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President’s Address

Time marches on and we are approaching our biennial meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The excitement builds and the program is rounding out very nicely with a healthy number of abstracts submitted. A great website (www.waavp2017kl.org) is available for folks to go and check out the highlights of the upcoming meeting and also to get a taste of what is available to see and do in the areas around Kuala Lumpur. Mark the dates and very seriously think about attending (4-8 September, 2017).

Perhaps it is time for the membership, at large, to begin discussions on how money from our biennial conference is used. The Conference Guidelines note that the financing of the biennial conference is the responsibility of the group or organization hosting the event. The WAAVP does provide some `seed` money to the organization, but in the current climate this does not amount to very much. It is also stated that in addition to receiving a closing account the Secretary/Treasurer of WAAVP should receive ‘all surplus funds for deposit in the WAAVP account’. Some of the WAAVP conferences have very little that can be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, but others are left with significant funds. If for various legal reasons the money can not be transferred to WAAVP, in some instances, a separate fund has been established in the country where the WAAVP conference occurred and this may be used to support the travel of younger parasitologists to future WAAVP meetings. However, in some other cases, even though this would have been possible, the surplus has not been transferred to WAAVP. It can be argued that since we have very limited financial input we can expect only limited control over the outcome. But, on the other hand, the local organising committees benefit tremendously from the WAAVP brand to attract people to the conference. If WAAVP is to never receive funds from these meetings, then there is no possibility for us to support various worthy causes or future meetings. I believe that it is now time for the membership to weigh-in and share with the Executive Committee your thoughts.

We in our association and many others note the passing of Lord Soulsby. He was instrumental in forming the WAAVP and an obituary is included in this Newsletter. The Executive Committee is taking advice on how to commemorate Lord Soulsby and to honour his contribution to this association and to the public in general. If any ideas on how to mark this occasion come to mind, please do not feel reticent and share your thoughts with us.

Doug Colwell
WAAVP President
Selamat Datang Ke Malaysia!
Welcome to Malaysia!

Are you ready to meet our speakers?

Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee, Malaysia
Ramachandran, Malaysia
Nicholas Sangster, Australia
Domenico Otranto, Italy
Shin-ichiro Kawazu, Japan

Chandrawathani Panchadcharam, Malaysia
Jong-Yil Chai, Korea
Brecht Devleesschauwer, Belgium
Yvonne Ai-Lian Lim, Malaysia
Paul Monis, Australia
Mark Carrington, UK

B L Penzhorn, South Africa
Mark Fox, United Kingdom
Xing-Quan Zhu, China
Peter-Henning Clausen, Germany
Christina Strube, Germany
Lihua Xiao, USA

Are you ready for......?

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON FOOD AND WATERBORNE PARASITES
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Wednesday, 6 September, 2017

Bayer Plenary Session
IAFWP International Symposium

Teaching and Learning
Veterinary Parasitology
Symposium

WAAVP 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia cont...

Continue WAAVP 2017, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA – TRULY ASIA!

Are you ready for the comprehensive programme?

- Zoonoses & One Health
- Human Food & Water Borne Pathogens
- Novel Parasite Control Options & Diagnostic
- Drug Resistance & Therapeutics
- Drug Residues in Food
- Biotechnology & Genetics
- Parasitic Disease & Animal Welfare
- Herbal Remedies & Antiparasitics
- Asian Parasitic Issues
- Poultry & Swine
- Ruminant Livestock
- Wildlife & Exotics
- Primates
- Aquatic Animals
- Companion Animals
- Equine

Are you ready for your presentation?

- Oral Presentation
- Rapid Oral Presentation
- Poster Presentation

Yet to submit your abstract?

Abstract submission is still open for Poster Presentations until 31st July 2017!

Yet to Register to the conference?

Regular registration is open until 15th August 2017!!

If you are ready, SEE YOU in KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA!!

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CALL FOR ABSTRACT POSTER SUBMISSION

Abstract Topics:
1. Zoonoses & One Health
2. Human Food & Water Borne Pathogens
3. Novel Parasite Control Options & Diagnostic
4. Drug Resistance & Therapeutics
5. Drug Residues in Food
6. Biotechnology & Genetics
7. Parasitic Disease & Animal Welfare
8. Herbal Remedies & Antiparasitics
9. Asian Parasitic Issues
10. Poultry & Swine
11. Ruminant Livestock
12. Wildlife & Exotics
13. Primates
14. Aquatic Animals
15. Companion Animals
16. Equine

Conference Theme
Combating Zoonoses: Strength in East-West Partnerships

Abstract submissions are open for Poster Presentation only and will be closed on 31st July 2017 with below terms & conditions:

1. Abstract submission received by 15th July 2017 with full payment made by 25th July 2017, the abstracts will be published in conference programme book and proceedings.
2. Abstract submission received between 16th July 2017 to 31st July 2017 shall not be guaranteed to be published in conference programme book and proceedings. Full payment made by 10th August 2017 is required to confirm your presentation.

