

REPORT ON THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY IN CHENNAI, INDIA.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 29th World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) was held August 20 -24, 2023 at Leela Palace, in Chennai, India. The theme of the conference is **“PARASITES: GLOBAL IMPACT AND LOCAL SOLUTIONS”** It was well attended by more than 3000 Veterinary parasitologists across the globe from at least over fifty countries of the World. Including Nigeria.

ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE

My attendance at the conference was made possible through the travel scholarship grant awarded to me by the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology African Foundation (WAAVP AF) Travel Scholarship.

PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE

The title of my presentation at the conference is **“AMBLYOMMA INFESTATION IN *KINIXYS BELLIANA* AND *KINIXYS HOMEANA* AND ITS POSSIBLE ROLE IN THE TRANSMISSION OF HAEMOGREGARINE PARASITES IN IBADAN, OYO STATE, NIGERIA”** This is a part of the research work I have undertaken in the course of the year, which was accepted for oral presentation. The audience listened to my presentation and asked questions which were promptly attended to. Some useful pieces of advice were offered on further research and the use of molecular tools in the diagnosis of parasitic diseases.

CONTACTS MADE AT THE CONFERENCE

My attendance at the 29th World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) has made it possible for me to meet with the facilitators of the (WAAVPAF) Prof Rosina Krecci and her Husband (pics insets) and also other professionals in the field of Veterinary Parasitology, among whom are Prof Suresh V. Kuchpudi from University of Pittsburgh, USA. Suresh spoke on topics; such as Host-Parasites Interactions at cellular and molecular levels. In addition emerging areas of molecular diagnosis of parasitic diseases through the application of Transcriptomics to the study of parasite biology and host-parasite interaction. Also, topics on One Health-inextricable link of human health to animals and the environment were brainstormed

EXPECTED BENEFIT OF THE CONFERENCE TO MY INSTITUTION AND THE STUDENTS

To the institution

The University stands to benefit from the collaboration with these professionals who are willing to help promote animal health through effective control of parasitic diseases of animals through research collaboration, training, and establishment of the state-of-the-art diagnostic laboratory for proper diagnosis and effective management of animal diseases. This will in no doubt facilitate the conservation of our natural environment.

To the students

The training and exposure received during the conference will facilitate teaching and also give further exposition to the DVM students in the area of effective diagnosis and the use of molecular tools in parasitology.

Duties during the conference

The organizer of the conference assigned me a role as Co-Chair together with Prof Anish from India (Pic inset) of a session titled “Parasites Epidemiology. This role further opened me up to collaboration and insight into new research areas on animal parasite resistance and host immunity.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology African Foundation (WAAVP AF) Travel Scholarship for the return tickets to travel to Chennai India to attend the conference.

Dr. Veronica Eyihuri ADETUNJI
Senior Lecturer
Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine,
University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



From Left to Right Prof Rosina Krecek and her Husband Thomas
during the WAAVP 2023 at Chennai India



Prof Anish from India and myself co-hosting
a scientific session during the conference