From your officers

September 2015 will see the WVPA’s global congress come to Cape Town in South Africa – the first time we have held a congress south of the Sahara in Africa. Having been to see the congress venue and discuss the event with the Local Organising Committee, WVPA is confident that the Cape Town congress will continue our tradition of successful congresses which the French did so admirably in 2013 in Nantes.

WVPA Congresses bring together a unique gathering of poultry health professionals, including a strong representation of poultry veterinarians from academia, research, practice and major poultry companies. At the last congress in France in 2013 over 1,200 delegates attended from some 70-80 countries. This provides each and every delegate with a great educational and networking opportunity as well as the chance to meet with the world’s leading suppliers of poultry veterinary products.

Today’s poultry veterinarians are much more than just ‘chicken doctors’! They are being increasingly seen and used as sources of trusted independent professional and technical advice in areas such as health, biosecurity, vaccination, nutrition, incubation, bird management and welfare, zoonotic pathogen control and end product quality and the scientific programme will keep you in touch with the latest developments in the many fields that constitute avian health management.

Cape Town is a great venue! It is as safe as any western city! For accommodation and dining it has something good for all budgets! There are some fantastic places to visit pre- and post-congress (you can not visit this city and not visit the Cape of Good Hope and some of the numerous wine estates!) and we will guarantee that our South African hosts will make each and every one who attends their congress really feel at home and have a week to remember!

We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town for what promises to be a memorable congress and experience!

Yours sincerely,

Prof Hafez M Hafez – Vice President
Nigel Horrox – Vice President
Francois Xavier Le Gros – Secretary Treasurer
Officers of WVPA
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The congress

The WVPA 2015’s Congress will be held in the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) from the 7th – 11th September. It will be the first time that this congress will be hosted south of the Sahara in Africa.

SAVETCON will do the event organising and will handle all enquiries. They can be contacted at petrie@savetcon.co.za.

Registrations are already open and can be done online www.wvpac2015.com. Early bird registrations close on the 31st of March and regular registrations on the 15th of August 2015.

Special rates have been negotiated with South African Airways for flights to South Africa. All the details are available on our website.

The accommodation selected in various hotels are sure to meet with all delegates’ needs. Special rates have been negotiated and a designated reservationist has been allocated to this congress. All accommodation options are available on our website.

Delegates will be able to explore the Mother City in carefully selected day tours. Boarding a cable car to ascend Table Mountain, weather permitting, is a true experience.

Witnessing the firing of the noon gun on Signal Hill and a scenic drive along the Atlantic coastal road to Cape Point are just some of the options available. Lindi at lindi@africanpride.co.za will take care of all your requirements.

Sponsorship and exhibitions

From a sponsorship perspective, the support from companies associated with the poultry industry has been extremely good. All but one of the major sponsorship packages have already been taken and the majority of the other packages have also been reserved. We will have an interesting mix of companies in the Exhibition hall. They include the large international pharmaceutical and vaccine companies, those supplying nutritional products and some local South African companies as well, just adding some extra flavour into the mix.

The generous support from industry will ensure that we can offer all delegates a well balanced scientific program and industry exposure at very affordable rates in the amazing city of Cape Town.

There are still a few spaces open in the exhibition hall so, if you would like to join as a supporter of the congress please drop either Petrie Vogel (petrie@savetcon.co.za) or Dr Charles Costello (charles.costello@pahc.com) an email and we will pass on all the details of available packages to you.

Scientific programme

The Scientific programme for WVPAC2015 has been finalised, with 13 themes and a total of 21 confirmed keynote speakers. The keynote speakers originate from across the globe and include experts from the USA, UK, RSA, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Bangladesh, Thailand and Mozambique.

Themes include viral and bacterial diseases, immunity and immune suppression (viruses and mycotoxins), gut health and diseases, parasites, public health/food safety, ratite and duck diseases, aspects of poultry management (including welfare and disaster management) and therapeutics and antibiotic resistance.

Two sessions are also dedicated to small scale/backyard farming and case reports from poultry veterinarians who are active in the field.

