



Annual Meeting 2008 New Orleans

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AAAP Annual Meeting Held in New Orleans

This year the American Association of Avian Pathologists met in New Orleans for its Annual Meeting from July 19 to July 23. The three and a half day event included a Symposium sponsored by the AAAP and the ACPV called, “Managing Respiratory Diseases from the Field, Diagnostic Lab and through Research; Emerging and Re-emerging Challenges”. One hundred and fourteen presentations were given in the Scientific Program from Monday through Wednesday morning, including some special presentations. Y. M. Saif gave the Keynote address titled, “Enteric Diseases: Present and Future,” and David Halvorson gave the Lasher History Lecture titled, “The History of Avian Influenza in the USA.”



Some AAAP members enjoyed an evening on the Mississippi Steamboat, “Natchez”.

Award winners were featured at the annual meeting. Dharani Ajithdoss presented his paper, “Transactivation Properties of Meq Oncoproteins of Marek’s Disease Vaccine Strain, CV1988,” as well as John R. Dunn with “Frequency of Multiple Serotype 1 Marek’s Disease Virus Strains in Feather Follicle Epithelium and Tumor Cells following Superinfection.” Justin Brown, also an award winner, presented, “Experimental Infections of Waterfowl and Gulls with a H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus.”

The Annual Meeting also included a poster session where 88 posters were presented for view.

In keeping with tradition, an Awards Luncheon was also held at the Annual Meeting. Approximately 240 members enjoyed a delicious banquet and watched as awards were presented. [Outstanding members were recognized for their valuable contributions to avian pathology and the AAAP.](#)

AAAP Takes Positions On Many Current Issues

The American Association of Avian Pathologist has long taken positions on issues that affect its members. Issues are discussed, researched and approved by members of relevant committees who go on to produce position papers. These position papers are sent to the Board of Directors who review the documents, ask for changes if necessary and ultimately the Board and Committees agree on a final document. The document or statement, is then posted on the AAAP website. All positions are reviewed in committee and updated annually. 2008 statements on the website are:

[Statement on Welfare of Poultry 6/2008](#)

[Statement on Use of Antiviral Pharmaceuticals in Poultry 5/15/2008](#)

[Statement of Controlled Atmosphere Stunning of Poultry 6/2008](#)

[Statement on California Proposition 2 8/8/2008](#)

[Statement on Antibiotic Feed Additives 8/31/2008.](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Fred Hoerr has done a lot of significant things in his career and to add to that long list is the great job he did last year as AAAP President. As President, he addressed the future of the AAAP office and the administrative/business structure. It involved some vision, some organization, some courage, and some encouragement. You are seeing many examples (and will see many more) of the dedicated work Bob and Janece Bevans-Kerr will bring to the AAAP organization. We recognized Sue Clanton for her contributions for the past years at the Annual Business Meeting, but again, Thanks Sue!



The AAAP meeting in New Orleans had some logistical challenges but your overall response to the program was positive. The Scientific Program Committee, under Gregorio Rosales's leadership, works year round to assemble a program that helps fulfill the AAAP Vision of educating "current and future scientists" on poultry health, welfare, and food safety issues.

51 years ago the founders of AAAP might not have envisioned how much "business" would evolve, but we have a lot of important issues that need significant thought and action. This is addressed as much through our committees as it is through the AAAP Board. We have some very active and productive committees. The AAAP Committees work has been an emphasis for the past years and this will continue. We recognize that getting all the committee work done at the Annual Meeting is becoming impossible. Many committees are working hard throughout the year. The AAAP Board certainly recognizes this dedication and will be making sure each committee is getting the support and direction they need. If you are not on a committee, contact the AAAP office. This is an excellent way to get involved at AAAP.

I mentioned the deteriorating economic condition of the Poultry Industry in the US during our AAAP Business Meeting in New Orleans. This has continued and there are unprecedented challenges for virtually all businesses on the meat bird side. Hopefully the poultry production business will turn around at some point in the next year, but it will likely be changed significantly. We need to be sure we are working on the right issues to support this industry and at a pace that is appropriate. At the same time, what we communicate must hold up to scrutiny over time. The breadth of knowledge and expertise in AAAP is particularly needed and useful going forward.

