
Association News

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) or you can download the application form from the WPSA website (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 or wpsa@xs4all.nl or fax to +31 207508941.

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.

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 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 Bevordering 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 Bevordering 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. 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.

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).**

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).

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

To all members and potential authors wishing to submit papers to the WPSJ

As of 9th March 2010, all papers must be submitted online through ScholarOne Manuscripts at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wpsj>. This new system has taken a considerable amount of time and effort to set up – and I would like to thank all of those who have been involved in this process for their efforts.

For submitting authors, the system will most likely be familiar to you if you have used any online submissions sites before. For those of you who haven't, the procedure is very simple. Just log in and follow the instructions on the screen. If you are not yet registered on the site, you will have to click the link "Register here" on the login page to create your account. If you are unsure whether you have an account on the system or have forgotten your password, please type your e-mail address in the "Password Help" field on the login page. You will then receive an e-mail with login instructions if you already have an account on the system.

Please note that WPSA have to pay for every paper that is submitted on the new system. Hence, any non-review papers or articles which do not conform to the journals formatting standards will incur a potential penalty cost to the author. Colour figures will

still have to be paid for by authors – and this must be organised directly with the editorial team as required. Please ensure you read the instructions carefully before submitting your paper, and note the checklist you must complete before submission is finalised. All tables must be included within the text, unless exceptional circumstances apply. Figures must be submitted as separate files, not inserted in the text.

The editorial staff at WPSJ are very excited about this new development, as it means we will be able to process papers far more efficiently than previously. As the amount of submissions received has escalated markedly in recent years, the new system will enable us to process more papers and provide a better service to members than before. In particular, we hope this will also offer an opportunity to expand our list of reviewers, as currently we rely very heavily on a few wonderful folk to peer review submitted papers. We are most grateful to them for all their hard work, and hope to be able to 'lighten the load' with the new online system.

Dr Lucy Waldron (previously Tucker)
Editor WPSJ

Branch News

Argentina

WPSA worldwide will provide Dr. S.F. 'Sarge' Bilgili (Department of Poultry Science, Auburn University, USA) as a speaker, supported by the 'WPSA Speaker's Bureau' on the programme for the 9th Update Seminar on Poultry Production. This event, organized by the Entre Rios Veterinary Poultry Association (AMEVEA), will be held on September 14th to 16th, 2010 in Colon, Entre Rios, Argentina. Dr. Bilgili will provide a paper entitled: Deep Pectoral Myopathy in Broiler Chickens. The Argentinean Branch of the WPSA collaborates in the organization of this event so members of will have a 15% discount in the registration fees.

Bernardo Iglesias, Secretary

Brazil

WPSA-Brazil is working hard on the promotion of the 24th World's Poultry Congress that will be held in 2012 in Salvador, Brazil. That Congress will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the World's Poultry Science Association.

This has been quite a year so far! Our plans to attend VIV Europe to promote the 24th WPC were thwarted by the Icelandic volcano with the unpronounceable name. We then moved to plan B – trying to find other trade fairs where we could reach the European public and in planning to contact the attending companies through other means.

While all of this was happening, we continued to plan the 2010 WPSA-Brazil/FACTA Conference on Poultry Science and Technology, the largest and most important scientific event of its kind in Brazil. The Conference is expected to be a huge success, with more than 900 attendees. We will let you know more about the FACTA Conference in the September newsletter. Also, the coordinators of the Scientific Subcommittees for the 24th WPC will gather at the FACTA Conference to finalize the core structure of the Scientific Programme.

We have also finished the programme for a National Seminar on Egg Incubation: New Technologies, which will take place in Campinas (August 10-11, 2010), and for the

programme of the Latin American Seminar on Poultry Slaughter and Processing, which will take place in November of this year.

Members of WPSA Brazil, including our President, Dr. Edir Silva, will attend the 2010 EPC which will provide us with a great opportunity to promote the 24th WPC for scientists and researchers of the whole world.