The programme thus includes the latest research findings from researchers in various fields, as well as practical aspects ranging from field cases to welfare and disaster management.
The Institute of Poultry Diseases at the Free University Berlin, Germany, in cooperation with the World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA) held the 10th ‘Hafez’ International Symposium on Turkey Diseases in Berlin, Germany, from 5-7th June 2014. The symposium was organised to stimulate the exchange of current information related to turkey diseases and to help focus attention on specific problems and encourage new approaches to solve them.

On behalf of the World Turkey Production and Veterinary Family I was honoured to dedicate this international symposium in Memory of our passed President Dr Trevor Bagust (1944-2014) for his outstanding contribution to the pathogenesis, diagnosis and control of poultry diseases as well as for the WVPA and in addition, to Prof. Dr Gerhard Monreal (1928-2013) and to Dr Bruce R. Charlton (1955-2014)

At the symposium 41 oral presentations were given. Several papers were devoted to topics related to marketing, hatchery hygiene and factors influencing animal welfare including rearing conditions, management and diseases.

In addition, several presentations covered various viral and bacterial diseases as well as syndromes without clear causes.

Further papers dealt with food borne pathogens, efficacy of some drugs for treatment of bacterial infections as well as use and misuse of antibiotics. Problems related to parasitic as well as respiratory diseases were also considered in several papers.

In the final two sections nine papers were dedicated to avian influenza and Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale.

Over 170 scientists and experts from 24 countries (Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America) attended the symposium.

It is my sincere pleasure to acknowledge all the speakers for their co-operation and willingness to share their expertise with the global turkey family. I also wish to use this opportunity to express my appreciation to our sponsors. I am most grateful for their generosity, which was essential to conduct a symposium with such broad participation.

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to all individuals who worked in the planning and co-ordination of this event, especially the staff of the Institute of Poultry Diseases at the Free University Berlin. I hope that the information presented in the proceedings will become a valuable reference for all participants and attendees.

Hafez Mohamed Hafez
Vice-President of the World Veterinary Poultry Association
Head of the Institute of Poultry Diseases, Free University Berlin

The 11th ‘Hafez’ International Symposium on Turkey Diseases will be held in Berlin, Germany in May/June 2016.

I hope to see you in Berlin

Contributions to Aerosols

Why not tell Aerosols’ readers about your branch and its activities (good quality pictures are always welcomed).

Please also remember to advise us about forthcoming meetings so that we can mention them in our diary of future events.

National WVPA Branch Secretaries and individual members are encouraged to send contributions for inclusion in future editions of Aerosols to Sue Clanton at: sclanton@uga.edu
Adrian Knoetze, from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, was announced as the 2014 winner of the WVPA-Zoetis Young Poultry Veterinarian of the Year Award at the VIV Asia WVPA meeting in September.

Adrian, aged 30, is a divisional veterinarian for Rainbow Chicken Farms and Cobb South Africa and he was selected by a panel of global poultry experts from applications from all around the world.

“It’s an honour to receive this award and be recognised by colleagues in the industry,” Adrian told Aerosols. “A strong focus on personal relationships with staff on all levels has been the cornerstone of my work to date,” he added. “I have offered training to veterinary students, as well as on-going service and training to rural communities with a focus on improving poultry profitability.”

As the Divisional Veterinarian for Rainbow Chicken Farms, Adrian is responsible for the health management, diagnostics and welfare of flocks across multiple operations including: 150,000 grandparent broiler breeder birds per annum; the KwaZulu-Natal parent operation of 650,000 birds per annum; parent and broiler hatcheries and broiler operation of 1.4 million broilers per week.

In addition to those responsibilities, Adrian oversees and manages the ISO 17025 veterinary laboratory and autogenous vaccine production unit, which offers farm-to-fork testing with a focus on poultry.

Working with the production team, together they achieved the best annual broiler performance of Rainbow Chicken Farms (the largest poultry integration company in South Africa) in 2013/14. These results are the best Cobb results throughout Africa this year.

Adrian was chosen for his excellent diagnosis and management of various diseases including avian influenza, salmonellosis and infectious bronchitis; his ability to work at all levels from laboratory to the farm; and his commitment to teaching others about the industry – including younger veterinary students and children in the local community.