Although the complete AAAP doesn't meet, as a group, for another 9 or 10 months, I appreciate all the work that is going on every day, every month. The poultry industry will undergo major changes in 2008 – 2009 and the AAAP needs to continue to make significant contributions as this evolution occurs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Stewart-Brown".

Bruce Stewart-Brown
President
American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc.



2007-2008 American Association of Avian Pathologists, Inc.
Board of Directors and Business Office Managers

**Stew Ritchie, Bruce Stewart-Brown, Fred Hoerr, Chuck Hofacre, Kenton Kreager, Bob Bevans-Kerr
Pat Wakenell, Hector Cervantes, Bruce Charlton, Sue Clanton, Patty Dunn, Janece Bevans-Kerr
(not pictured Travis Cigainero)**

Letter from the Secretary-Treasurer and the 51st Annual Report

We have had an extremely successful year in AAAP this past year. As you can tell from my 51st annual report, AAAP is financially sound. We continue to fulfill our mission to provide continuing education of poultry veterinarians by our excellent program in New Orleans and the support we give to the regional meetings and the next Avian Influenza Symposium to be held in Athens, Georgia.

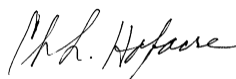
The 12th edition of *Diseases of Poultry* is now available and the 5th edition of the *Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Avian Pathogens* is being well received. Thank you to Dr. Saif and Dr. Louise Dufour Zavala as editor-in-chief for each of these publications. Also, I want to thank David Swayne for his donation of the royalties of the book, *Avian Influenza*.

Please look over the website (www.aaap.info) if you haven't lately; it is a fantastic source of information about your organization. You can even update your directory profile with any new address or phone number changes. Also, take a look in this newsletter and on the website for the listing of the AAAP and AVMA committees and our colleagues who are representing you and take the time to thank them. Don't hesitate to contact them, Bob, Janece or myself if you want to help out your organization.

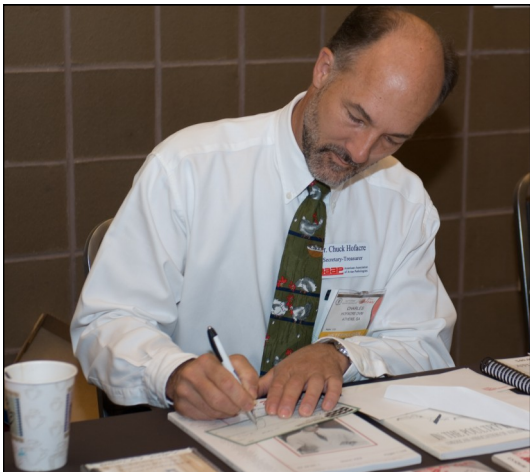
Finally, welcome to Bob and Janece (Joan Schrader's twin sister) Bevans-Kerr to the AAAP. They will be serving you as the directors of your organization. They will also take much of the day to day weight of managing AAAP off of my shoulders so that I can continue to serve you in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer.

We had a great 51st year and look forward to the 52nd year of AAAP with our new home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Hofacre
Secretary-Treasurer



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Pictured at the Awards Luncheon: Calvin Keeler, Conrad Pope, Robin Morgan and Jack Gelb.



2008 Award Winners

Special Service Award: **Dr. Charles L. Hofacre**

Phibro Animal Health Excellence in Poultry Research: **Robin W. Morgan**

Life Member Award: **Yan Ghazikhanian**

L. Dwight Schwartz Travel Scholarship: **Laren Boswell**

Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper Scholarship: **Dharani K. Ajithdos**

Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award: **Isabel Gimeno**

P.P. Levine Award: **James S. Guy**

Lasher-Bottorff Award: **Conrad R. Pope**

Reed Rumsey Student Award: **John R. Dunn & Justin Brown**

A.S. Rosenwald Student Poster Award: **Antonio Morales & Il-Hwan Kim**

Eskelund Preceptorship Awards:

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Anne L. Hurley

Rachel Nichols

William Andrew Parker

Ian Rubinoff

Renée G. Schott

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Highlights from the AAAP Board of Directors Meeting

Dr. Fred Hoerr called Friday's meeting to order at 7:35 AM and adjourned at 5:55 PM. Saturday's meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM and adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The following Board Members were present at the Friday and Saturday meetings.