Authors are responsible for providing their posters in A0 format and portrait in orientation. Detailed poster guidelines shall be sent at the time of acceptance.
Please extend a warm welcome to this year’s African Foundation Awardees!

The WAAVP African Foundation provides a limited number of partial scholarships to assist veterinary parasitologists from Africa to attend the WAAVP Conferences each year. This year five awardees will be attending the 26th WAAVP Conference (WAAVP 2017) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4–8 September 2017.

Dr Agatha Kolo

Agatha Kolo was born in Zaria a small University town in Northern Nigeria. She obtained her DVM degree at the Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University Sokoto Nigeria, and went on to obtain an MSc. in Veterinary Science at the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases, University of Pretoria, South Africa in molecular parasitology. She is currently a PhD candidate at the same department. Her research project is focused on zoonotic tick-borne bacterial pathogens. She is married with three very animated kids.

Dr Habtamu Taddele

Dr Habtamu Taddele is an Associate Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Mekelle University and also associated to the Institute of Climate and Society of Mekelle University. He has a Bachelors degree in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Addis Ababa University faculty of Veterinary Medicine and has obtained his MSc degree in Veterinary Bacteriology from Indian Veterinary Research Institute, India. Currently, he is doing his PhD in Climate Change and Rural Development at Mekelle University. Dr Habtamu has participated in several trainings in the livestock production and health; disease diagnostics; epidemiology, biostatistics and qualitative research; Biosafety and Biosecurity; Climate Change Adaptation; Transdisciplinary Research; Climate change, poverty and Sustainability; Project management; Leadership; etc. He has also participated and presented scientific papers in national and international conferences. He has also been involved at different management levels at the College of Veterinary Medicine of Mekelle University (Dean, Quality Assurance Head; Research and Community Services Head). His teaching and research interests are but not limited to the areas of Poultry Health and Management, Food Microbiology, Molecular Disease Diagnostics and Livestock adaptation to Climate Change, Climate Change and Health.
Dr Khalid Mohammedsalih
Dr Khalid Mohammednour Mohammedsalih is a Lecturer of Veterinary Parasitology at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Nyala, Sudan. Dr Mohammedsalih qualified in 2007 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Nyala, Sudan. In 2012 he received his Master of Veterinary Medical Studies from the Suez Canal University in Ismailia, Egypt and is currently a PhD student at the University of Khartoum, Sudan. Publications include a joint paper on ‘Efficacy and Safety of Albendazole against Haemonchus contortus Infestation in Goats’ published in Research in Zoology (doi: 10.5923/j.zoology.20130301.05).

Mrs Amairia Safa
Amairia Safa is currently a PhD student in the National Institute of Agronomy, Tunisia. She is working on food-borne parasites of humans and animals. Her research is supported by the Laboratory of Parasitology, National School of Veterinary Medicine of Sidi Thabet, Tunisia. During Amairia’s Master Degree training, her research provided a preliminary assess of contamination risk by toxoplasmosis in Tunisian goats’ milk. Thus, Amairia has successfully published a first-authored manuscript entitled “Molecular prevalence of Toxoplasma gondii DNA in goats’ milk and seroprevalence in Northwest Tunisia” in 2016 (Veterinary Medicine and Science, doi: 10.1002/vms3.29). Amairia was involved in several studies related to parasites which have given her the opportunity to improve her scientific skills related to parasitology.

Ms Angie Shabangu
Unfortunately we did not received any information about Ms Shabangu, but we look forward to meeting her at the Congress.
The WAAVP guideline subcommittee is responsible for caring for the body of WAAVP guidelines, their review and updating together with commissioning any additional guidelines that are identified as needed. The subcommittee consists of Maggie Fisher, Peter Holdsworth, Bruno Levecke, Thomas Guerden, Barry Hoskins and Jozef Vercruysse.

In March 2016 the first Fin Fish guideline authored by Dr Chris Sommerville and co-authors was published (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vetpar.2015.11.003). This provides the aquaculture plus the pharmaceutical industries with a standard guideline for the conduct of primarily efficacy studies in fin fish.

Two further WAAVP guidelines are in the review stage:

- WAAVP Guidelines on Faecal Egg Count Reduction Test authored by Prof Dr Bruno Levecke and co-authors.
- WAAVP Guideline for Evaluating the Efficacy of Anticoccidials in Mammals (Pigs, Dogs, Cattle, Sheep) authored by Prof Dr Anja Joachim and co-authors.

The subcommittee is grateful to both authors and reviewers for the substantial amount of time that they dedicate to the WAAVP guidelines.

Whilst the subcommittee recognises that there is a substantial amount of work to be done in reviewing and updating existing guidelines, its ambition has been limited by the resources available.

