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# Association News

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## **Providing travel assistance for young WPSA members and students to participate in regional and global WPSA Conferences**

It is generally agreed that enhancing the educational, research and experience opportunities of young poultry science professional and technical people is critical to the pace of development of more efficient poultry production, whether it is in an intensive technological industry or in small-scale, family production systems. It should also be stressed that any travel assistance we can provide should be independent of and in addition to that currently provided by World's Poultry Congresses, Regional Conferences or individual Branches. It should target and benefit additional students and young members, including young poultry producers from developing countries and students from developed countries. A scheme of open competition for such WPSA Travel Scholarships now is available. Applicants must be a member of WPSA for at least half a year before they can apply for a Travel Grant.

Applications must be accompanied by a short CV.

### **Deadlines**

You must submit your application at least 3 months prior to the meeting.

### **Application form**

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat ([wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or you can download the application form from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

Please send the complete application form (preferably by e-mail) to the General Secretary of WPSA, Dr Roel Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: [roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com) or [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or fax to +31 207508941.

## **WPSA Website: [www.wpsa.com](http://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](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl).

## **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 branches in low income countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers, and furthermore, expert speakers on certain topics are not always readily available in these countries.

So the Board decided to create 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 help facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and 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). Local expenses like accommodation are to be paid for by the local organizing branch. WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

The Speakers' Bureau is an expensive initiative and it is important that optimum value be obtained from the money spent on travel. 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.

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.

If a branch or a group of branches want to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain application conditions as follows:

### **Application conditions**

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

The speaker must be a member of WPSA for at least 1 year at the time of application.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting than just presenting one paper.

The speaker will be paid by the WPSA Treasurer and not by the local Branch.

The completed application form should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)

or by fax to: +31 207 508 941.

If you do not have access to e-mail or fax you can send your application to:

WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen,  
THE NETHERLANDS

## **Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevorderen Pluimveewetenschappen**

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 Bevorderen Pluimveewetenschappen) 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](mailto:h.hupkes@zonnet.nl). An application form will be sent 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 sent through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be sent by regular mail.

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

## Online Journal subscription for WPSA members

The World's Poultry Science Journal has been available to subscribers on-line for the past three years. As a result of a change in our publishing partners (the on-line edition will be available from Cambridge University Press instead of CABI) and the work of a small sub-committee appointed at the 2005 WPSA Board meeting, members will have the option of receiving the Journal on-line instead of the print edition.

The system will be upgraded to permit searching of references, tracing citations etc. with a full range of electronic facilities.

The print version will continue to be the normal method for receiving the Journal. **if you wish to receive the on-line version instead, you must indicate this by completing the form on the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).**

Most of the content of the Journal will now be included in the on-line edition with the exception of the advertisements. We will be developing a new page in the on-line version where all of our Gold and Silver sponsors will be identified, and provide direct links to their company websites.

## 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](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## 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](mailto:jnlsales@cambridge.org).

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volume, there is an additional annual maintenance fee of £45/85, payable from the second year of the deal.

[www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS](http://www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS)

## The next European Poultry Conference will take place in France!

The XIII<sup>th</sup> European Poultry Conference will be held from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 in Tours (France). This event is organized by the French branch of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) with support of the INRA, AFSSA and ITAVI.

This congress, which takes place every four years, addresses all participants of poultry production and attracts around of 1000 attendees from more than 70 countries. This must-attend meeting offers a great opportunity to meet experts from all over the world. It allows technical exchanges and the chance to obtain up to date information on the different aspects of poultry production, including avian biology, physiology, breeding and rearing systems, nutrition, health, hygiene and food security, pathology, environmental impact, animal welfare, product quality and industrial processes. Technico-economic domains and poultry education will be also presented. Each theme will have specific sessions organised

around overviews, oral communications, posters and plenary discussions.

In addition to the scientific programme, the WPSA will organise technical tours. A special programme for accompanying persons is also scheduled to allow them to discover Tours and its surroundings.

Full information relative to this congress is online at [www.epc2010.org](http://www.epc2010.org).