Mariana Castrillon, Communications Assistant, FACTA/ WPSA Brazilian Branch

France

The French branch of WPSA will be co-sponsoring the 9èmes Journées de la Recherche Avicole (9th Avian French Research Days) which is a meeting between researchers, professionals of aviculture, and the Journées de la Recherche Avicole (JRA). The meeting will be held on March 29th and 30th, 2011 in Tours (France). This French congress is organized by ITAVI, INRA and AFSSA, with support of the French branches of the WPSA and the WVPA. All themes of aviculture will be treated; each session will be introduced by an overview, allowing a review of current issues in poultry industry. The following sessions and presentations will be included:

Markets and consumption

- Major changes in the European Union chicken and turkey trade in the last decade. Y. TREGARO – FranceAgrimer
- Outlook and issues for European egg industry on the eve of 2012. P. MAGDELAINE - ITAVI and Véronique GONNIER - CNPO
- Main developments and driving forces of meat consumption. The specific case of poultry meat. P. HEBEL - CREDOC

Innovate to last

- Poultry acclimatization to warmth and cold during incubation. A. Collin - INRA
- Innovate to improve the sustainability of poultry production systems - the main results obtained within the framework of the UMT Bird:
 - o Optimizing the use of feed

- o Guaranteeing product quality
- o Integrating this research into a multicriteria evaluation

Interaction between nutrition - genetics - welfare

- What are the strategies to meet the new regulations for broiler welfare?
 - o Impact of genetic factors. C. Arnould – INRA, E. Duval – INRA and V. Michel - AFSSA
 - o Broiler breeder nutrition: some working axis. M. Panheleux – CCPA and P. Froment – INRA
 - o Managing feed while maintaining poultry welfare. M. Magnin – BNA and I. Bouvarel – ITAVI

Pathology and prevention

- Colibacillosis in the French poultry network. C. Schouler and another speaker to define
- Genomics and resistance to disease. F. Calenge – INRA

Hygiene and food quality

- Campylobacter in the French poultry network. G. Salvat – AFSSA
- The molecular defence systems of the egg. S. Rehault - INRA

For this 9th edition of JRA, a simultaneous translation (French into English) will be available for foreign participants in plenary sessions and workshop 'Raw materials, feed and nutrition'. Every overview will be followed by short communications. Workshops will be organized, allowing authors to explain briefly the objectives and conclusions of their study, and to allow discussions and debates. Posters will be exposed and consulted by the participants at break time. All the overviews, communications and posters will be in the French language.

Information for authors: Abstracts should be submitted on JRA website (www.journees-de-la-recherche.org) before August 31st, 2010.

Authors will be informed on the result of the abstract review committee before September 30th, 2010.

Full text for the accepted abstract must be received before November 30th, 2010.

For more information: Angélique Travel or Estelle Lopes, ITAVI - Unité de Recherches

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Germany

Several of our members have been actively involved in preparing the programme for the upcoming European Poultry Conference in Tours 2010, and the German branch will again support the EPC2010 by offering travel grants for young scientists with accepted contributions.

Anke Forster and Dietmar Flock

Israel

The Israeli branch organized and held its 45th Annual Meeting in March 2010. The three day meeting was held in Jerusalem and consisted of 15 sessions covering: poultry disease and prevention; poultry physiology; poultry nutrition; different aspects of broiler production; laying hens and turkeys; poultry reproduction, and several special round tables focusing on updated issues concerning the poultry industry in Israel.

The annual convention was honoured with the presence of three invited international scientists, including: Dr. Roselina Angel from the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences, University of Maryland; Mr. Arnold Elson the chairman of the European WPSA's Working Group 9; and, Dr. Nico Bolder from the Animal Sciences Group, Wageningen University's Division of Infectious Diseases at Lelystad, The Netherlands. All three shared their unique discipline knowledge with us.

During the convention, 34 companies presented their uniquely developed products. Approximately 800 participants attended the conference, including: commercial poultrymen, members of several commercial companies, and extension and research scientists.

During the remainder of 2010, three days of seminars will be organized by the Branch. The 1st seminar will be held during June, and will focus on the animal welfare issue.

Prof. Shlomo Yahav, Chairman – WPSA Israel Branch

Malaysia

The Malaysian branch will be holding a WPSA Satellite Seminar on August 1, 2010 at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in conjunction with 22nd Veterinary Association Malaysia (VAM) Congress'. This seminar will address important current issues related to the poultry industry. The theme of the seminar is 'Positioning the Poultry Industry for a Sustainable Tomorrow.' The aim of the seminar is to create interests and awareness among participants on the importance of international networking and on challenges being faced by the region's poultry industry. Issues concerning the Asian Free Trade Area and the poultry industry will also be addressed. The seminar will provide opportunities for discussion on ways to achieve continuous improvement, competitiveness and global markets, taking into account some of the recent trade liberalization changes.

Dr. Robyn Alders will be the primary speaker for the Satellite Seminar. She has a great deal of experience working with small poultry holders all over Africa and southeast Asia, having worked in Angola, Australia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Lao PDR, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. She is a recipient of the Kesteven Medal, awarded by the Australian Veterinary Association and the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in recognition of distinguished contributions to international veterinary science in the field of technical and scientific assistance to developing countries (May 2002). She also received the Belle Bruce Reid Medal, awarded by the University of Melbourne to outstanding women Veterinary Scientists (November 2006).

