

CONSTITUTION OF THE  
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

S T A T U T E S

1. The name of this association shall be the **WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY (W.A.A.V.P.)**
2. The purposes of the Association shall be:
  - (i) to encourage research in veterinary parasitology and to promote exchange of information and material between individuals and organizations interested in this field;
  - (ii) to organize scientific meetings on topics relevant to veterinary parasitology, including zoonoses;
  - (iii) to cooperate with international organizations, such as WHO and FAO, in all matters concerning veterinary parasitology;
  - (iv) to prepare and publish technical guidelines for important fields of veterinary parasitology, such as testing of antiparasitic drugs, diagnostic methods, etc.
3. Membership is open to veterinarians and others who are actively interested in the advancement of veterinary parasitology.

There are four categories of membership.

  - i) Regular Members: This is available to
    - (a) Veterinarians.
    - (b) Non-veterinarians who are university or college graduates and who are directly engaged in research, advisory work or teaching concerned with parasites of veterinary importance.
  - ii) Associate Members:

The Executive Committee shall, at their discretion, have power to elect to associate membership persons of high reputation in the field of veterinary Parasitology who are not otherwise qualified for membership under Section 5.
  - iii) Honorary Members:

Candidates for WAAVP honorary membership may be:

    - (a) Nominated by the Executive Committee.
    - (b) Nominated by a named proposer and seconder.

Such nomination must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the candidate and a description of his scientific activities.

The nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary at least six months prior to the next WAAVP Conference.

Honorary members are elected by the Executive Committee if at least 8 of the 10 committee members agree.
  - iv) Corporate Members:

Available on invitation to pharmaceutical companies and other organizations with an interest in the control of animal parasites.

4. The routine business of the Association shall be transacted by an elected Executive Committee of 10 officers, consisting of a President, Secretary-Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and 6 members. The election of the officers of the Executive Committee shall comply with the regulations laid down in Schedule 1. In addition, the Executive Committee shall include two 'ex-officio' members (1) the immediate Past-President (with vote) for a period of 4 years and (2) the Editor of 'Veterinary Parasitology' as 'Advisor' (without vote).
5. The statutes of the Association can be altered only by a majority decision and after at least one year's notice has been given of the proposed alteration. The regulations contained in Schedule 1 can be altered by a majority decision of the Executive Committee at any time, with subsequent publication of the action in the Newsletter.
6. Affiliation of National or Local Societies of Veterinary Parasitologists with WAAVP
  - i) National (Local) Societies of Veterinary Parasitologists can be affiliated with WAAVP.
  - ii) Affiliation can be established on request by the President of the national (local) Society of Veterinary Parasitologists and after approval by the Executive Committee of WAAVP.
  - iii) Affiliated Societies should not pay fees for the affiliation.
  - iv) A non-voting representative of the affiliated society can be invited to participate in the WAAVP Executive Committee meetings.
  - v) Affiliated societies will receive information, Newsletters, List of Members, etc., by WAAVP. The affiliated societies have to distribute this information to their members.
  - vi) Affiliation of societies will be announced in the WAAVP Newsletters. The affiliated societies will be listed in the WAAVP List of Members.
  - vii) The members of the affiliated society can join WAAVP only by paying their annual membership dues to WAAVP. Only such members are entitled to any discount on conference registration fees.

Regulations for Procedure of the World Association  
For the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology

**A. Membership**

1. Regular membership shall be on an individual basis.
2. Persons qualified under Section 5 (i) of the Statutes may apply for membership by sending to the Secretary of the Association in writing such a request, together with the applicant's full name, address, qualifications and special interests and the stated subscription fee.
3. Admission to the Association shall be decided by vote of the Executive Committee.
4. The annual subscription of regular members shall be reviewed and set by the Executive Committee at the biannual meeting. A year of grace in which to pay the Subscription shall be allowed; thereafter membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
5. The annual subscription of Corporate Members shall be the equivalent of \$600 (U.S.) and shall be due January 1 of each year. Voting rights are not associated with this type of membership but it should carry such privileges as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

**B. Election of Executive Committee**

The Officers mentioned in Section 6 of the Statutes shall be elected as described in C.4. However, in the event of an unforeseen vacancy the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint a replacement to hold office until the expiry of the previous holder's office by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**C. Regulations for Voting**

1. Each regular member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote.
2. Each elected officer will serve for 5 consecutive bi-annual meetings of the Association or for 10 years from the date of his election. Every 2 years the seats of the 2 officers who have held office for the longest period will become available for election.
3. Candidates may be:
  - (a) nominated by the Executive Committee:
  - (b) nominated by a named proposer and seconder. Such nomination must be accompanied by signed evidence of the willingness of the proposed nominee to stand for election. All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by the 1<sup>st</sup> October of the year preceding the election.
4. Voting will be by a balloting procedure in suitable media to provide reasonable access to all members. The names of candidates and whether proposed by the Executive Committee or proposed and

seconded by named members will be indicated on the ballot form. Members may vote for any two candidates or for one candidate.

5. Notification of the election results is the responsibility of the President and Secretary and must be made available to the members prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the year of the election.
6. Only one member from any one country is eligible for election on any particular occasion. When more than two candidates from any one country stand for election, only the candidate receiving the most votes will be considered as eligible for election.
7. When two candidates tie for the second largest number of votes, the vote is determined by drawing lots by the Secretary in the presence of two witnesses.
8. Any committee member may be re-elected to the Committee although a period of 2 years must elapse before such re-election. The Secretary-Treasurer can be re-elected without the elapse of this period.
9. Every 4 years, the newly constituted Executive Committee will elect the President and Secretary-Treasurer, but each may continue to serve as a member of the Council until expiration of his/her term as an Executive Board member. No President may be re-elected to that office.

**D. Organization of Conferences**

In preparation of conferences the “Guidelines for the Preparation of WAAVP Conferences” which have been adopted by the Executive Committee should be followed.

**E. Preparation and Publication of WAAVP Guidelines**

Procedures for preparation and publications of WAAVP guidelines are described in special rules adopted by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee should have the power to modify the guidelines mentioned under D and E and to decide on exceptions to the rules.