Abstracts should be submitted on EPC2010 website ([www.epc2010.org](http://www.epc2010.org); Program->call for abstract) before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Full text for the accepted abstract must be received before May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

For information, contact EPC 2010 secretariat

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## Working Group Reports

### Working Group 2 - Nutrition

#### Report on Meetings of Working Group 2 and the 17th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition, Edinburgh, Scotland 23-27th August 2009

The 17th ESPN was attended by 567 registered delegates from 54 countries. At the Opening Ceremony, tribute was paid to Dr Tom Acamovic, President of the UK Branch and Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, who sadly died from cancer two weeks prior to the start of the Symposium. This Ceremony, also involving traditional Scottish entertainment, was followed by a Welcome Reception where delegates were able to meet each other under relaxing surroundings. The Symposium comprised six sessions. The first five sessions were carried out along lines traditional in this symposium series, with three or four plenary

presentations followed by group discussions of the papers and then a final plenary discussion. These sessions were on the topics of: Phosphorus, Phytate and Phytase; Litter Quality; Feed Additives; Nutrition and the Environment and Nutrition of Breeding Birds. The final session was along more traditional lines with six presentations on various topics under the title Future Prospects for Nutrition. 176 posters were submitted and there were three Short Communication sessions in which a total of 36 posters were previewed. There was lively debate during the sessions and also at lunch times within the exhibition area where there were 17 exhibitors. Social events during



Prof Colin Whitehead in traditional kilt

the Symposium included an evening at the Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle, one of the events of the Edinburgh International Festival, and a Gala Dinner featuring a traditional Scottish Ceilidh at which the delegates expended commendable energy in participating in the Scottish dancing. Tours were available for accompanying persons to the city of Edinburgh, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs and Stirling Castle. The Symposium was considered a great success and many kind remarks were received from delegates.

The Working Group held 2 meetings during the Symposium. The Chairman, Prof Colin Whitehead retired after 10 years in the position and was replaced by Dr Sanna Steinfeldt of the University of Aarhus, Denmark. The Working Group also agreed to set up a working party to review and clarify the position regarding available phosphorus and requirement recommendations.

The 18th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition will be held in Cesme, Turkey in 2011.

## Working Group 3 – Breeding and Genetics

**6<sup>th</sup> European Poultry Symposium on Poultry Genetics, Bedlewo, Poland, September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

Meetings of poultry geneticists and breeders have a long history in Europe, and the 6th European Poultry Genetics Symposium continued that tradition. The symposium was organised by the WPSA's European Working Group 3 on Genetics and Breeding, the Polish Branch of WPSA and the Poznan Branch of the Polish Society of Animal Production. The keynote lecture: 'Reasons and Aims' will be given by Emeritus Professor Stanislaw Wezyk (Cracow, Poland) on '*The poultry gene resource preservation programme in Poland*'. Three sessions were held: (1) Genetics of egg quality; (2) Optimal use of molecular markers, and (3) Measures for promoting poultry genetic diversity. An industry workshop was also organised, and a poster session held in which

contributors will have the opportunity to present the main results of their studies.

The symposium will be held in the Conference Center of the Polish Academy of Sciences located in Bedlewo, near Poznan (Poland). The village of Bedlewo became a property of the aristocratic family Potocki in 1694. It is worth adding that the symposium takes place in "Wielkopolska", a region which is the historical cradle of Polish nationality.

More information on the Genetics Symposium is available on the website: [www.up.poznan.pl/epgs2009](http://www.up.poznan.pl/epgs2009).

The organizers extend a very warm welcome to everyone with interests in poultry genetics and breeding to Poznan.

## Working Group 9 – Poultry Welfare and Management

### 8<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Poultry Welfare, Cervia, Italy, 18-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

This key event in the 2009 poultry welfare calendar was held in the superb seaside conference and accommodation facilities of the Club Hotel Dante, Cervia, Italy from 18th to 22nd May. It attracted global interest, and was attended by 149 delegates. The conference was opened by the European President and closed by the World President of the WPSA. The symposium, organised by WPSA WG9 and the Italian branch, provided an opportunity to receive and discuss reports on the latest poultry behaviour, welfare and management research and to enjoy social activities and also a professional poultry tour in the nearby heart of the Italian poultry industry.