All WAAVP Guidelines are published in Veterinary Parasitology journal and are available to view (and purchase) from the Science Direct website (www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03044017). A full list of Guidelines published in Veterinary Parasitology journal can be seen in the previous edition of this newsletter (December 2016, Vol.18 No.2).
Obituary

LAWSON SOULSBY

23 June 1926 - 8th May 2017

Inaugural WAAVP President 1963 - 1967

We report the passing of Lawson Soulsby, one of WAAVP’s founding members and our first President. Those of us who knew Lawson were fortunate enough to experience his good humour and statesmanship which will be missed. To some of you the privilege of meeting or communicating with Lawson may not have occurred but his influence and foresight in the middle of last century set in place processes that enabled our society to establish, grow and flourish. In reflecting on Lawson’s eminence and influence in the fields of parasitology, veterinary science, animal welfare and technology; biotechnology and environmental issues, we have clearly lost a distinguished parasitologist, unique scientist, advocate, mentor and personality.

Lord Ernest Jackson Lawson Soulsby was created a Life Peer in the House of Lords in 1990 as Baron Soulsby of Swaffham Prior in the County of Cambridgeshire and sat as a Conservative peer also becoming the first veterinary surgeon to enter that House.

Lawson held honorary degrees from the Universities of Pennsylvania; Edinburgh; Leon; Peradeniya; Glasgow; Liverpool; Lincoln and St. George’s.

Lawson was educated in the United Kingdom at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, and then at the University of Edinburgh. His career commenced as a Veterinary Officer for the City of Edinburgh (1949–1952), followed by lectureships in Clinical Parasitology at the University of Bristol (1952–1954) and then in Animal Pathology at the University of Cambridge (1954–1964). He was Professor of Parasitology at the University of Pennsylvania until 1978, when he returned to the University of Cambridge as Professor of Animal Pathology and Dean of the Veterinary School.

Lawson was an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine; the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons; the Royal College of Pathologists; the Academy of Medical Sciences (founding Fellow) and the Institute of Biology. He was President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (1984-1985); the Royal Society of Medicine (1998-2000) [the first veterinary surgeon to be elected to that
Obituary cont...

position); the Royal Institute of Public Health; the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee; the Windward Island Research and Development Foundation; the Pet Advisory Council and Chairman of the Companion Animal Welfare Council. He was also Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge. Lord Soulsby had also been veterinary surgeon to the Queen.

Lawson had won numerous awards including: the Chaudhury Gold Medal - Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine (1976); the Behring Bilharz Prize – Justus Liebig University (1979); the Chiron Award BVA (1998); the Equine Veterinary Achievement Award – Animal Health Trust (2005) and the Queen’s Medal from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (2015). He was a consultant to various national and international organisations, governments and universities.

Lawson chaired the British Veterinary Association’s Ethics Committee for many years and was patron of the Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments. He was co-founder of Vets In Support of Change which was instrumental in leading to the successful reform of Britain’s 90 year old quarantine legislation.

Lawson was the author or co-author of some 200 articles in scientific journals and at least 14 academic texts including ‘Textbook of Veterinary Clinical Parasitology’ (1965), ‘Biology of Parasites’ (1966) and ‘Epidemiology and Control of Nematodiasis in Cattle’ (1981). His scientific interests covered parasitic diseases, immunology of parasitic infections, zoonoses, livestock development in the developing world and biotechnology.

Reflecting on the occasion of our WAAVP 50th anniversary in 2013, Lord Soulsby offered us guidance for the future. Two issues that Lawson was passionate on for our association were that we did not exclude non-veterinarians and that we keep challenging ourselves on what the word “Advancement” in WAAVP actually means. Lawson looked forward to WAAVP playing a global role to address environmental issues, climate change, food production and poverty. Past and present WAAVP executives believe that we are and will continue striving to deliver on these aspirations of Lawson.

At this time, it is understood that “The Soulsby Foundation” is being established as a charity in his name to support fellowship in “One World One Heath”. Details will be communicated once publically released by the charity. Plans are also underway for a Memorial Service, probably to take place in autumn this year in London, the United Kingdom.

Dr Peter Holdsworth AO FRSB FAICD
WAAVP Past President
Parasitology for basic and advanced studies and veterinary practice.

The classical textbook Parasitology in Veterinary Medicine, now available in an updated English version, is not only ideal for exam preparation but is also of relevance in veterinary practice.

- The book allows easy and structured learning by providing a clear outline of the subject matter and practical chapter summaries.
- All relevant protozoa, helminths and arthropods that cause parasitic diseases or act as vectors of pathogens are presented.
- Overviews of treatment and control measures are given per animal species and enables rapid contextual orientation. Zoonotic and food-borne parasites are also discussed.
- Memorable life cycles of parasites and excellent colour photographs of the clinical symptoms and pathological changes illustrate the contents.
- Diagnostic panels allow for rapid differentiation of the developmental stages under the microscope.
- In the glossary numerous technical terms are defined and explained etymologically.

Prices may be subject to change. For current pricing, contact us or check our website. USD prices for USA and Canadian customers only.
The World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology is published twice a year with issues in April and October. Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome and should be submitted by the first day of the month prior to issue.

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