were frequently invited to evaluate manuscripts.
- b) Instructions to the authors as well as all form **letters were revised**.
- c) The **deadline for reviewers** was set at 4 weeks.
- d) The **deadline for the author** to return the revised manuscript was set at 6 weeks.
- e) A system was initiated to send **reminders** to delinquent reviewers and authors.
- f) All **scientific names** of microbial agents will be printed in italics both in the title and the text of the articles.
- g) Each printed article will show the dates of **receipt and acceptance**.
- h) A standard **Copyright Form** was developed with the help of legal counsel.



AVIAN DISEASES UPDATE

by Jagdev M. Sharma, Editor

AVIAN DISEASES undergoes a face-lift. Hope you enjoy several pleasant surprises.

Volume 48, Issue 3 features our plans for new text on the outside cover, the inside cover and the Table of Contents pages. *Avian Diseases* Volume 49, Issue 1, will include more revamping features.

We have implemented the plan of publishing one invited MINI-REVIEW per issue. The MINI-REVIEW (five text pages) summarizes relevant information and emphasizes the latest advances in the field. The first MINI-REVIEW due to appear in Volume 48, Issue 4, is under preparation.

Publishing advertisements in *Avian Diseases* is likely to be one of the most efficient ways to reach an audience interested in all aspects of avian health. Efforts are under way to prepare a "rate card" to facilitate submissions of personal and commercial classified advertisements to *Avian Diseases*. The rate card is scheduled to appear in Volume 48, Issue 4 and classified ads will be accepted for publication starting with Volume 49, Issue 1. We encourage you to consider this service.

Our website <http://aviandiseases.allentrack.net> for electronic submission and review of manuscripts has been operational for about 8 months. This new electronic system greatly expedites the processing of manuscripts for publication in *Avian Diseases*.



2004 Committee Reports

Minutes of AAAP Animal Welfare and Management Practices Committee Meeting

American Veterinary Medical Association Convention

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 25, 2004

7.00 – 9.00am

Attendees: Kate Barger, Tami Kelly, Marion Hammarlund, Eric Gingerich, H. Pettit Ewing, Robert Williams, Ken Opengart, Jose Linares, Jill Nezworski, Mo Saif, David Hermes, Greg Cutler, Ken Rudd, Bruce Stewart-Brown, G. Yan Ghazikhanian, Eric Gonder, Richard Dutton, Mark Bland, Kristi Scott, Nancy Reimers, Elizabeth Krushinskie, Max Brugh, Algis Martinez, Marty Ewing, Chip Garritty, Scott Gustin, Don Waldrip, A. Gregorio Rosales, Jeff Kula, Steve McCarter, Patty Dunn

The meeting was called to order by Jarra Jagne, Co-Chair

- A. A motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting at the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta was presented, seconded and approved.
- B. Our invited speaker, Dr. Gail Golab, Assistant Director of Communications and Staff Consultant for animal welfare at the AVMA spoke at length on the OIE (Office Internationale d'Epizooties) animal welfare initiative.

Dr. Golab talked about how animal welfare was identified as a priority in the 2001-2005 OIE strategic plan. Member countries of the OIE had requested that the OIE take a leadership role in animal welfare issues due to its status as the world body for animal health. Member countries felt that guidelines for animal welfare were necessary for bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations.

Dr. Golab then went into detail regarding the implementation of the welfare mandate. An Ad hoc group was initially formed and later replaced by a permanent Working Group on Animal Welfare, which held its first meeting in October 2002. The OIE decided that the welfare agenda would focus on animals used in agriculture and aquaculture and that emphasis would be placed on the following areas; sea and land transport of live animals, slaughter for human consumption and depopulation for disease control purposes.

An international conference was held in Paris in February 2004 to bring together stakeholders such as scientists, government authorities, consumers etc. Participation was by invitation and the USDA represented the government of the United States. Dr. Golab and other colleagues from the AVMA were part of the US government group. According to Dr. Golab, the AVMA provides oversight for the AVMA welfare committee and communicates with the USDA. The USDA solicits input from US stakeholders but has the final say regarding input.