Eleven experienced scientific referees from the 36 members of WPSA Working Group 9 on poultry welfare and management carefully selected 41 papers and 52 posters from the 150 abstracts submitted. There were 10 scientific sessions covering welfare aspects of breeding stock, pullets, laying hens, meat producing poultry of all kinds - under conventional or organic management, transport, nutrition, diseases, parasites and economics. The quality of the material presented was very high and covered recent cutting edge research carried out at institutes and on farms in 32 countries worldwide. The paper and poster presentations

were supported by eight invited papers from world authorities in their respective specialist fields covering most of the above aspects of poultry welfare.

During the symposium tributes were paid to Dr N.O. Lindgren from Sweden, the inaugural chairman of WG9, Prof J.L. Barnett Australia and Dr S.M. Haslam UK, both valued contributors to European Poultry Welfare Symposia; all had passed away during recent months and will be greatly missed.

The paper and poster abstracts and full invited papers have been published as the WPSJ 8th Symposium on Poultry Welfare Book of Abstracts. They will also be available on the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)) in due course.

The 9th Quadrennial European Symposium on Poultry Welfare, the next of a series that has contributed much to this important discipline, will be held in Uppsala, Sweden during June 2013.

*Valentina Ferrante, Chairperson of the organising group, Italian branch of WPSA*  
*Arnold Elson, Chairperson of WPSA WG9 on Poultry Welfare and Management*

## Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mediterranean Summit of WPSA, 4-7 October, 2009, Antalya, Turkey

The 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Summit of WPSA, which was held between 7-10 May 2008 in Porto Carras, Chalkidiki, Greece, set the tone for future meetings. Following the previous event, the '2<sup>nd</sup> Mediterranean Summit of WPSA' brought poultry scientists to Antalya, Turkey from 4-7 October 2009. There were 180 participants from 25 countries: Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon,

Libya, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Switzerland, Tanzania and Turkey.

The opening ceremony was held in the afternoon of the first day of the Summit, starting with Prof. Dr Rüveyde Akbay (President of the WPSA Turkish Branch and Past President of WPSA), Prof. Dr Achille Franchini (President of the WPSA European Federation and President of the WPSA Italian Branch), Prof. Dr Robert Pym (President of the WPSA) and Prof. Dr H.M. Hafez (President of

WVPSA). These speakers made their opening remarks and focused on the establishment of the Mediterranean Network of WPSA under Working Group 11 (Education and Information) of the European Federation of WPSA. The Deputy Undersecretary of the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Dr Ramazan Kadak, gave information about the work of the Ministry in the field of poultry.

During the symposium, nine main topics were discussed with a total of nine invited speakers, 26 oral presentations, 21 short oral poster presentations and 62 poster presentations. The sessions included 'Egg and Poultry Meat: Human Health Issues', 'Avian Health and Biosecurity', 'Poultry Breeding and Production Under Changing Environmental Conditions', 'Social and Economical Impact of Poultry in the Mediterranean Area', 'Poultry Welfare and Management', 'Incubation and Embryogenesis', 'Nutrition and Health Issues of Poultry', 'Product Quality and Safety' and 'Nutrition'.

The Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Network held two meetings. In these meetings the date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mediterranean Summit in Egypt and the

possible venues of the fourth summit were discussed. Prof. Dr Servet Yalçın will notify the Secretaries of the Mediterranean branches of WPSA for their input.

The proceedings of the summit contains not only the abstracts, but the full texts of the presentations. We would like to particularly thank every participant who submitted a presentation to the summit, the scientific committee which carefully selected them, and the chairpersons of the various sessions.

All participants were invited to the Gala dinner which was held on the evening of 6 October.