“Adrian is a great example of the calibre of young veterinarians entering the poultry sector; with his expertise he is likely to become a leading light in the years ahead,” Nigel Horrox, vice president of WVPA added.

For the third year running the award has been supported by Zoetis, and Mr Knoetze will receive a grant to attend educational poultry meetings of his choice anywhere in the world.

“This year the WVPA was pleased to have had a truly global response for the Young Poultry Veterinarian of the Year award. We appreciate the support from Zoetis, which gives encouragement and recognition to individuals who are a credit to their profession and are likely to play a key role in poultry production over the next two to three decades,” added Nigel.

Hector Badillo, group director, global marketing for Zoetis said, “The award attracts the highest level of entries and as a company we are proud to support young poultry veterinarians who are the future of this industry. The commitment of young veterinarians like Adrian Knoetze must be encouraged and rewarded.”

Adrian Knoetze graduated from the University of Pretoria, Onderstepoort, South Africa in 2009, after which he joined Rainbow Chicken Farms. During his time with the company he completed an MSc focusing on veterinary tropical diseases.

2015 Award

Entries by 31st March 2015

Nominations are now open for the WVPA Young Poultry Veterinarian of the Year 2015 Award. The award is open to qualified poultry veterinarians who were under the age of 35 on 1st January 2015.

The winner will be selected by a global panel of judges and will receive a USD$5,000 contribution towards attending international scientific or continued professional development meetings.

Entries for the award are to be made via the dedicated website: www.wvpa-award.com. Nominees/applicants are asked to describe in 500 words or less their role and achievements in the industry and why they feel they should win the award. The award will be presented at the XIX Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association, Cape Town, South Africa September 7-11, 2015.

Closing date for entries is 31st March 2015.
North America

This year’s AAAP Annual Meeting was held in Denver from 26-29th July at the Colorado Convention Center. The four day event included a half day symposium on Saturday morning entitled, ‘Impact and Control of Respiratory Diseases in Poultry.’ Individual presentations were organised under three main headings: Impact of Respiratory Diseases, Management Practices and Control of Respiratory Diseases and Protection of the Avian Respiratory System. The Scientific Program began Sunday and concluded on Tuesday, July 29th. It consisted of 144 oral presentations and 75 poster presentations. Featured events included a New Member Meet and Greet, a Wine and Cheese Social in the Poster Room, and the annual Awards Luncheon. This year’s keynote speaker was Randall Singer from the University of Minnesota. The title of his presentation was, ‘Long term Perspective on the Current and Future State of the Safety of the US Food Supply (Particularly Poultry Products) and the Path Ahead for the Use of Modern Technology in Further Improvements.’ On Monday, AAAP members enjoyed the second in a series of history lectures titled, ‘Pioneers of Avian Medicine.’ The lecture was titled, ‘The Life and Times of Dr Benjamin (Ben) Sherwood Pomeroy (1911-2004)’ and was given by Jagdev Sharma of the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University. After Dr Sharma’s talk, Nicolas Eterradossi from the Agence Nationale de Securite Sanitaire (Anses), Ploufragan Laboratory, VIPAC Unit, France, gave a presentation to the membership titled, ‘Learnings on Very Virulent Infectious Bursal Disease Viruses (vvIBDV).’

After the scientific presentation’s János Paljak, president, reported the last three years of the branch, the branch events and financial position. Then the nominating committee presented the names of candidates for the 12 people presidency, and the vote was secret. The leadership choice fell on the same persons who led the branch for the past three years:

János Paljak: President
János Mészáros: Honorary president
Dénes Szalay: Secretary
László Kőrösi: Corresponding secretary

Upcoming poultry meeting:
Derzsy Days on 4-5th June 2015.

Dr László Kőrösi
Corresponding Secretary of Hungarian Branch of WVPA

Israel

On January 2012 the Israeli Branch of the WVPA, the family, friends, the scientific and industrial poultry world, lost a great person who devoted his entire life to the poultry disease profession. Dr Y Samberg’s contribution to poultry science was appreciated in Israel as well as in many other countries. He was awarded all the existing awards in our profession and was also recorded on the ‘Wall of Fame’.

