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WAAVP Information
Time travels much too quickly – as this goes to press, we will be moving on towards Christmas! Some activities that seem to remain for all time are those we share on social media. WAAVP’s presence on Twitter (@waavppara) and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/waavppara/) is having an impact as both social media forums appear to have become regular points for visits by our members. I encourage those who have not seen either to get involved and join the conversations. Make a visit to either site a regular part of your routine; be active, take part, let everyone know what you are doing – there are some fascinating gems of information and news about your world.

The 26th WAAVP conference is less than a year away and the anticipation is building (September 4-8, 2017). The theme is “Combating Zoonoses: Strength in East-West Partnerships” and will be held in Kuala Lumpur, at a truly lovely venue. Please visit the website for more information (http://www.waavp2017kl.org). This will be the first occasion that the conference will be held in southeast Asia. We will have the opportunity to explore some of the challenges and issues that face researchers working in this area and we will get the opportunity to enjoy some of the absolutely great hospitality. Now would be the time to start thinking of attending the conference and to start thinking of what would be great to present. When you visit the conference website, you will see that the countdown to the start date is on and information on important dates, like registration, are already posted. I am looking forward to the gathering and hope that all of you will join me.

Now is also the time to think very hard about our colleagues who should receive due recognition from the membership of our association. Awards for significant contributions in Research as well as in Teaching or Service are open. As well, the young and stimulating researchers should be considered for the Peter Nansen Young Scientist award. Lastly, but not least, think of nominating those who deserve recognition for the Honorary Member status. Dr. Richard Wall has included the notifications in this Newsletter.

Doug Colwell
WAAVP President
Salam Sejahtera (Greetings) from WAAVP 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia!!

Have you submitted your abstract?

The WAAVP Local Organising Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation for those who have submitted abstracts through our online abstract submission portal at http://www.waavp2017kl.org/abstract-submission.php. The Scientific Committee is gearing up for more papers as the WAAVP 2017 provides near to 400 opportunities on oral presentations. Please submit your abstracts before the end of submission on 31 March 2017.

Sponsorship is always one of the most pivotal factors contributing to the success of a conference. We would like to thank Merial and ELANCO who have given continuous support for WAAVP conferences.

WAAVP 2017 offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorship prospectus is available on the WAAVP 2017 website (http://www.waavp2017kl.org/sponsorship-exhibition.php). The packages provided in the sponsorship prospectus are flexible; we appreciate and welcome the opportunity to tailor made a package to meet your objectives.

Grab the Super Early Bird Registration

Online registration for WAAVP 2017 is available at http://www.waavp2017kl.org/register.php. Grab the Super Early Bird Registration before 31 Dec 2016 to enjoy the further savings!

WAAVP is committed encouraging parasitologists worldwide to attend their conferences. The WAAVP African Foundation will provide a limited number of partial scholarships to assist veterinary parasitologists from Africa to attend the WAAVP 2017 conference. More information is available on WAAVP 2017 website and on the following pages of this newsletter. This is also the first time that the WAAVP conference is to be held in Southeast Asia. As part of the continuous effort to encourage and to provide more opportunities for the future scientists around the region to participate in the WAAVP conference, the WAAVP 2017 Organising Committee would like to offer at least 10 waivers for registrations for students around this region. For more information, please contact the Conference Secretariat (secretariat@waavp2017kl.org).
The WAAVP African Foundation

The 16th WAAVP Conference held in South Africa in 1997 generated a surplus of ZAR 430 460 (US$ 70 116). This was invested and a foundation was established to manage the fund, with the intention of using it to the mutual advantage of the WAAVP and African veterinary parasitologists. Hence the (WAAVP) African Foundation was formed.