Dr. Teo Kim Lai, Secretary, WPSA Malaysia Branch

New Zealand

The New Zealand branch is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010, and it has planned a special celebration to be held during the New Zealand Poultry Conference which will take place on 12 & 13 October in Christchurch on the South Island of New Zealand.

Alan Gibbins

Papua New Guinea

The Papua New Guinea (PNG) branch of the WPSA held its first General Assembly on 22 April, 2010, with 14 of the 21 members in attendance, at the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) of Papua New Guinea in Lae. Dr. Alan Gibbins, President of the Asia-Pacific Federation of the WPSA attended the meeting as the keynote speaker. The meeting was combined with a scientific symposium on the theme 'Small poultry farms for rural prosperity and poverty alleviation in PNG' in which four invited speakers made presentations.

The gathering was hosted by NARI, which through its representative, Dr. Sergie Bang, welcomed the meeting as an opportunity to foster networking and linkages with a range of stakeholders of this sub-sector, to promote information exchange for scientists on current and emerging issues in the sub-sector and as a forum for discussing relevant research and development issues around poultry production in PNG. He also mentioned that poultry is the 2nd most widely raised animal species in PNG, providing a source of income and food for over a quarter of a million rural and urban families in the country. Demand for poultry meat and eggs is rising fast, especially around urban centres and the meat has become an affordable source of protein for many families.

The General Assembly endorsed its constitution and elected a four member executive group, each for a term of two years. The executives are: Ms. Janet Pandi (janet.pandi@nari.org.pg), President; Dr. Alan Quartermain (aquartermain@gmail.com), Vice President; Dr. Workneh Ayalew (workneh.ayalew@nari.org.pg), Secretary, and Dr. Gariba Danbaro (dgariba@hotmail.com), Treasurer.



Papua New Guinea Branch officers:
Back from left: Gariba Danbaro, Treasurer;
Workneh Ayalew, Secretary.
Front from left: Alan Quartermain, Vice
President; Janet Pandi, President

Workneh Ayalew, Secretary

Russia

Vladimir Ivanovich Fisinin celebrated his 70th birthday on 20 December, 2009. He is an academic member of the Russian Agricultural Sciences Academy (RASHN), and is a highly Honoured Scientist.

Dr. Fisinin is currently the First Vice-President of the Russian Agricultural Sciences Academy. He is the head of the leading scientific centre of the country – the All-Russian Scientific Research and Technological poultry industry Institute (VNITIP). He is also the President of the Russian WPSA Branch and of the Russian Poultry Union (Rosptitsoyuz), as well as a member of the Russian Government Agrarian Council.

He is a dedicated scientist and researcher. He created the scientific school 'Biological and genetic basis of poultry production selection technologies' and has developed some high production elite meat and egg chicken crosses that are widely used by Russian poultry industry. He has published more than 500 scientific articles including 60 books and booklets and nine monographs among them. He has 115 patents and author certificates for inventions. His scientific work has been recognized worldwide, and he has been elected as the Vice-President of WPSA four times in the last eight years. He has also been awarded the Honoured WPSA member title by the Russian Branch this year.

The experimental 'Genofond' enterprise is

the object of special pride for Dr. Fisinin. No other such enterprise appears to exist in the world. Rare chicken, geese, guinea-fowl and quail breeds have been kept there for almost 30 years. At this enterprise, scientists are able to study the genomes of some poultry breeds that have nearly disappeared. Being an attentive teacher, Dr. Fisinin has provided a start for several generations of young scientists. He has given them not only his knowledge and his invaluable experience, but also a part of his soul.

For his valuable contributions to science, V.I. Fisinin was awarded the title 'The Honoured Scientist of Russia' in 1999, he has been the USSR Minister Council Premium laureate twice (1979, 1990) and the Russian Federation State premium in Science and Techniques laureate (1995). He has become the bearer of France's order 'For the services in agriculture' in 2003. He has also received two orders of the Labor Red Banner (1975, 1981), Lenin order (1986), The Honour order (2006), with some gold and silver medals of VDNH and VVC. He became a Board Member for the Russian Federation Agricultural Ministry 2009.

As we congratulate this outstanding scientist on his birthday, we wish him sound health, creative longevity and successes in all his future undertakings!

Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan branch is planning to have its Annual Scientific Sessions at the end of October this year. The branch has also planned a couple of technical programmes for the recently liberated Northern & Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka that will take place in June / July. These programmes are mainly to increase the much needed technical skills of farmers, extension officers and Veterinarians in these areas where poultry husbandry is gaining some momentum after 30 years of civil war.