We hope that the participants enjoyed attending the summit and got the most out of the sessions by interacting with the speakers and their colleagues. We are certain that the 'Mediterranean Summit of WPSA' will mark the beginning of further collaboration among Mediterranean countries and will contribute enormously to the development of new WPSA branches in the Mediterranean region.

*Prof. Dr Servet Yalçın  
Chair of the Scientific Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mediterranean Summit of WPSA  
and Chair of WG11 of the European  
Federation of WPSA*

## WPSA Branch News

### Australia

The South Australian Sub-branch of the Australian Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) has organised and hosted a joint meeting with the Adelaide group of Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA). This meeting entitled 'Food for thought' was focused on the new perspectives in animal nutrition and challenges ahead. Approximately 130 people attended the meeting, along with 100 animal science and veterinary science under-graduate students. By all accounts the event was a resounding success, with many people providing strong positive feedback on the day. The NSA, WPSA and academic staff of the University of Adelaide will consider holding a similar meeting next year. Congratulations to Dr Margaret Saxton, Dr Bob Hughes, Dr Mark Geier, Belinda Rodda and all other sub branch committee members for organising this successful event.

The Australian Branch of WPSA, together with the Poultry Research Foundation of Sydney University are organizing The Australian Poultry Science Symposium that will be held on the 1st - 3rd February, 2010 at the Veterinary Science Conference Centre, University of Sydney. The information regarding the sessions, speakers, registration deadline and venue can be found on the website, <http://www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/apss/program.shtml>. Please contact Jo-Ann Geist, [jogeist@camden.usyd.edu.au](mailto:jogeist@camden.usyd.edu.au).

The Australian Branch of WPSA has a new website which is up and functioning. Please visit [http://www.poultryhub.org/index.php/WPSA\\_Australia](http://www.poultryhub.org/index.php/WPSA_Australia).

*Julie Roberts, Branch President  
Kapil Chousalkar, Branch Secretary*

### **Brazil**

Our branch has also been busy with the planning of the Workshop 'Current Situation and Future of Infectious Bronchitis in the Brazilian Poultry Industry' which will be held in Campinas on December 2-3, 2009. The aim of this workshop is to carry out a broad review on the current epidemiological situation of this important poultry disease worldwide with specific focus on the circulation of variant strains in the Brazilian poultry industry.

*Mariana Castrillon, Communications Assistant, FACTA/ WPSA Brazilian Branch*

### **Cameroon**

The Cameroon Branch of WPSA was created on August 14th, 2008 with nine members. The branch now has 32 members that have been registered by Dr Zambou Henri René, Treasurer of the Branch. The headquarters for the branch has been established in Dschang. The executive bureau's main actions to date have been the registration of the Branch as a recognized association by the administration, and the organisation of three association meetings to attract more members. The aim is to encourage poultry farmers and scientists to come together and support the poultry industry in Cameroon. In this regard, a seminar has been scheduled for October 15th, 2009 in Bafoussam, the West Region of Cameroon and one of the main poultry production areas. The theme for the seminar will be: '*Maximizing profit in chicken production*'. The primary objective of the seminar is to offer chicken farmers, researchers and university lecturers an opportunity to exchange information on poultry production, and to create conditions for future collaboration. This seminar will be presided over by Pr. Teguaia Alexis, President of the new Branch.

*Dr Fotsa Jean Claude, Secretary WPSA-Cameroon*

### **India**

The Centre for Advance Studies in Poultry Science, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala, India, is organizing the IV World Water Fowl Conference in association with the India Branch of WPSA, under the auspices of Asia Pacific Federation of WPSA.

The Conference is scheduled to be held in Thrissur, Kerala, India from 11-13 November, 2009, and will be held at the Lulu International Conventional Centre, Thrissur, Kerala. The Conference is intended to create a platform for the exchange of knowledge, to share useful information and newer concepts which would make tremendous improvement in sustainable water fowl production.