The WVPA members, the Chief Veterinary Officer at the Ministry of Agriculture, The Chief Poultry Health Officer, and many colleagues and friends attended a scientific symposium at Kimron’s Veterinary Institute in December 2014, dedicated to the memory of Dr Y Samberg. The scientific program opened with a very interesting presentation given by Dr S. Nagar describing the changes and development of the table-eggs layer farms regarding biosecurity, cages vs free-range growing and socio-economic and health problems. Also discussed were future plans and new regulations being imposed on the layer industry. A video-conference presentation was given by Dr Robert (Bob) Alphin from the University of Delaware regarding poultry waste treatment, daily and emergency, with special emphasis on composting.

Dr R. Rachel Bock
Corresponding Secretary of WVPA Israel

Hungary

The Hungarian Branch held their autumn meeting on 4th November, which was also the seat of the Board General re-election as the three-year term ended. The scientific theme was ORT, geese polyoma virus control.

János Mészáros, László Stipkovits and Csaba Drén

Front row: Sara Steinlage, Francene Van Sambeek, Victoria Bowers, Eva Wallner-Pendleton
Back row: Eric Gingerich, Rob Porter, Richard (Mick) Fulton, Ian Rubinoff, Eric Jensen, Charles Hofacre

Chuck Hofacre
USA Corresponding Secretary
Pakistan

Eight members of WVPA Pakistan participated in the Second Asian Meeting of WVPA at the Imperial Queen’s Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand from 11-12th September 2014. The participants included Dr Hanif Nazir Ch (President WVPA Pakistan), Dr Muhammad Kashif Saleemi (Secretary WVPA-Pakistan/Department of Pathology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad Pakistan), Dr Mustafa Kamal (Big Bird Poultry Breeders Lahore), Dr F. M. Sabir (Sabir Group of Poultry Lahore), Dr Ehsan Qadir (Ghazi Brothers Pakistan), Dr Baber Niaz (Gulzar Feeds Faisalabad), Dr Usman Javed (Big Bird Poultry Breeders Faisalabad) and Dr Arif Mahmood (Saadat International/Merial Pakistan).

Dr Muhammad Kashif Saleemi was also invited to present his research paper entitled ‘Immunopathological effects of Ochratoxin A in broiler chicks and its amelioration with Baker’s Yeast’ on the second day of the meeting.

The WVPA partially sponsored two branch members from Pakistan, Dr Ehsan Qadir and Dr Usman Javed, on the basis of nominations made by the branch. It was an excellent learning experience for the participants from Pakistan. This was a very well organized event. We appreciate the efforts made by the WVPA and TVPA. Nigel Horrox and his team have done a great job. The members of WVPA Pakistan also participated in the Avian Asia Forum organized by Merial in Kaohsiung, Taiwan from 17-18th September 2014.

The WVPA Pakistan organised a National Seminar entitled ‘Avian Respiratory Diseases: A serious Threat to the Poultry Industry’ in December in collaboration with the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Veterinary Science University of Agriculture Faisalabad Pakistan.

It was a full day seminar with one inaugural session, two technical sessions and a concluding session. All the WVPA Pakistan members, avian health professionals and postgraduate students participated in this seminar. The renowned avian health professionals/poultry veterinarians from Pakistan and Germany delivered the lectures.

Six presentations/lectures were made by these invited speakers. The topics included Newcastle disease, role of ventilation/ammonia toxicity, avian influenza, adenovirus as respiratory pathogen, mycoplasma and diagnosis and control of respiratory diseases.

Prof. H. M. Hafez was also among the invited speakers.

After the first technical session there was a branch meeting of WVPA Pakistan presided by Dr Hanif Nazir Ch and coordinated by Dr Muhammad Kashif Saleemi. In this meeting Dr Saleemi gave a report of branch activities.

Dr Muhammad Kashif Saleemi
National Branch Secretary of WVPA Pakistan
The 2nd WVPA Asia Meeting was recently held in Bangkok, Thailand and was attended by some 230 delegates from over 20 countries. The first day was composed of varied and interesting papers from our commercial supporters on the meeting’s theme of ‘Testing & Monitoring’, while the second day featured submitted papers from members on subjects as diverse as antimicrobial resistance, avian influenza and the detection of viruses in environmental samples.
In addition the meeting featured the 2nd Asian Avian Pathology Lecture and the presentation of the 3rd WVPA Zoetis Young Poultry Veterinarian Award, both of which are featured elsewhere in this issue of Aerosols.