Parasitic diseases challenge animal and human health globally. The World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) Conference is a platform where new knowledge to mitigate these diseases (e.g., diagnostics, vaccines, surveillance, host-parasite interface, etc.) is presented. The WAAVP African Foundation awards partial travel scholarships to next generation veterinary parasitologists from Africa to present their research findings at these conferences. Since 1998, 71 WAAVP African Foundation scholarships have been awarded to next generation scientists from 14 African countries to participate in WAAVP Conferences (map below). These conferences were held in Denmark (1999), Italy (2001), Louisiana, USA (2003), New Zealand (2005), Belgium (2007), Canada (2009), Argentina (2011), Australia (2013) and United Kingdom (2015).

Countries of Scholarship Recipients 1998-2015

1. Algeria
2. Egypt
3. Ethiopia
4. Kenya
5. Mozambique
6. Nigeria
7. Sierra Leone
8. Somalia
9. South Africa
10. Sudan*
11. Tanzania
12. The Gambia
13. Uganda
14. Zambia

*Scholarship was awarded before South Sudan gained independence.
The WAAVP African Foundation will provide a limited number of partial scholarships to assist veterinary parasitologists from Africa to attend the 26th WAAVP Conference (WAAVP 2017) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4–8 September 2017.

Applications should include:

• A copy of the abstract(s) for paper(s) or poster(s) which were submitted to the 26th WAAVP Conference Convenor;
• A letter of recommendation from a current supervisor;
• An indication of how other costs (beyond a WAAVP AF grant) will be met (i.e., possibility of obtaining supplemental funds elsewhere);
• Other envisaged contributions to the conference (i.e., workshop participant, chairperson of session, etc.); and
• A brief indication of how the applicant sees attendance contributing to his/her development in veterinary parasitology.

Submit applications to:
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DEADLINE: 1st March 2017
Dear Members,

As part of our constitution, every two years two members of the Executive Committee of WAAVP stand down and new members are elected to serve for a period of 10 years.

Candidates may be nominated by the Executive Committee or nominated by a named proposer and seconder who should be members of WAAVP. The nomination must be accompanied by signed evidence of the willingness of the proposed nominee to stand for election and a short (one paragraph) biography/statement that can be circulated to members. All nominations must be sent to the Secretary by the 28th February 2017 (waavp.contact@gmail.com). A vote will then be arranged and the result announced at the WAAVP Annual General Meeting in Kuala Lumpur in September 2017 and on social media.

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 elected.

The main duties of members of the Executive Committee are to provide strategic advice and guidance to the President and to attend the Executive Committee at each bi-annual meeting of the Association.

Please do consider nominating someone or standing yourself. The health of WAAVP depends on the enthusiasm of its members!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Wall

Secretary/Treasurer WAAVP

You can contact Richard here: contact.waavp@gmail.com
**WAAVP Awards**

**Excellence in Research in Veterinary Parasitology or Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Parasitology**

*Nominations Deadline: 31 December 2016*

These two, separate awards are presented biennially to honour contributions to:

- Research that is recognised as outstanding and significant to the advancement of knowledge in veterinary parasitology and/or the control of parasitic diseases.
- Contributions of service or teaching that are recognised as excellent and significant to the promotion, support, teaching or learning, broadly defined, of veterinary parasitology.

Or

- Outstanding service, promotion, support, teaching, contributions to training or teaching material in veterinary parasitology.

**Honorary Members**

*Nominations Deadline: 31 December 2016*

Honorary Members of the WAAVP are people who have contributed in a distinguished manner to the advancement of Veterinary Parasitology. They do not need to be veterinarians or members of the WAAVP. Such contributions can include research, teaching, distinction in the form of scholarly publications, administration of programmes of an outstanding national or international nature. Honorary Members will be exempt from annual subscriptions.

**For details of how to nominate, please visit the WAAVP website:**

[http://www.waavp.org/page/Awards/6/#.WFPiC1WLREY](http://www.waavp.org/page/Awards/6/#.WFPiC1WLREY)

Nominations should be sent to the WAAVP Secretary, Richard Wall at contact.waavp@gmail.com
Dear WAAVP members,

This fund was established under the auspices of the WAAVP to honour and perpetuate the memory of Professor Peter Nansen for his outstanding contributions to veterinary parasitology and, in particular, his great concern for and the encouragement of young, promising scientists in this field.

