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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN PATHOLOGISTS

2010 AAAP Meeting in Atlanta, GA

The American Association of Avian Pathologist's 2010 Annual Meeting along with the AVMA Convention is July 31st through August 4th this year. It will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. AAAP's symposium and the first two days of the Scientific Program will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd., Atlanta Georgia. This year's symposium is titled "Animal Welfare: Reality, Perception and Thinking Outside the Box." The third and last day of the Scientific Program will be held at the Omni Hotel ending at 12:00 noon.

The AAAP Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd, at 12:15pm and will be held in the Dogwood room in the Omni Hotel.

Remember to order your luncheon tickets online to select your meal.

AAAP Committee and Affiliated Group meetings will be held in the Omni Hotel. You will find the AAAP Meeting Schedule helpful for tracking the days and times of committee meetings and events.

Link to:

[2010 AAAP Symposium & Scientific Program and Meeting schedules](#)

www.aaap.info/page/2010aaap

Last, if you have not already registered for this year's Annual meeting, you can click the Register button below. Note Pre-registration ends July 1st.



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Featured Article

AAAP History Committee: Advancing Our Profession by Preserving Its History

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Letter from the President

Jagdev Sharma

Dear Fellow AAAP Member:

One of the most interesting revelations for me as President has been the realization of how much work goes on behind the scenes. Ours is a very dynamic association and many members freely volunteer their time and talent to promote the AAAP mission. We have over twenty active committees. These committees, the life blood of our association, work all through the year. Often, their work is demanding, with tasks that must be completed within specific timeframes. It is a pleasure to see how the committees work in a professional and well-coordinated manner. Within the last couple of years, the AAAP Board of Directors has instituted policy that increases its interaction with committees all through the year, not only during the annual meetings.

One of the important responsibilities of professional associations such as ours is to disseminate professional information to its members and the community. We take this responsibility seriously

and our members produce a number of publications that include books, manuals, position papers and slide sets. We also publish two quarterly journals, *Avian Diseases* and *Avian Diseases Digest*. I have the pleasure of serving as editor of both journals. *Avian Diseases* is one of the premier international scientific journals in its field. The number of submissions to the journal has steadily increased within the last few years.

We have made strides in enhancing interactions with our international colleagues and counterpart professional associations. One of the significant developments is our collaboration with the Mexican Asociación Nacional de Especialistas en Ciencias Avícolas (ANECA) to translate *Avian Diseases Digest* into Spanish. The first Spanish version was published on-line in December, 2009. ANECA and AAAP are working together to make this journal available to all Spanish-speaking countries. This year, we also published, in a supplemental issue of *Avian Diseases*, peer-reviewed papers presented at the seventh International Symposium on Avian Influenza. This supplement, made

possible by hard work of a team of people, contains the latest scientific information on avian influenza. I am pleased that our association took initiative to share information in a timely manner on a zoonotic disease of global importance.

We are continuing to strive for better communication between members. The newly rejuvenated [Electronics Committee](#) is identifying appropriate web-based media that would facilitate interaction between members and allow the members to view latest information on the actions of the committees and the Board of Directors. The AAAP website is much improved and becoming more and more user-friendly. I find myself accessing the site more frequently now than ever before. I encourage you to do the same. There is a vast amount of information available to you as a member.

Your Board remains actively engaged with the American Veterinary Medical Association and other national and international organizations to promote your interests. For the second year in a row, last March, the Board members met with legislators in Washington DC lobbying and advocating for some of the issues critical for our industry including veterinary education, animal welfare, antibiotic use and funding for avian research.

Serving as President of AAAP is an exciting, challenging and enjoyable assignment. Please contact me if I or the AAAP Board can answer questions or address issues of special interest to you. Look forward to seeing you in Atlanta this summer.