The next WVPA Asia Meeting will be held in the Philippines in 2016.
Dr Louis van der Heide (1933-2014)

Louis van der Heide, 80, died on 5th May, 2014 in Ridgewood, NJ. Louis was born on August 2, 1933 in Aerdenhout, The Netherlands. After finishing high school he could not decide on a career path and his parents, both chemists, had him working on a farm for one year shoveling a lot of manure.

This year was important for his professional career because it led to his decision to become a veterinarian. He received his DVM degree in 1958 from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.

After a year in a private practice, he started his career in poultry medicine by joining the Provincial Animal Health Service in Boxtel, The Netherlands.

He then moved to Curacao, in the Caribbean, where he worked from 1960-1965 as the Deputy Chief of Veterinary Services in The Netherlands Antilles.

Afterwards he returned to his interest in avian diseases at the Diagnostic Disease Laboratory at the University of Maine in Orono (1965-1966 and 1968-1971).

In between he conducted research in The Netherlands and at Penn State University, United States.

In 1970 Louis received his PhD in veterinary virology from his alma mater, the University of Utrecht, for his thesis on ‘The Fluorescent Antibody Technique in the Diagnosis of Avian Encephalomyelitis’.

Louis and his family moved to Columbia, CT in 1971, when he accepted the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Connecticut.

He served as Chair of the Department of Pathobiology until his retirement in 1994.

Louis was well known for his research on avian diseases, especially on reovirus-induced arthritis-tenosynovitis. He isolated the S1133 strain of reovirus and successfully developed this strain into an inactivated vaccine.

Subsequently, a temperature-sensitive live vaccine was generated after the virus was first passaged 235 times in embryonating chicken eggs followed by 65 passages in chicken embryo fibroblasts (CEF) at 32°C and 35 passages in CEF at 37°C.

His vaccine is still being used worldwide.

In addition to his research, Louis was highly respected as a diagnostician of avian diseases.

After his retirement from the University he served as editor of Avian Diseases from 1994-2003, introducing many changes which resulted in a significant shortening of the time between submission and publication. As editor, he always went the extra mile, working closely with the reviewers when there were differing opinions about acceptance of a manuscript.

One of his former students and later colleague defined Louis as follows: ‘The dictionary defines ‘great’ in many ways: large in size, superior, admirable, strong, gifted, and distinguished. Louis was a great man using any definition. His knowledge as a poultry veterinarian was superior, he was a paragon of integrity, and had worldwide recognition in his field.’

He will be sorely missed by his family and by the poultry scientific community.

Dr Darrell Trampel (1946-2014)

Dr Darrell Trampel passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday 31st August.

Dr Trampel was a Professor at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine (ISU CVM) where he served as the ISU Poultry Extension Veterinarian and Diagnostician for 32 years.

Dr. Trampel was a nationally recognized collaborative researcher focusing much of his effort recently on developing plans for federal and state transport for movement of eggs and egg products from non-infected premises within an avian influenza control area (FAST...
The 8th International Symposium on Avian Corona- and Metapneumoviruses and Complicating Pathogens in the Castle of Rauischholzhausen was held in combination with the 2nd Annual Meeting of the COST Action FA1207 ‘Towards Control of Avian Coronaviruses: Strategies for Diagnosis, Surveillance and Vaccination’.

This COST Action had been initiated two years ago at the previous symposium by the Paul-Ehrlich-Institute, the German Federal Office for Sera and Vaccines, which was joined by many of the European avian coronavirus working groups.

Due to this combination a high number of scientists of the working groups on both viruses as well as veterinarians from the field, diagnostic laboratories, industry, and governmental authorities out of 29 countries from all over the world attended this meeting.

This great interest indicated that these virus infections and especially avian bronchitis virus are still a constant threat for the poultry industry due to its enormous variability because of mutation and recombination.