Dr. Golab commented that the OIE could be good for the US and animal welfare. She did not think that standards would be restrictive enough initially. In relation to this, she explained how the AVMA receives OIE draft documents from the USDA, which she then distributes for comments. She lamented that the responses she has received have been few and far between. She urged our committee members to try and participate fully in the process by sending in comments.



- C. Dr. Golab then answered many questions from the floor. There was quite a spirited debate regarding the absence of poultry representatives on AVMA committees and that many AVMA welfare decisions depended heavily on scientists and not poultry industry stakeholders. Dr. Golab explained that in the US there is a health and production approach to welfare but that this approach must be science-based. She urged our members to be more informed about the animal welfare debate by reading journals such as the Journal of Agricultural and Environmental ethics. She continued that most animal welfare journals are not species specific and the animal welfare scientists that publish in these journals also do not concentrate on one species. She emphasized that it was very important for the AAAP membership and those involved with the animal welfare committee to understand the philosophical approach to animal welfare that is expounded by scientists in the animal welfare committee. She felt that until poultry vets, scientists, etc. start publishing and lecturing on animal welfare issues, we will not be invited to join decision-making committees on welfare.
- D. Dr. Golab informed committee members that at the moment, the AVMA funding and staffing of the animal welfare unit is pretty poor. The current AVMA President has suggested a new Division of Animal Welfare with better funding.
- E. We moved on to the next item in the agenda which was Dr. Jose Linares' Report on the maceration (chick euthanasia) issue facing the AAAP. Dr. Linares heads a subcommittee that includes Drs Chip Garritty, Andrew Yersin, and Randy Chick. The subcommittee was charged with the task of coming up with information about maceration as a form of euthanasia.
- Dr. Linares started by saying that the AVMA guidelines for euthanasia adopted in 2000 did not list maceration as a method of euthanasia for poultry species as we had previously thought. Only cervical dislocation and use of carbon dioxide were listed as approved methods for poultry species euthanasia. Dr. Linares and his subcommittee have already provided extensive documentation about the process to the AAAP Board but the board had further questions and wanted to meet with Dr. Linares during the AAAP conference. Dr. Linares felt that we should make the case for maceration to be included in the next AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines. He said that other groups such as the Federation of Animal Scientists, Ag Canada and various European Union countries approved maceration as a humane method of euthanasia.
- Dr. Golab informed us during the discussion that the AVMA Euthanasia panel convenes every 5-7 years and is dissolved thereafter. She suggested we should send our request in to the AVMA animal welfare committee to get it included in the euthanasia panel report. Someone also suggested that other euthanasia procedures such as mass on-farm euthanasia should be included in the panel report.
- F. Dr. Hammarlund mentioned the upcoming Poultry Welfare and Management workshop to be held in Wooster, Ohio from October 12-14. Dr. Saif provided some information about the conference and handed out conference brochures.
- G. A motion was made to approve AAAP participation in the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO). The motion was seconded and passed with unanimously.
- H. Other miscellaneous items such as the National Turkey Federation (NTF) document were discussed. The document has undergone revision and participants believe that what they have now should be acceptable.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00am.

Our next meeting will take place in January 2005 at the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta. I hope many of you will attend.



AAAP Food Safety Committee Report
Philadelphia, PA
July 26, 2004

Meeting focused on the Food Safety Symposium now planned for next year's AVMA Convention in Minneapolis. Date is Sunday, July 17, 2005. The symposium was approved in concept by the AAAP Board at its meeting on July 23 also in Philadelphia.

During the past year, the symposium subcommittee met several times to develop draft agendas. At this meeting a fifth draft agenda was developed and time line for finalizing the program settled. This symposium will command a great deal of the committee's activities for the next twelve months as we develop a timely and relevant program.