The Peter Nansen Award is given to reward innovative and outstanding work by promising young professionals in the field of veterinary parasitology. Nominations are called for every second year. The award will be presented at the WAAVP Biennial Conference. The registration fees, economy travel costs and accommodation for the recipient to attend the Conference will be reimbursed. If not a registered member, the recipient will also receive a two-year membership of WAAVP.

Nominations are made by a proposer and a seconder, and the portfolio consists of the following documents:

(i) a detailed statement describing the innovative nature and excellence of the work by the young professional (max. 2 pages). This statement should be signed jointly by the proposer and the seconder, or each may submit a separate statement.

(ii) a Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications and a statement outlining the contribution(s) to each publication. The permission of the nominee is not required, and the nominee needs not to be made aware of his/her nomination.

To qualify for the award the Nominees should be younger professionals, with a Master of Science (or equivalent) or higher level degree, aged 40 or younger at the time of nomination for the prize. Nominations should be sent to Richard Wall, the Secretary, of the WAAVP, by 28th February 2017.

You can contact Richard here: contact.waavp@gmail.com

For further information visit the WAAVP Website
Ruminants


Pigs


Equine


Anthelmintic resistance


Geurden, T., Olson, M. E., O’Handley, R. M., Schetters, T., Bowman, D., Vercruysse, J. 2014 World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (W.A.A.V.P.): guideline for the evaluation of drug efficacy against non-coccidial gastrointestinal protozoa in livestock and companion animals Vet Parasitol. 204 (3/4) 81-86.

Dogs and cats


Poultry


Fish

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP)
Twenty Seventh Biennial Meeting Update
7-11 July 2019

Madison, Wisconsin USA (http://www.cityofmadison.com) is the site of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) biennial meeting July 7-11 2019, a joint meeting with the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) and the Livestock Insect Workers Conference (LIWC). The managing group for the meeting has been officially incorporated as WAAVP Madison Inc.

WAAVP Madison, Inc. has contracted with the City of Madison for the use of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace convention facilities on the shore of Lake Monona. The facilities are well suited to accommodate our plenary and breakout sessions, as well as provide for a beautiful venue for evening events. WAAVP Madison has obtained commitments for blocks of rooms at great rates in three hotels, all within a very short walking distance of the convention center. WAAVP Madison Inc. also has an agreement with International Conference Services (ICS), to assist in the management of the meeting. ICS is familiar with WAAVP, part of the management of the very successful meeting in Calgary, Alberta in 2009.

Situated in the heart of America's Dairyland, home to the world renowned University of Wisconsin's great research veterinary and medical schools and the seat of state government, Madison is regarded as one of the top ten best places to live in the United States. Madison and the state of Wisconsin are a tourist mecca known for its summer recreational activities and is part of a chain of five lakes with walking and biking trails, so come prepared to stay and visit before and after the meeting.

Mark your calendars for 7-11 July 2019 and an exciting WAAVP meeting in Madison, WI USA.
The Black Fly Taxonomy Workshop was successfully held at Institute of Biological Sciences, University of Malaya from 30 September to 1 October 2016. The event was co-organised by Zoological & Ecological Research Network (a research center in University of Malaya) and Malaysian Society of Parasitology & Tropical Medicine. There are 14 participants from University of Malaya, University Putra Malaysia, Institute for Medical Research, Department of Health Negeri Sembilan, Public Service Department of Veterinary Selangor, and Mahasarakham University, Thailand.