During the four days of the symposium new research data on all aspects of these viral infections were presented in 69 talks. These served as a basis for intense discussions and strategies for future work and co-operation.

This was for the moment the last Symposium on Avian Corona- and Metapneumoviruses which was organized by Michael Lierz and Ursula Heffels-Redmann, Clinic for Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany, in the Castle of Rauischholzhausen.

It was suggested to tour this symposium. Therefore, the 9th symposium will take place in two years in the Netherlands organized by Sjaak de Wit, Animal Health Service Deventer, and Helene Verheije, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Utrecht, again in combination with the COST Action FA 1207.

It is planned that the 10th symposium will be held in Athens, Georgia, USA in 2018 organized by Mark Jackwood, Department of Population Health at the University of Georgia. After that the symposium will continue by alternating the venue between Europe and the USA.

The previous organisers thanked all supporters of the symposium during the last 26 years, and express their hope that they will continue in the same spirit.

The proceedings (book and CD) of this 8th Symposium containing full text papers and summaries of the sessions prepared by the chairs and written by Mark Jackwood, the chairman of the final discussion session, are available at a price of €22 plus postage from:

Dr Ursula Heffels-Redmann
Clinic for Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians and Fish,
Justus Liebig University Giessen,
Frankfurter Strasse 91,
D-35392 Giessen, Germany.
The 2nd Asian Avian Pathology Lecture was presented at the recent Asian WVPA Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. The lecturer, Prof Dr Md Rafiqul Islam from Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh, was introduced by Prof Richard Jones, chairman of the Houghton Trust. The lecture, entitled ‘Infectious bursal disease: prophylaxis, detection and monitoring’ gave an excellent overview of the subject of its title and was really appreciated by an attentive audience. The WVPA would like to thank the Houghton Trust for their generous support of the Asian Avian Pathology Lecture.
Successful Edinburgh meeting for BVPA

BVPA’s third meeting of 2014 was held in Edinburgh, Scotland and was attended by veterinarians, nutritionists, researchers and colleagues from industry. The meeting’s theme ‘The Vet’s role in Poultry Welfare’ attracted a plethora of delegates from different backgrounds. Topical papers and debate made for interesting listening and discussion followed by networking opportunities at the popular evening dinner.

The first session was opened by BVPA President Keith Warner, with the first keynote speaker Steve Pritchard (Premier Nutrition) presenting ‘The nutritional influences on welfare of commercial poultry and game birds’. This was followed by a thought provoking presentation from Stephen Lister of Crowshall Veterinary Services, entitled ‘Should sustainable intensification include animal welfare?’

The second session was opened by Kate Well (Soil Association – a UK organic certification body). Kate discussed monitoring of bird welfare indices, improving welfare and promoted the working of the Soil Association with producers and industry to improve welfare. Richard Byas, a very experienced UK game bird veterinarian from the Sandhill Veterinary Practice, gave an in-depth and very well received overview of the welfare challenges affecting the game sector including primarily pheasant and partridge production. BVPA President, Keith Warner, then gave a paper on welfare from a practitioner’s perspective.

The third session included papers on ‘The use of live coccidiosis vaccine in rotation with anticoccidial feed additives’ by Martina Dardi from Hipra, ‘Use of molecular tools to identify E. coli pathogens and molecular typing of IBV’ by Muna Anjum (APHA), and the session was closed by Christopher Ball (University of Liverpool) discussing ‘Molecular epidemiology of IBV in the Middle East’.

Members then had a great networking opportunity at the BVPA dinner hosted at the Thistle Hotel in Edinburgh. The BVPA were then honoured to have after dinner speaker John Donnelly, Chief Executive of Marketing Edinburgh who congratulated the BVPA on bringing the WVPA Congress to Edinburgh in 2017. John gave an excellent presentation on the huge opportunities that Edinburgh will bring to the congress and to delegates in 2017.

The meeting continued on day two by Avendano Santiago from Aviagen Ltd with an in depth insight into broiler breeding in the 21st Century. Richard Jackson from the St David’s Poultry Team then gave a paper ‘Pododermatitis in practice’ which considered both the challenges and interventions to help to reduce the risk.