* * * * *



From the Desk of
Sue Clanton

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



History committee report, 2004

Carol Cardona, committee chair

Historical manuscripts.

One manuscript was published in Avian Diseases. It was the companion manuscript for the Lasher History Lecture presented by Dr. Steve Hitchner. (Title: History of biological control of poultry diseases in the USA, 48(1)).

We invited one historical manuscript this year on the works of EE Tyzzer by Dr. Ray Williams. That work is in progress. Dr. Williams will probably complete this manuscript for Volume 49 of Avian Diseases.

Dr. Peter Biggs has a manuscript in the works based on the Lasher Lecture he presented last year on the history of the WVPA. We do not know when this manuscript will be completed.

We would like to request permission to ask Dr. Randy Cole to prepare a manuscript on "The Genetic Basis of Resistance to Marek's Disease".

Dr. Hiram Lasher and Mark Jackwood have suggested an additional historical manuscript, which our committee has elected to invite entitled, "The History of Live Infectious Bronchitis Vaccination". We seek permission from the board to invite this manuscript as well.

Dr. Sharma has asked our committee to limit the publication of historical manuscripts to one per volume of Avian Diseases. We believe, that despite the recent plethora of manuscripts, we are well below that, as an average. Our committee will respectfully try to adhere to this limit. However, we requested permission from the board 2 years ago to invite manuscripts from every Lasher Lecturer. This will account for our yearly limit, hence, we may need some latitude with this rule. It is important to remember that many of the manuscripts we have invited over the years have not ever been written. In addition, it may take many years for some of these manuscripts to be completed making it difficult for us to anticipate when a given manuscript might be ready for publication. An average of one per volume is probably practical but a strict limit may place undue constraints on the timely publication of historical manuscripts.

Dr. Sharma has also requested that historical manuscripts be limited to 3 pages. The history committee respectfully requests we work together with the editor of Avian Diseases on the length of each manuscript. Our goal is to present excellent papers on the history of the various topics we consider to be of prime importance. We do not want to diminish the quality of the historical review by an arbitrary page limitation. All authors will be encouraged to be concise and our editors can work with authors to ensure that they are not redundant.

Lasher lecture.

This year is the third Lasher History Lecture, a popular event at the annual meeting. This year's presentation by Dr. Kleven was a departure from what we've seen in the previous two lecture presenting a very personal picture of the history of Mycoplasma study. We have traditionally asked our Lasher lecturers to prepare a manuscript after their talk but this presentation may not be suitable for publication in Avian Diseases and we may seek another venue for publication.

The History committee welcomes all suggestions for future Lasher Lectures.

Archives

We would like to request funding for a student helper (a similar request was filled 3 years ago) for the AAAP archives at Iowa State University for summer 2005. We would like this student to continue the work of the previous student in moving all new submissions to acid free folders and boxes and adding to the finding tool. We would also like this student to develop a searchable index (based on categories and keywords) for the archived materials. We would like to request that this index be posted on the AAAP web site.



Membership Committee Meeting

Sunday July 25th, 2004

12:15-1:15pm

Attendance: Susan Williams, Mark Bland

Members on Committee: Susan Williams (chair), Randy Chick (vice-chair), Mark Bland, Mariano Salem, Pat Wakenell, Ching Ching Wu, and Guillermo Zavala

1. Discussed Membership numbers and Mark will contact some members about paying AVMA dues.
2. Write up for newsletter why important to be a member of AVMA if AAAP member is a veterinarian. Graduates of foreign schools can be members also.
3. Contact liaisons at each school for vet students members that will continue hopefully after graduation. Remind them of reduced fees for DVMs in residency or graduate school programs for AAAP and AVMA.
4. Where can we get new members that are veterinarians?
 - a. Live bird market VMOs on east coast. Is there a coordinator that would know these DVMs and possibly release addresses so we can mail them information about AAAP.
 - b. Create a power point slide or two for people to use when talking with Vet Students during externships regarding AAAP and what it does.—Susan

Presented to me after Business Meeting—contact State Veterinarians/Area Veterinarians in high poultry producing states regarding AAAP and what we do since they are now more aware of poultry diseases (END, HPAI).