The theme for the Conference is '*Water Fowl Production for Food Security*'. Productivity enhancement of ducks and geese is important in this scenario and it can be achieved through strategic and applied research, technology transfer and capacity building. The main focus of the conference will be on the main issues currently related to research and production of water fowl. The technical programme is structured around a plenary session and concurrent symposia on a wide variety of topics with invited speakers from all over the world. There will also be an insightful poster presentation of relevant papers and brief discussions of the same on the days of the Conference.

The arrangements for the Conference are proceeding well, and good number of abstracts have been received. Speakers from Germany, France, Poland, UAE, The Netherlands, and New Zealand will present Theme and Lead Papers. A Souvenir is also being published.

Kerala is a popular tourist destination filled with natural beauty, historical monuments and a rich biodiversity. We look forward to hosting many of you at the Conference. A large number of delegates will make this event a grand success.

For more detailed information, please visit our website: [www.kau.edu/waterfowl2009](http://www.kau.edu/waterfowl2009).

### **Malaysia**

WPSA Malaysia will participate in the 5th Asian Livestock & Feed Industry Conference 2009 at the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Convention Centre from 27th-29th of October 2009. The first day's seminar on *Poultry & Egg Production & Processing Technology* will be chaired by WPSA Malaysia Branch President Dato' Dr Vincent Ng In Hooi. Three other speakers from the Malaysia Branch will deliver their presentations during the initial seminar programme, including: Dr Richard Chong: '*Staying Alive: The future of the Poultry Industry*'; Prof. Dr Mohd Hair Bejo:



'The Threats of Immunosuppressive Diseases in the Health and Production of Chickens'; and Prof. Dr Zulkifli Idrus: 'Organic Acids as Alternatives for an Antibiotic in Promoting Performance and Health of Broiler Chickens'.

## Russia

The Russian Branch hosted its XVI Poultry Scientific Conference on May 19-21, 2009. The conference theme was: 'Achievements in Current Poultry Production: Research and Innovations'. The Conference was organized by the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences (RASKHN), the Russian Poultry Union, the All-Russian Poultry Research Institute (VNITIP), and the German Agricultural Society (DLG). Major sponsors included Big Dutchman, Lohmann Tierzucht, Aviagen, Alltech, Evonic-Degussa, Stork, Aggro, MOBA, Impextraco, PROVET, HIPRA.

The Conference lasted three days with its main venue in the All-Russian Poultry Research Institute in Sergiev Posad near Moscow. About 400 participants from 12 countries attended. The President of the Russian Branch and President of the Russian Poultry Union, Professor Vladimir Fisinin opened the Conference which included 160 papers that were published in a 423 page proceedings.

Professor Fisinin provided a keynote presentation entitled: 'Strategy of Innovative Development of World and Domestic Poultry Production'. He summarized the current status of the poultry industry in Russia and worldwide, emphasizing the role of science on the general progress of poultry production.

A second plenary presentation was made by another well known poultry expert Gordon Butland of G&S Agriconsult Co. He provided an overview of the world market for eggs and broiler meat including some of the trends and situations that have impacted the current economic crisis for the industry.

The third plenary presentation was provided by Professor Peter Surai of the Scottish Agricultural College. It was dedicated to a discussion of the importance of correctly feeding chicks during their first 5-7 days after hatching. This period is critically important, particularly in the modern broiler, because their general life period is getting shorter. He described the role of special pre-starter diets and their effects on subsequent performance.



Professor Peter Surai

His presentation was excellently illustrated and made a deep impression on the audience.

The plenary session presentations were completed by Dieter Hempellmann and Igor Kotov of BIG DUTCHMAN GMBH. They spoke about new trends in systems for poultry housing, and relevant climate control, feeding and watering equipment.

Other sessions were held on: Poultry Genetics and Breeding; Poultry Nutrition and Feeding; Production Technology & Housing; Poultry Products Processing; Veterinary Aspects of Poultry Production and Biosecurity. Excellent speakers and topics were included for each of these topic areas.

On the third day, the Conference moved to Moscow's Russian Exhibition Center, where another plenary session was held. The Managing Director of the Russian Poultry Union, Galina Bobyleva, described the current state of the Russian poultry industry and the measures that the Poultry Union is taking to diminish the negative impacts of the global economic crisis on domestic poultry production. She spoke about cooperation between industry, science and governmental bodies, aimed to improve efficiency of the Russian poultry sector. Her session was followed by many questions and an intensive idea exchange.