Best Regards,

Jagdev Sharma, President

Letter from the Secretary-Treasurer

Chuck Hofacre



Another fiscal year for AAAP is completed and we have the Bevans-Kerr team to thank for their help in steering our organization to another highly successful year. AAAP had a very good year in sales of our educational materials, especially the Avian Diseases Manual, Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens and the new Avian Histopathology book. I want to thank all of the editors and authors of those publications for their contribution of time to making these internationally recognized publications. It is a source of pride to be in almost any country in the world and see one or more of the AAAP educational manuals in use.

Thanks to everyone's active participation in the committees. This has been a very active year for the Welfare, Food Safety and Drugs and Therapeutics committees. AVMA has done a great job keeping us informed of pending legislation and regulatory changes in Washington and these 3 committees have been great in responding to issues by providing AVMA the needed information. We have also had several committees ask for surveys of our membership and I want to thank everyone for their time in responding. Our committees are the life blood of AAAP and it is great that we have such an active membership. If you want to be more active, go to the [AAAP website \(www.aaap.info\)](http://www.aaap.info) and find a committee and become more active in AAAP.

I can assure you the direction and positions our organization takes are guided by our committees.

This summer's annual meeting in Atlanta, August 1-4, will feature a symposium entitled "Animal Welfare: Reality, Perception and Thinking Outside the Box." Don't miss this symposium. It will feature several speakers from outside AAAP and includes an audience partici-

pation workshop. [Please be sure to visit the website to see the full symposium and scientific program schedule.](#) Also, thank our program chairs, Rich Chin and John Smith, for their hard work.

This summer at the annual meeting come prepared to help in the organization for next year's inaugural joint meeting with the Poultry Science Association in St. Louis, Missouri. This will be an unprecedented meeting combining the programs, posters and symposiums of our two organizations in one place! We need all the help we can get to make this a success and it is the desire of both the AAAP and PSA Boards to have this become the first of many joint meetings.

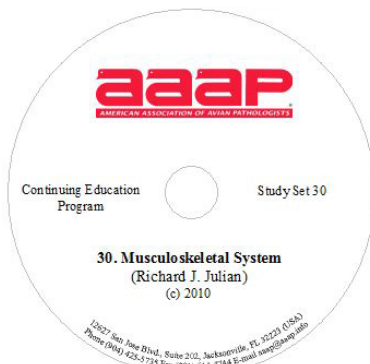
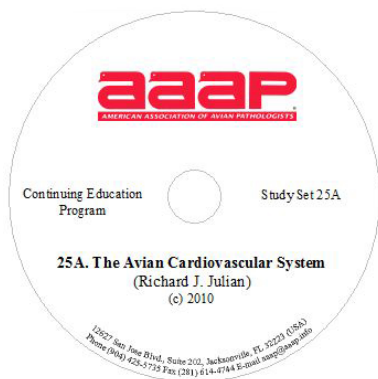
I want to thank everyone for their service to AAAP in representing us in the AVMA, PACCO, USAHA, and many other organizations. I especially want to congratulate Nat Tablante for recently being elected President of CAST!

I hope to see everyone in Atlanta this summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Chuck".

Chuck Hofacre, Secretary/Treasurer



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AAAP History Committee: Advancing Our Profession by Preserving Its History

By John Dunn

"I don't have any business being on the history committee." This was my initial thought when I was invited to join the committee in 2006, a year after joining AAAP. My experience working with poultry was limited and my knowledge of the history of poultry medicine was virtually non-existent. I reluctantly accepted the invitation and soon discovered that being a historian was not a prerequisite for the job. As current chairperson, I work with an unbelievable arsenal of poultry legends that are living libraries of the history of poultry medicine. A mixture of different talents and experiences is what helps a committee like this succeed in meeting their goals.

It would be negligent for me to write about the history committee without including some actual history. Our committee dates back to 1975 when AAAP president Dr. Harry Yoder invited Dr. J. Franklin Witter to form and chair a new committee on the history of avian medicine, an idea originally suggested by Dr. Henry van Roekel to contribute to the bicentennial celebration of the United States in 1976. Dr. J. Franklin Witter was the first author of the invited [historical review articles](#) published in *Avian Diseases*, a project that was initiated from the start and one that our committee continues to solicit today.