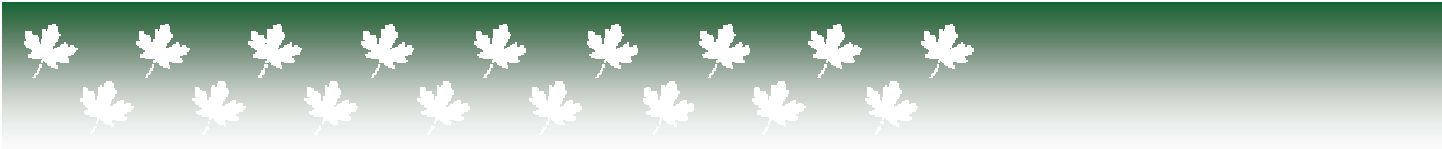
Sold \$750.00 worth of items at International Poultry Expo in Atlanta in January. Enough to cover cost of booth and some extra. Will do again. Thanks to our South American and Latin American members for predominately staffing the booth.

Discussed proposed changes in the AVMA bylaws for affiliated groups and membership numbers and how this would affect AAAP. Suggested to send out list of AAAP members that are on AVMA committees so that folks would know where AAAP is represented.—Put in newsletter like #2.

Discussed possible change of time of meeting to have better attendance. Suggested to meet during the afternoon break Sunday or Monday where most people are present.

Comments from Business Meeting—Some DVMs in graduate school programs are not getting reduced AVMA dues. Susan will contact AVMA membership office regarding reduced fees and registration to AVMA meetings.

Ajourned 1:10pm.



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.

AAAP Audit Committee Report 2004

The AAAP Audit Committee has examined the compiled financial statements for the AAAP and the AAAP Foundation for the year ending April 30, 2004, as provided by G. Michael Smith and Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

The Audit Committee finds the statements in good order.

The recent move of the AAAP office to the University of Georgia has resulted in the termination of a \$150,000 fiduciary bond registered in Pennsylvania. The expense of obtaining a bond in Georgia for the current assets of the AAAP has been deemed prohibitive. In the same manner, the books have not been recently audited in an attempt to conserve association funds.

The Audit Committee recommends that the AAAP and AAAP Foundation continue to explore the possibility of acquiring a fiduciary bond for the AAAP and AAAP Foundation. It is recognized that the price may be prohibitive for the organization, but such a bond would protect the organization, the Secretary-Treasurer, and employees.

The Audit Committee recommends that the AAAP and AAAP Foundation consider having an audit of the financial records of the two associations, respectively.

Frederic J. Hoerr, Chair
Robert Eckroade
I. D. Russell



Welcome to our New Officers

President elect..... Dr. Bob Owen
(North Carolina, USA)

Member at Large..... Dr. Rick Sharpton
(North Carolina, USA)

Director, Western Dr. Stewart Ritchie
(Canada)

Secretary/treasurer..... Dr. Charles Hofacre
(Georgia, USA)

Member at Large (to fill remaining 1 year for Dr. Stewart Ritchie)..... Dr. Charles Corsiglia
(California, USA)

AAAP Representatives to AVMA, USDA, FDA, and FSVMC

Drs. Y. M. Saif & Gregg Cutler
Dr. Eric Gingerich
Dr. Gregg Cutler
Drs. Dennis Wages & Karen Burns
Dr. John Glisson
Dr. Bill Hargis
Dr. Elizabeth Krushinskie

Dr. Tim Cummings
Drs. Charles Hofacre & Y. M. Saif
Dr. Robert Eckroade
Dr. Eric Gonder
Dr. Steven Clark
Dr. Don Waldrip
Dr. Steve Collett

