
Association News

Providing travel assistance for young WPSA members and students to participate in regional and global WPSA conferences

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for young WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and students from developed countries to

attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

WPSA Travel Grant programme for older scientists (>40 yrs) from developing countries

For many years, the WPSA Board has supported a travel grant programme for members 40 years of age and younger, to enable them to attend international WPSA-sponsored meetings in other countries. Application for these grants is open to WPSA members from both developing and developed countries. It is recognised that older scientists from developing countries, even those in relatively senior positions, frequently have considerable difficulty in finding funds to attend international meetings. It is even more difficult for scientists in this age group who have only recently obtained a higher degree. Because of the lack of available training opportunities, many scientists in developing countries are near to 40 by the time they obtain a higher degree and be in a position to present their work at international meetings. The value of interaction with other scientists with similar interests and expertise, is well recognised.

It is for these reasons that WPSA has instituted a new travel grant programme to assist older (>40 years) WPSA members from developing countries to attend and present a paper (oral or poster) at international meetings. The programme is designed to

provide some financial assistance, NOT to cover the entire costs of the travel to and attendance at the meeting in question. As a not-for-profit organisation, WPSA has limited funds to allocate towards the programme, which means that the number of grants and the size of the individual grants, will not be great. Successful applicants are encouraged to use the grant as leverage in application for additional funding from the applicant's institution or other bodies. The programme is competitive and applicants are required to provide information about their research, and current status and about their planned contribution to the meeting in question, as described below and on the application form. Successful applicants will be expected to provide on their return, a brief report on the meeting and on the benefits derived by their attendance.

All applications will be assessed by a travel grants assessment committee set up under the WPSA Board. The committee will make its recommendations to the Secretary, who will advise the applicants in due course. The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

In 2011 the Speakers' Bureau has been extended to include speakers for Working Group meetings in both the European and Asian Pacific Federation.

A Branch (or group of Branches) may either identify a speaker to invite or seek the advice of WPSA in the selection of an appropriate speaker.

Given the high cost of international air travel it is important that optimum value be obtained from this expenditure by WPSA. This can be achieved by insisting that the visiting speaker provides more than just one paper at a conference. The visiting speaker could contribute in a variety of ways, e.g., present a second paper on a related topic, conduct a workshop for graduate students, have small group or one-on-one interaction, especially with students, visit industry groups, visit university groups, etc.

Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish

to apply for Speakers' Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

Application conditions

- Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.
- Where the Branch (or group of Branches) has identified a speaker that they would like to invite, the *Curriculum Vitae* of that speaker must be submitted on the WPSA Speakers Bureau Speakers CV Form.
- Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.
- The speaker must contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.
- The speaker must be given an assignment dealing with the students at the Conference.
- Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary.
- Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.
- A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.
- The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat (wpsa@xs4all.nl) or can be downloaded from the WPSA website (www.wpsa.com).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl

Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering Plumveewetenschappen

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress. As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevordering Plumveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

1. the stimulation of international congresses and the promotion of participation in these events, and
2. the support of initiative having the objective of establishing WPSA-branches in countries which do not yet have them".

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and

symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these branches by covering for three years part of the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: h.hupkes@zonnet.nl. An application form will be send on request.

The Board of directors of the Foundation meets three or four times a year. In case of requests for financial assistance to attend conferences, congresses and symposia, applications should be received by the secretary at least 3 months before the meeting.

Application forms should be filled out completely and can be send through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be send by regular mail.

It is the Boards policy not to fund individual applicants more than 2 times.

WPSA Website: www.wpsa.com

The WPSA website provides much valuable information about the organisation and activities of the Association, its regional federations and country branches. In addition there are regularly updated news reports from branch meetings, conferences and symposia organised by the specialist Working Groups, as well as a calendar of future events.

In order to keep it regularly updated, the Association welcomes information and pictures from Branches, Regional Federations and Working Groups concerning activities of the various WPSA organisations, as well as news about appointment of officers and members.

Please send your information to Mrs D.M. Kleverwal, e-mail wpsa@xs4all.nl.

World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive

Access from the first issue in 1945 until 2003 online – a total of 240 issues!

Volumes 1 – 59 of World's Poultry Science Journal are now available on Cambridge Journals Online. The archive is fully searchable by keyword and author; abstracts can be saved and e-mailed, full text articles printed and bibliographic details exported into reference management software. Perpetual Access is available for a one-off fee of just £500/\$995*.

For further information, or to purchase the WPSJ Digital Archive, please e-mail jnlsales@cambridge.org.

*For those who do not subscribe to the current volume, there is an additional annual maintenance fee of £45/85, payable from the second year of the deal.

www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

E-mail WPSA Newsletter

WPSA has introduced a new version of the WPSA Newsletter that will be e-mailed to individual members, on request. To receive

this, please subscribe to the e-mail Newsletter on the website (www.wpsa.com).

Branch Development Proposal

In the Board meeting held during WPC2016 in Beijing, China, the Board decided to increase the funds available for Branch Development by making a formal call for Branch Development Proposals.

The maximum budget for a proposal is US \$2,000.

What can you propose?

Some examples:

- Development of a Branch website and start-up expenses
- Organize activities to revitalize your branch
- Support to communicate with members
- Six months budget for secretarial assistance, stationary etc.

A Branch can receive this award once a year, for a maximum of 3 awards.

In cases where numerous branch projects are being evaluated, preference will be given to first time applicants.

If your proposal is awarded, you have to send in a report on how the money was utilized.

Deadlines

Deadlines for submission are January 1st and July 1st.

How to apply?

Please send your proposal and budget with itemized expenses (in US\$) to Dr Roel Mulder (roel.mulder@wpsa.com).