A representative of the German Agricultural Society (DLG), Professor Michael Grasshorn, then described the structure of the German poultry industry, its relations with governmental bodies and scientific institutions. After that the Heads of the sections reported about the results of their work.

All of the participants came to the conclusion that the Conference of the Russian National Branch of WPSA is a very useful event for

fruitful communication, for gaining new information, and for the exchange of ideas.



### **Sri Lanka**

The Sri Lankan Branch had the following activities during the past year. The compost training programme was continued with two training sessions for small poultry farmers. Participation was good. Two additional training sessions were held on feed formulation for broilers and layers. Dr Susil Silva, a nutritionist from the Veterinary Research Institute was the lecturer. He lectured in the local Sinhala language, and the participation by the local farmers was also very good. Participants can now apply their knowledge to their day-to-day feed mixing activities. Since feed ingredient costs are very high, most farmers are now changing to self mixing rather than purchasing mixed feed from the commercial feed mills.

On 27th August 2009 another well attended lecture was provided by Dr Paul Rose at the Institute of Continuing Education, Peradeniya. The Lecture topic was 'Dietary Modifications for Broiler Production in Hot Climates'. This lecture was very useful at the current time since poultrymen are faced with a lot of difficulties in maintaining cost effective feed production under our climatic conditions. Fifty participants, mainly from the commercial broiler sector, attended.

The 11th Annual General Meeting of the branch is scheduled for the 26th of

September 2009, which will be official Branch Business Meeting for appointing the new Branch officers for the year 2009/2010.

*Dr Mrs Godwin*

### **Tanzania**

The Tanzanian Branch of WPSA will be holding its 2nd Conference on September 30, 2009. The venue of the conference will be the Central Veterinary Laboratory CVL TEMEKE. The 2nd Conference theme will be: 'Biosecurity and Poultry Development in Tanzania'. All WPSA members, Industry members, Interchick, TanPride, Mkuza, Private Farmers, and Private Practitioners are invited to attend.

The purpose of the Conference and Annual General Meeting is to review progress made so far towards fulfilling the objectives of the WPSA Tanzania Branch, and to inform members and others on the activities carried out and achievements reached so far by the Branch. The other purpose is to strengthen the Association and to promote the Poultry industry in Tanzania.

Presentations during the conference will include: 1) The Poultry industry in Tanzania; 2) Safe poultry production and Biosecurity in

all Poultry Sectors; 3) Transmission and control of Poultry Diseases with emphasis on hatchery-borne and vertically transmitted diseases; 4) A retrospective study of poultry diseases diagnoses at CVL Dares Salaam; 5) Prospects for Making a National Poultry Improvement Plan for Tanzania; and 6) Poultry keeping as business in Dodoma and Singida regions: An example to other poultry keepers in Tanzania.

After the conference the Branch Members will proceed to the 3rd Annual General meeting of the Branch which among other activities will conduct general elections.

*Amandus Muhairwa, WPSA Tanzania Branch Secretary*

### **Turkey**

The 18<sup>th</sup> European Poultry Nutrition Symposium will be held in Turkey. After the successful 17th European Poultry Nutrition

Symposium, which was recently held in Edinburgh, we are glad to inform you that next symposium will take place in Turkey in 2011. The 18th European Poultry Nutrition Symposium will be held in Çeşme from 31 October until 4 November 2011.

The venue of the symposium is Çeşme, a coastal town situated on a peninsula at the most westerly tip of Turkey and surrounded on three sides by the Aegean Sea. Çeşme is a prominent centre of international tourism in Turkey, famous for its excellent holiday accommodations, restaurants and entertainment facilities. This symposium will provide a platform for the exchange of new ideas and information on the subject and for building and strengthening professional relationships.

*Prof. Dr Rüveyde Akbay, President of the Turkish branch of WPSA*