AVMA House of Delegates
Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee
Animal Welfare Committee
Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee
Poultry Program Committee
Committee on Environmental Issues
Food Safety Advisory Committee
& Food Supply Veterinary Medicine Coalition
Steering Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance
Legislative Advisory Committee
USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee for Foreign Animal & Poultry Diseases
FDA Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology
Political Action Committee Policy Board
U.S. Animal Health Association representative



55th Annual North Central Disease Conference and Symposium, will be held October 3-5, 2004 at The Hotel at Gateway Center in Ames, Iowa. Information on this upcoming meeting can be found at:

<http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu/NCADC>

Please note that the registration deadline is September 27th. Make hotel reservations as soon as possible to ensure the conference rate.

39th National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing—To be held **October 7-8, 2004** 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

“Avian Influenza: A Constant Threat to Worldwide Poultry”

Sunday, April 24, 2005

The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, Canada

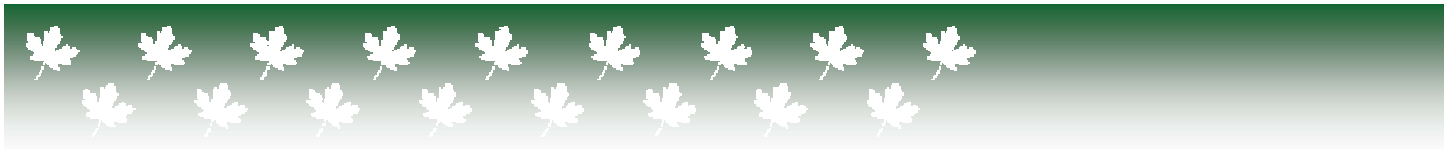
The American College of Poultry Veterinarians will be sponsoring a workshop on Sunday, prior to the 54th Western Poultry Disease Conference. The workshop will address the current and past status of avian influenza in Canada, USA, Asia, South Africa etc. Speakers will include veterinarians that were directly involved with the most recent cases as well as different experts in this field.

Information registration for this workshop will be made along with the 2005 WPDC announcements. For additional information, please contact the workshop coordinator, Dr. Teresa Cereno by E-mail (teresa.cereno@Merial.com).

54th Western Poultry Disease Conference—To be held April 25-27, 2005 at The Fairmont Hotel in Vancouver, BC, Canada. 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. Stewart Ritchie, Canadian Poultry Consultants Ltd., 30325 Canary Court, Abbotsford, BC V4X 2N4, Canada. Phone (604) 854-6600; Fax (604) 854-6610; e-mail stewart.ritchie@canadianpoultry.ca

XIV Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association - August 22-26, 2005 in Istanbul/Turkey
Contact: [Prof. Mehmet Akan](mailto:Prof.Mehmet.Akan); Turkish Branch of WVPA; Ankara University, Veterinary Faculty; Department of Microbiology; 06500 Ankara / Turkey. Phone: (+90) 312 3171983 E-Mail: akan@veterinary.ankara.edu.tr
Website: www.wvpc2005.org

142st AVMA Annual Convention—To be held July 16-20, 2004 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.avma.org>



See you in Minneapolis!

Next year, the 142nd AVMA Annual Convention will be held July 16 through 20 concurrently with the 28th Annual World Veterinary Congress in Minneapolis, Minn.

The City of Lakes is the perfect backdrop for the meeting, which promises to give attendees a chance to choose from hundreds of hours of cutting-edge continuing education while interacting with veterinary leaders from around the globe.

The last time the World Veterinary Congress was held in the United States was 1934 in New York City. Some 3,000 veterinarians from 115 countries attended the 2002 WVC in Tunis.

Minneapolis offers all the sophistication you would expect from a major urban destination, combined with a natural lushness that is sure to draw you in.