Dr. S.S.P. Silva, President

Taiwan

The Taiwan branch will host the 9th Asian Pacific Conference in Taipei 20-23 March 2011. The theme for the conference is 'Sustainable Poultry Production in the

Modern Era' and the key topics will include: Nutrition and feed additives, Environment and poultry production, Marketing and product safety, Genetics, breeding and reproduction, Poultry health, and Water fowl. The conference will be held at the International House Taipei, 30 Xinsheng South Rd, Sec 3, Taipei, Taiwan. Information for the conference venue and its location can be viewed at <http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com/?Lsn=2>.

The organising committee has made an all out effort to keep costs down and to deliver an extremely good value for money event to you. Early bird rates and a two tier registration are being offered. These measures combine to bring you a most affordable event.

You are cordially invited to this most important conference. You will certainly have a most enjoyable time in Taipei, combining business with pleasure. The branch looks forward to meeting you in March 2011 in this vibrant city and welcoming you to the 9th APPC, the foremost poultry conference in the Asia Pacific region.

For more information: appc2011@elitepc.com.tw, website: <http://www.appc2011.tw>.

Chih-Feng Chen, Secretary

Turkey

The 18th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition is being organised by the Turkish Branch of WPSA and is scheduled for 31 October – 4 November, 2011 at the Altın Yunus Resort Hotel in Çeşme, İzmir, Turkey. Çeşme is a charming town on the Aegean coast of Turkey with healing mineral springs, beautiful sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and sun, perfect for vacationers. It has been famous for its architecture, vineyards, and windmills for over 150 years, and now, its name is associated with the popular sports of windsurfing and kitesurfing. Çeşme is located 94 km west of Izmir, on the very tip of the peninsula that bears its name.

This Symposium will present the most recent and relevant scientific information on poultry nutrition. Invited papers will be presented by leading scientists. Oral and poster presentations will also be displayed during the symposium. We expect that the symposium will be the meeting place for all involved in poultry nutrition, making a bridge between university and industry. We would welcome your participation in this important meeting.

For additional information contact: Prof.Dr. Nizamettin Şenköylü at: nsenkoylu@yahoo.com, website: www.espn2011.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to Çeşme, Turkey in October 2011.

Prof. Dr. Servet Yalçın, Secretary of the WPSA Turkish Branch

United Kingdom

The annual spring meeting of the UK branch was held on 13-14 March 2010 at Queens University, Belfast, North Ireland. The meeting started with the Hammond Memorial Lecture, held jointly with the British Society of Animal Science, which was given by Prof John Oldham of SAC, Edinburgh. His topic was 'Animal Science – recent progress and future challenges', and he discussed the role of science in enabling progress on self sufficiency and global food security to 'feed the world'.

The formal opening of the WPSA (UK) meeting included some words of reflection by the new President, Patrick Garland, on the sad loss of Dr. Tom Acamovic, our previous President. On a happier note we were addressed by the world WPSA President, Bob Pym, from Australia who was visiting a number of Branches around the world.

Over 60 members then enjoyed some 25 scientific papers with sessions on nutrition, animal behaviour and welfare, meat quality, and including a joint WPSA/BSAS session on animal breeding and genetics. A developing tradition is to include an 'industry' session with speakers from the field illustrating the importance of cooperation between science and the wider poultry industry. Tom Scott spoke on nutritional influences on producing birds that the market wanted and Stephen Lister discussed the need for closer cooperation between veterinarians and nutritionists in managing the complex disease and dietary interactions affecting bird health, welfare and performance.

The meeting was enhanced by a further 30 poster presentations, many of which were introduced by short oral presentations. It is with regret that a number of registered attendees from Iran had their visas rejected en bloc shortly before the meeting and were unable to travel.

The annual Gordon Memorial Lecture took place during the meeting and was delivered by

Professor Eddy Decuypere of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, on the subject of 'The broiler breeder paradox from a physiological, genetic and ethical viewpoint together with suggestions for solutions'. This was followed by a lively debate and the traditional wine reception.

The Annual Conference Dinner was held in the impressive Great Hall of Queens University. It included a short celebration of the life of Tom Acamovic delivered by Nick

Sparks of SAC in the presence of Toms widow, who was guest of honour. The dinner ended with a toast to Tom with 'traditional' Scottish IronBru!

The meeting was considered a great success, mixing some up to the minute science and consideration of the place this research has had in improving poultry production, health and welfare.

Stephen Lister, Secretary