President Dr. Fred Hoerr
President-Elect Dr. Bruce Stewart-Brown
Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Charles Hofacre
Northeast Dr. Patty Dunn
Central Dr. Kenton Kreager
Western Dr. Stewart Ritchie
South Dr. Hector Cervantes
At-Large Dr. Travis Cigainero
At-Large Dr. Bruce Charlton
Past-President Dr. Pat Wakenell

[Click here for the rest of the minutes](#)

19th Annual Foundation Report

American Association of Avian Pathologists Foundation, Inc.

The 2007/2008 financial compilation of the AAAP Foundation, Inc. by G. Michael Smith and Associates, Bogart, Georgia has been sent to the audit committee.

The Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship committee reviewed 6 applications this year. All applications were approved and funded at \$1300 each which was an increase from \$1200 in previous years.

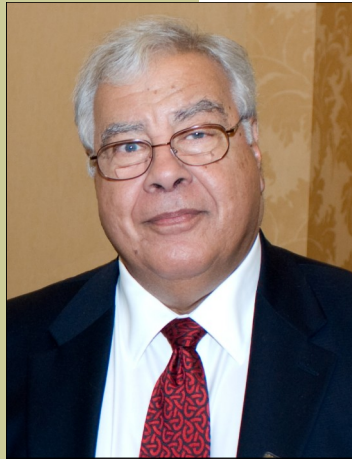
The decision was made at the 2004 Foundation Board meeting to invest \$300,000 of the foundation's assets with Marin Financial Advisors into a diversified portfolio of Charles Schwab. Despite a difficult year for the U.S. economy, the investment has done well for the foundation this past year having increased from \$338,873 on April 30, 2007 to a value of \$345,934 on April 30, 2008. If we compare this growth to the \$300,000 AAAP, Inc. placed in a CD at the same time, the CD is now valued at \$343,210. Initially, the downside to this investment was to not have sufficient cash on hand to pay the awards and it was agreed by the AAAP, Inc. Board in July 2006 and reconfirmed 2007 to cover this shortfall which was \$13,887 in 2008. Also, this year \$45,000 of money in the AAAP Foundation savings was placed into a C.D. At 5.25% interest.

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Dr. Mo Saif Gives the Keynote Address

AAAP was privileged to have Dr. Mo Saif give the keynote address at the New Orleans annual meeting. His lecture titled, "Enteric Diseases: Present and Future," was well received by all who attended. The following is a brief overview summarizing Dr. Saif's topic and objectives. [You can also link to the full Keynote Address Text.](#)

Enteric diseases have a significant economic impact on commercial poultry production. The health of the gastrointestinal tract (GI) of food producing animals is of paramount importance for efficient production. The GI tract has the largest exposed surface of the body and it is continually bombarded with a variety of infectious agents and foreign material. Enteric diseases are common in young poultry. Among the infections causes of enteritis in young poultry, viruses are important primary causes of disease. Knowledge of enteric viruses and their role in disease has been expanding aided by developments in diagnostics and the use of specific pathogen free poultry for pathogenesis studies. A variety of enteric viruses have been identified as cause of disease and they are common in poultry operations. It is very common to find different viruses in a diseased flock which leads to a variety of clinical signs and lesions. Morbidity is usually high but mortality varies significantly dependent on the viral agents involved. It is anticipated that further knowledge of enteric viruses will facilitate the development of logical control strategies for enteric disease. This presentation will deal with viruses involved in enteric disease and the clinical signs and lesions they induce. In addition, diagnosis, epidemiology, pathogenesis, prevention and control will be discussed.



Dr. Mo Saif: Keynote Speaker

AAAP Annual Business Meeting Minutes

The 51st annual business meeting of the American Association of Avian Pathologists was called to order by Dr. Chuck Hofacre in the absence of Dr. Fred Hoerr, President (due to a family emergency) at 10:45 AM. The meeting was attended by approximately 90 members.