But all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, right? Did you know that Minneapolis is the most fun city in the nation, the most literate city in the country, and third on the list of Esquire magazine's "cities that rock"?

These are just a few of the distinctions that Minneapolis has earned in the past year. And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

So mark your calendars, and we'll see you next year in Minneapolis!



2004-2005 AAAP Committee List &

2005 Award Nominations Forms

See separate attachment



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Animal and Food Sciences: Chairperson. Department of Animal and Food Sciences. College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Full professor, tenure-track position, rank and salary commensurate with training and experience. The department is diverse and multidisciplinary and includes internationally recognized programs in poultry science and health, dairy production, and food science. The department's Cooperative Extension and outreach programs are highly visible state and nationwide, particularly in poultry. The poultry health program spans a wide range of activities from field diagnostics to applied and fundamental research, including chicken genomics. A new equine teaching and outreach program is under development.

The department works with other departments and units on and off campus and has close ties with the Delaware Biotechnology Institute. Approximately 44% of the college's undergraduates (300 students) are majors in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. The graduate program consists of approximately 25 students and offers both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Undergraduate research and other out-of-classroom learning opportunities are particularly valued.

Qualifications: Ph.D. or Ph.D./D.V.M or equivalent degree in animal or poultry science or a related field and academic credentials and experience that meet the qualifications required for the rank of full professor at the University of Delaware. The applicant should demonstrate strong academic administrative abilities and leadership and have an outstanding record of professional accomplishments in teaching, research, and outreach. The successful candidate must be able to communicate and work well with various constituents, including academic, industry, and government colleagues and students. The individual must be knowledgeable about the animal, poultry, and food sciences and the challenges that face agriculture. A strong commitment to student learning at the undergraduate and graduate levels is required. The individual must have a keen understanding of the resources required to conduct contemporary scientific research and educational programs. The successful candidate must be committed to faculty and professional development and implementation of collaborative projects. The individual must be committed to Cooperative Extension and academic outreach.

The successful candidate will lead a department that consists of 20 faculty and 30 professional and staff members. The main responsibilities of the position include academic leadership; enhancement of interactions among faculty, professionals, alumni, government and industry partners; student recruitment and retention; curriculum planning and development; and oversight of facilities and infrastructure related to department activities.

The individual is also expected to undertake scholarly activity in his/her field and to teach courses depending on the department's needs and the individual's expertise. The Chairperson will report directly to the Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Applicants should submit a letter of application addressing the required qualifications, a curriculum vita, a statement of research interests and teaching and administrative philosophy, and the names and addresses of three professional references. Application materials should be submitted in electronic format by December 1, 2004 to:

Dr. J. Tom Sims, Search Committee Chair, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 113 Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716-2103. Email: jtsims@udel.edu. Phone: (302) 831-2501. This curriculum vitae and letters of reference shall be shared with departmental faculty. The University of Delaware is an Equal Opportunity Employer which encourages applications from Minority Group Members and Women.



For the members of World Poultry Veterinary Association

KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT
LEUVEN



WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY
WAGENINGEN **UR**

Dear WVPA secretary,

During Eurotier, on the fairground in Hannover, Germany, WPSA and Wageningen University organise the international seminar '**Nutrition and Climate, new developments**' on 9 and 10 November 2004.

Chairmen are **dr. Piet Simons** and **dr. Roel Mulder** of the World Poultry Science Association and **prof. Eddy Decuypere** of Leuven University, and one of the lecturers is **Prof. Dr. H.M. Hafez** from Institut für Geflügelkrankheiten, Freie Universität Berlin. [Please click here for the full programme.](#)

I would like to ask you kindly to forward this mail to the WVPA members of your country. Thank you very much in advance!

If you like to receive the programme by e-mail or if you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to call (0031 317484970) or e-mail me.

Looking forward to meet you in Hannover!.

Best regards,

Marijn Krijgsman **MSc**

Programme manager Wageningen Business School / Wageningen University

<http://www.phlo.nl>