European Poultry Conference 2018

The WPSA- Croatian Branch is fully engaged in the organisation of EPC 2018 that will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on September 17-21, 2018.

The branch is pleased to announce that the registration for the XV EPC 2018 is open. Special registration fees apply for WPSA members and students. It is anticipated to

attract more than 1,000 participants from all over the world, involved in poultry research and production.

More information can be found on the web site www.epc2018.com. If you are



interested to participate or to sponsor EPC 2018, please visit www.epc2018.com.

Conference topics

- Economics and Marketing
- Nutrition
- Breeding and Genetics
- Eggs safety and quality
- Poultry meat quality and safety
- Reproduction and incubation
- Poultry health
- Poultry housing and management
- Poultry welfare
- Turkeys
- Education and information
- Physiology
- Family poultry production
- Antibiotic resistance
- Other

Plenary speakers and the titles of their lectures
(Alphabetical order)

Barbut, Shai: New insights on breast myopathies

De Cesare, Alessandra: Metagenomic insights into the dynamics of microbial communities in poultry and poultry products : current challenges and future opportunities.

Humphrey, Tom: Campylobacter infection compromises broiler health, welfare and performance.

Norton, Tomas: Application of precision livestock farming technologies in the poultry sector.

Nys, Yves: How scientific innovation may improve egg production and quality on the development of non-food uses of eggs.

Ryhliil, Ivan: Microbiota, chicken gut health, and antibiotic reduction/resistance.

Savic, Vladimir: Viral infections of poultry – the globally challenging situation.

Siegert, Wolfgang: Non-essential amino acids – the forgotten nutrients.

Sossidou, Evangelia N.: Managing on-farm health and welfare risks to promote sustainability in poultry.

Steenfeldt, Sanna: Alternative protein sources for poultry nutrition.

Tixier-Boichard, Michelle: Are there limits to selection in poultry: theoretical, biological, ethical, environmental?

Yalcin, Servet: Preincubation and incubation conditions, hatching time and broiler growth.

The WPSA Croatian Branch looks forward to welcoming you to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

World's Poultry Congress 2020



The French Branch of WPSA is delighted to invite you to participate in the upcoming World Poultry Congress that will be held from the 16-20 August 2020 in the attractive city of Paris. Information can be found on the web site <http://www.wpcparis2020.com/>. The Congress will be held in Paris and will attract more than 3000 attendees from all over the world: experts, scientists, researchers, production specialists will participate in presenting and discussing

their most recent findings. The proposed early sponsoring period will allow our partners to have the benefit of longer visibility (two years before the event), larger opportunities in the sponsoring of activities, as well as eligibility for a 15% discount in 2018. If you are interested and want to know more about this opportunity, please contact us at wpsafrance@wpsa.fr or N.Taleb@clq-group.com.

For more information:
<http://www.wpcparis2020.com/>.

New Asia Pacific Federation Officers elected.

The Asia Pacific Federation held its General Meeting on 26th March 2018 during the Asian Pacific Poultry Conference in Bangkok. This was well attended by delegates from nine

of the Federation branches as well as the President of WPSA, Dr Ning Yang and the General Secretary of WPSA, Dr Roel Mulder.

The current President, Senior Vice-President

and Junior Vice-President, their four-year terms at an end, stepped down. In the following election of officers of the Federation Dr Sakchai Sriboonsue from the Thailand branch was elected as the new President with Mr Chuang Ma from the China branch elected as Senior Vice-President and Dr Nasir Mukhtar from the Pakistan branch elected as Junior Vice-President.

The office of Secretary is not an elected one, so in due course a new Secretary will be chosen and announced by the Presidents. The outgoing Secretary has been Dr M. Abdollahi from the New Zealand branch.

The Immediate Past President Mr Alan

Gibbins from the New Zealand branch who had served in this role for 12 years congratulated the new leadership of the Federation and wished them and the Federation well for the future.

Under another agenda item the selection of host for the 12th APPC was made. This was gained by the China branch. The meeting thanked the China branch for taking on this huge responsibility.

Other discussions at the meeting focussed on the Federations' Constitution and a draft protocol for the selection of hosts for future Federation conferences.

Branch News

Austria

The Austrian branch of WPSA was revitalised during a general assembly of the branch members in December 2017, and a new board was elected. Prof. Dr Martin Gierus, from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, was elected to serve as President; and Dr Peter Mitsch from Tierarzt GmbH, Vienna, was elected as vice president. The new board is motivated and welcomes both new and old members and is looking forward to bringing the different sectors of the poultry industry together for good discussions and developments!

Simone Schaumberger, Austrian Branch Secretary

Kenya

A new Branch has been established in Kenya. The branch President is Mr T.J. Kaudia (tkaudia@gmail.com) and Branch Secretary is Mrs R.N. Mwanza (rnmwanza@gmail.com). Any interested potential members, please feel

free to contact the secretary regarding membership.

Pakistan

WPSA's Pakistan Branch has elected a new board for 2018. The new members of the administrative group include Dr Muhammad Sadiq – President (CEO-SB Poultry Pakistan); Dr Nasir Mukhtar – Vice President (Assistant Professor Department of Poultry Sciences PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi Pakistan); Dr Khalid Mahmood Shouq – General Secretary (Editor Vet. News & Views); Dr Muhammad Kashif Saleemi - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (Assistant Professor Department of Vet. Poultry - University of Agriculture Faisalabad Pakistan). The new administration has established Poultry Science Clubs in 16 Universities of Pakistan. This was done in collaboration with Pakistan's WPSA Branch office. Our branch members will be organising an International Conference on the eve of World Egg Day.