The final clinical session was chaired by Philip Hammond with papers from Tibor Cserep (MSD) on ‘New results with inactivated E. coli vaccine’ followed by Paul McMullin of Poultry Health Services who reflected on ‘Mycoplasma in a semi-integrated egg production system’. The meeting closed with a presentation from Esther Shonewille from Lohmann Animal Health GmbH who considered the welfare relating to broiler catching in Europe.

The meeting was a huge success with a wide breadth of scientific papers, and also allowed for topical controversial discussion areas with input from a vast knowledge and experience base. Having clinical papers and practical discussion complemented the scientific research papers making for a very balanced meeting.

The BVPA now looks forward to its Spring Meeting in March 2015 themed: Viral and Parasitic Diseases of Poultry and Gamebirds. International colleagues are welcome to attend this meeting.

To find out more about BVPA visit www bvpa org uk

Philip Hammond
(WVPA UK Branch Secretary)
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Organisers of **Incubation2015 & Avian Gut Health2015** to be held in Bangkok, Thailand - 10th March 2015
Diary of meetings 2015

January

27-29 – IPPE
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Website: www.ippexpo.com

26-27 – Southern Conference on Avian Diseases
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Website: www.ippexpo.org/ipsf

March

10 – Incubation2015
Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.positiveaction.co.uk

10 – Avian Gut Health2015
Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.positiveaction.co.uk

11-13 – VIV Asia
Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.viv.net

16-17 – North Central Avian Disease Conference
St Paul, Minnesota, USA
Website: www.midwestpoultry.com/attendees/convention-schedule

22 – ACPV Workshop
Sacramento, California, USA.
Website: www.acpv.info

22-25 – 64th Western Poultry Disease Conference (WPDC)
Sacramento, California, USA
Website: www.conferences.ucdavis.edu/wpdc

April

12-15 – 9th International Symposium on Avian Influenza
Georgia, USA
Website: www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/conferences-events/register/9th-international-symposium-on-avian-influenza

May

28-30 – 8th ‘Hafez’ International Symposium on Turkey Production
Berlin, Germany
Contact: hafez@vetmed.fu-berlin.de

July

10-14 – American Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Avian Pathologists
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Website: www.avma.org
www.aaap.info

September

6-11 – XIX Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA)
Cape Town, South Africa
Website: www.wvpac2015.com

October

12-14 – National Meeting on Poultry Health, Processing and Live Production
Maryland, USA
Website: www.dpichicken.org/events

Forward planning:

Aug/Sept 2016

WVPA Asia Meeting
The Philippines
Website: www.wvpa.net

August 2016

5-9 – American Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Avian Pathologists
San Antonio, Texas, USA
Website: www.avma.org
www.aaap.info

July 2017

21-25 – American Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Avian Pathologists
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
Website: www.avma.org
www.aaap.info

September 2017

3-8 – XX Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA)
Edinburgh, Scotland
Website: www.wvpa.net
www.bvpa.org.uk

Your officers would greatly appreciate any feedback on WVPA and its activities.

Please send your feedback to any of the three officers highlighted on page 17 using the emails cited there.
VIV Worldwide Calendar
2015 - 2018

VIV Asia 2015
March 11 - 13, 2015
Bangkok, Thailand

VIV Russia 2015
May 18, 2015 Summit
May 19 – 21, 2015 Expo
Moscow, Russia

VIV Turkey 2015
June 11 - 13, 2015
Istanbul, Turkey

VIV MEA 2016
February 16 - 18, 2016
Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

VIV China 2016
September 5 - 8, 2016
Beijing, China

VIV Europe 2018
June 20 - 22, 2018
Utrecht, the Netherlands

www.viv.net

XIXth Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association
Cape Town International Convention Centre
7 - 11 September 2015

PROGRAMME

The programme for the World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress 2015 promises to cover all spheres of avian diseases.

More than 300 papers covering viral- and bacterial diseases, immunity, parasites, resistance, management and production of poultry, will be introduced by internationally acknowledged specialists.

PROGRAMME

A list of keynote speakers and a preliminary programme are available on the website.

Register now to ensure your place at this prestigious congress.

PLEASE NOTE: Early Bird registrations close 31 March 2015

For more information please contact Petrie Vogel (petrie@savetcon.co.za)

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