To permanently preserve physical materials important in the history of AAAP and avian medicine, the [AAAP historical archives](#) were established in September 1989. Dr. Leland Grumbles was chair of the history committee at the time and presided over a debate between locations including Michigan State University, the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD, and Iowa State University. The committee ultimately recommended Iowa State University which already housed an archive for the Poultry Science Association. Dr. Richard Witter and Dr. Art Bickford visited the archives last year with outcomes

including (1) an updated list of documents and their locations, (2) a list of special collections and their locations, (3) a list of missing documents, and (4) a recommendation for a revised system of cataloging of documents. The archives are a valuable asset which we hope to modernize and make more easily accessible for our members.

Not long after the archives were established, history committee chair Dr. Richard Witter envisioned a [collection of biographies](#) to preserve information on persons who have contributed to AAAP or poultry medicine for succeeding generations of scientists and historians interested in poultry medicine. The first entry into the archives was of Dr. Walter B. Gross in 1997. In October 2004, Dr. Richard Witter suggested making the biographies accessible on the AAAP website, a template was developed in 2006, and the biographies went online in 2007 in conjunction with the redesigned AAAP website. Our 38th biography was recently added and we continue to encourage self-contributions or biographies written on someone else's behalf of any person, living or deceased, who has made significant contributions to poultry medicine or to the AAAP.

The History committee has taken on several additional endeavors during the last 10 years. Our committee was interested in an annual history lecture to be presented at our annual meeting. Dr. Hiram Lasher had contributed funds for the C.A. Bottorff Award which was accumulating money beyond the needs of the award. Dr. Robert Eckroade, then secretary-treasurer, suggested to Dr. Lasher that some of these excess funds could be used to help fund a history lecture. Dr. Lasher was delighted and Dr. Stephen Hitchner gave the first history lecture at our 2002 meeting in Nashville, TN, which the board later designated as the Lasher History Lecture. This year's ninth history lecture is titled

Historical Data on Establishing Regulatory Oversight of Poultry Vaccines and will be presented by Dr. David Espeseth.

In 2005, shortly after Dr. Jagdev Sharma began as editor of *Avian Diseases*, the journal was changed to a larger size with a new cover including photographs for the first time in

John Dunn is the current chair of the AAAP History of Avian Diseases Committee. He did his BS at the University of Michigan (1998) followed by his DVM (2003), MS in epidemiology (2003) and PhD in pathology (2009) at Michigan State University.

The USDA ARS Avian Disease and Oncology Laboratory ADOL hired him as a student trainee in 2004 and sponsored his PhD education and research. After completing his degree in 2009, John was converted to a temporary Research Veterinary Medical Officer at ADOL focusing on Marek's disease research.



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the journal's history. On the first issue in this new format (March 2005), Dr. Sharma featured a cover photograph of Dr. P.P. Levine, founder of Avian Diseases in 1957. Dr. Sharma subsequently solicited our history committee to nominate and submit future photographs and descriptions which have been featured on 10 issues to date.

In 2007, AAAP celebrated its 50th anniversary at our meeting in Washington, DC. As part of the celebration, our committee produced a commemorative book including review articles and historical information about our organization. As part of this book, Dr. Bruce Calnek contributed 30 pages of edited digital photographs of our members collected from a variety of sources. Dr. Calnek and Dr. Robert Owen continue to maintain the collection and have recently added several hundred additional people to the collection. Our committee plans to setup a laptop computer and camera in the poster room at this summer's meeting so attendees can view their photographs and we can add more members to the collection. All digital photographs to date have been archived and our committee is discussing ideas to make these photographs more accessible to members for historical papers or presentations. In the meantime, please contact Dr. Calnek or Dr. Owen for access to the photographs.