On Day 1, the workshop started with lecture on (i) Recognition of black flies, and (ii) Parasitic diseases transmitted by black flies, delivered by Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki Takaoka. The session was then followed by visit to Field Study Centre, University of Malaya located at Ulu Gombak, Selangor (approximately 35 km from University of Malaya’s campus). All participants were briefed and demonstrated on black fly’s collection and process technique in the field by Prof. Dato’ Dr. Mohd Sofian Azirun, Dr. Chen Chee Dhang, Ms. Zubaidah Ya’cob and Mr. Lau Koon Weng. In this session, participants were able to experience how to collect the immature of black flies from the stream.
Participants searching and collecting the immature stages of black flies from the river.

Larvae of black fly.

Black fly’s pupae were found on leaf and tree branches.

Processing black fly specimens in the field.
On Day 2, Prof. Takaoka demonstrated techniques on how to process black fly specimens for identification and understand the morphological features and terms for black fly classification. In addition, Prof. Takaoka also shared his experiences on the exciting work and research done by his Black Fly Research Team.
Malaysia: Back to Basics Entomology workshop at Regional Veterinary Laboratory, Department of Veterinary Services from 11-12 October 2016

Male and Female ticks

*Bovicola* sp. (formerly *Damalinia* sp.)

*Goniodes* sp.

*Ctencephalides* sp.

Do you know what this is? These are some common ectoparasites found in pets and domestic animals. The 2 day workshop gave an exposure to vets, technicians and research officers on the importance of identifying some common lice, fleas, ticks and mites. The course was conducted with the assistance of Dr Reuben Sharma, Mr John Jeffrey and Mrs Maizatul from the University Putra Malaysia, Veterinary Faculty in Collaboration with the Department of Veterinary Services Laboratory Services Section, in Salak Tinggi Malaysia.

Workshop participants

Lab practical session

By Dr Chandrawathani P., DVS Malaysia.
The 28th Veterinary Association Malaysia Conference 2016

The 28th Veterinary Association Malaysia Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting was held from 23th to 25th September 2016 at the Waterfront Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak. The Congress aims to be as holistic as possible in providing a larger picture of the veterinary profession, hence the Congress’s theme “Veterinary Services and Practices – Meeting the Challenges and Standards”. The conference was officiated by YB Datuk Mar Douglas Uggah Embas, the Deputy Chief Minister of Agriculture & Rural Economy of Sarawak.

This conference was jointly organized by the Veterinary Association Malaysia with the Sarawak Veterinary Association. This was the 1st VAM congress ever to be held in the ‘Cat City’ of Kuching in Sarawak, Borneo. The three day event saw the gathering of more than 400 veterinarians, researchers and private sector vets from all over Malaysia.

A total of 4 plenary speakers, 30 oral papers and 57 poster papers were presented during the 3-day conference. This Congress focused on three main streams of the profession, namely animal production, wildlife conservation and companion animal medicine with an overview of animal welfare.

At the Annual General meeting, Dato’ Dr. Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam, who is also Deputy Director General of DVS was elected as President of VAM. This committee also has Dr Reuben and Dr Chandra in it.

For more info please go to http://vam.org.my/home/

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Upcoming launch of Master of Professional Studies degree in veterinary parasitology

Specialty Training for Working Professionals

Cornell University will soon be offering a Master of Professional Studies (MPS) degree in Veterinary Medical Sciences, with a concentration in Veterinary Parasitology. This program is designed for industry, government or non-governmental workers who seek to enhance their careers with rigorous specialty training in veterinary parasitology. Courses and labs are offered in a hybrid online and residential format that is friendly to the working professional. Students may choose an intensive course of study to fulfill all degree requirements in 1 calendar year, or they may opt for a moderate schedule to accommodate other commitments.

Sample Course and Lab Offerings

- Veterinary Parasitology
- Introductory Pharmacology
- Organisms as Lab Models
- Regulatory Approvals
- Statistics for Efficacy Studies
- Parasitologic Diagnostic Methods
- Parasite Identification Lab
- Fleas and Lice
- Ticks
- Alternative Parasite Control Approaches in Sheep and Goats

Cornell University's MPS program is anticipated to launch in Spring 2017. For more information on the program and application requirements, please click here.
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.