David Halvorson gives the
Lasher History Lecture

Dr. Hofacre asked the membership to pause for a moment of silence to remember our President's family and the members who passed away this year:

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

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Hofacre recognized three members leaving the Board this year, Dr. Pat Wakenell, Past President, Dr. Stew Ritchie, Western Region Director, and Dr. Travis Cigainero, Director-at-Large. He thanked them for their service on the Board of Directors for two and a half days at the annual meetings and also on three board conference calls, as well as representing the organization.

[Click here to read the rest of the Business Meeting Minutes.](#)

Dues Increase

AAAP will be increasing membership dues 7.5% for 2009. Dues for 2009 will be \$215 for members, \$240 (includes postage) for International associate members and \$60 for students. Notices will go out the beginning of November.

The AAAP board was preparing members for a substantial increase this year due to the change in management structure, but happily a larger increase in membership dues was avoided because of the success of publication sales.

Avian Diseases Digest is the Perfect Solution for the Busy Poultry Professional

Avian Diseases Digest, the companion publication to *Avian Diseases*, contains summaries of the articles found in *Avian Diseases* written in a condensed, simplified version. Free for



AAAP members, this on line only journal can be ordered by logging on to the AAAP website (www.aaap.info), and following the links from the drop down menu item, "Avian Diseases Journal".

Information in ADD should help the reader remain well informed on what's new in the area of avian

health including latest diagnostic tests, emerging new diseases, better management of existing diseases, new vaccines and vaccine delivery systems. The mission of ADD is to share the latest scientific information in an easy to under-

New Issue of Avian Diseases

The September 2008 issue of *Avian Diseases* has been published and is available in hard copy and on-line. The cover honors Arnold S. "Rosy" Rosenwald for his life-long contributions to avian medicine and the role he played in founding the Western Poultry Disease Conference and the AAAP. This issue also features a review by Stan Kleven on the control of avian mycoplasma infections in commercial poultry.



Obituaries:

Roscoe K. Balch - October 18, 2007 - age 85
Richard B. Davis - October 27, 2007 - age 74
Lyle E. Hanson - December 19, 2007 - age 87
Arnold S. "Rosy" Rosenwald - January 23, 2008 - age 98
Bryan Mayeda - July 6, 2008 - age 86
Harold Chute - September 11, 2008 --age 87

AAAP Bids a Fond Farewell to Sue Clanton

Sue Clanton, Assistant Business Manager for AAAP since 2003, retired from her position in September. Her service to AAAP members has been invaluable the past five years. Dr. Chuck Hofacre presented Sue with a plaque at the Annual Business meeting and thanked her on behalf of all the members. Sue then received a standing ovation from the members in attendance. Sue will continue to work on a part time basis at the Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center at The University of Georgia. Best Wishes go out to Sue and her husband Jack and thanks for a job well done.



19th Annual Foundation Report (Continued from page 5)

The present amount in the savings and C.D. now is sufficient for the AAAP Foundation to begin to cover all of the expenses for the awards beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009.

In order to account for any gain/loss by each award fund, now that nearly all the money is in one investment account and one CD, each fund is given a percentage of the total amount. The percentages used are Ken Eskelund Preceptorship (23%), Reed Rumsey Student Award (14%), Lasher-Bottorff (21%), Bayer-Snoeyenbos (13%), Richard B. Rimler (7%), L. Dwight Schwartz (9%), and Calnek Applied Research (13%).

The interest and donations this past year resulted in the following balances for each fund: Ken Eskelund Preceptorship \$101,478; Reed Rumsey Student Award \$54,638; Lasher-Bottorff \$75,625; Bayer-Snoeyenbos \$48,372; Richard B. Rimler \$33,886; L. Dwight Schwartz \$56,549; and Calnek Applied Research \$47,599. It should also be noted that \$18,779 of the value of the Richard B. Rimler fund is also in a stock fund with Walnut Street Securities Group (Southern Company) as this stock was donated to the foundation by Lucy Rimler.

We must also thank a long list of members and families of members who made generous donations to the Foundation this past year in the amount of \$26,281.

The Foundation made contributions of educational material to veterinary schools or students in Nigeria, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe.

This annual report is respectfully submitted to the AAAP Foundation, Inc. Board July 19, 2008.

Charles L. Hofacre

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Secretary-Treasurer
AAAP Foundation, Inc.

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