Our committee works hard to accomplish our mission: to collect, permanently preserve, organize, and publicize information concerning the history of AAAP and the field of poultry medicine in order to advance the profession

through an appreciation of its heritage. I encourage new and longtime members to send me an email (john.dunn@ars.usda.gov) if you want to get involved in any of these projects and have the opportunity to work with some truly spectacular members of our profession.

Note: I wish to thank Dr. Richard Witter for contributing some of the historical information used in this article.



Dr. J. Franklin Witter was the first chairperson of the AAAP History Committee which was formed in 1975.

Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture

A name change for the Lasher History Lecture, proposed by the History Committee, has been approved by the Board of Directors. Beginning at the 2010 summer meeting, the Lasher History Lecture will become the Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture. Dr. Hiram Lasher recently proposed this name change to the History Committee to help recognize Dr. Eckroade's many contributions as well as his role in the initial development of the lecture series

*This year's Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture will be given by **Dr. David Espeseth** titled "Historical Data on Establishing Regulatory Oversight of Poultry Vaccines."*

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Employment Opportunities

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The USDA, APHIS, Avian Viruses Section of the National Veterinary Services Laboratory, Ames, Iowa, is seeking a full-time Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer or Microbiologist. —posted 5-10-2010

Manager R&D Virology & Bacteriology

Biomune, one of the top ten animal health companies in the world, retained EFL Associates to recruit the Manager-R&D Virology and Bacteriology. The position represents an outstanding opportunity to join a respected, growing, global vaccine company. —posted 5-10-2010

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Reporting to the Executive Director Bio Research and Development, the Manager/Associate Director, Poultry Research will provide extensive knowledge pertaining to infectious diseases of poultry as it pertains to current and emerging diseases affecting broiler, layers and breeding birds and in alignment with business needs lead the technical and regulatory efforts to yield approvals in targeted regional markets. In addition, s/he will coordinate Poultry Research/Development efforts at Boehringer Ingelheim sites in US and Mexico related to laboratory and animal studies as well as external collaborations. —posted 5/4/2010

Staff Veterinarian Position in Avian Medicine and Pathology

The Department of Pathobiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania has a staff veterinary position in the Laboratory of Avian Medicine and Pathology located in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Responsibilities will include: oversight of the necropsy service of cases presented to the laboratory, and field office located in Manheim, PA, involvement in field investigation of new or serious problems of poultry flocks, teaching of veterinary students, participation in continuing education programs for poultry industry personnel, and involvement in appropriate clinical research —posted 4/22/2010

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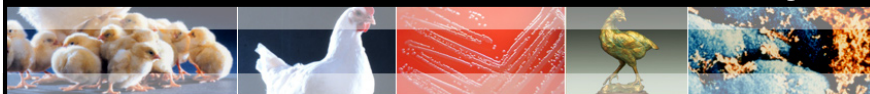
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The American Association of Avian Pathologists strives to prevent and eliminate the suffering and loss of poultry due to disease, to assure a safe poultry-associated food supply and to develop and use cutting edge, science based techniques to meet these goals through education of current and future scientists.

Sunday, August 1, 2010 7:30AM - 12:30PM

Animal Welfare Symposium: Reality, Perception & Thinking Outside the Box

Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Room B313

Monday - Tuesday, August 2-3, 2010 8:00AM - 5:30PM

AAAP Scientific Program

GWCC, Rooms B312 & B313

Monday, August 2, 2010 10:00 - 10:30AM

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Christine Hoang

Is the Sky Falling? Current and Future Challenges in Poultry Medicine
GWCC, Room B313

Monday, August 2, 2010 12:15PM - 2:45PM

AAAP Awards Luncheon

The Omni Hotel @ the CNN Center, Dogwood Room

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 10:00 - 10:30AM

Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture, Dr. David Espeseth

Historical Data on Establishing Regulatory Oversight of Poultry Vaccines
GWCC, Room B313

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 10:30AM - 12:00PM

AAAP Business Meeting

GWCC, Room B313

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 8:00 - 12:00PM

AAAP Scientific Program (continuation)

Omni Hotel @ the CNN Center, International Ballrooms D&E

