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THE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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**Torre a Mare (Bari, Italy),
2nd October 2024**

Dear Colleagues,
Africa and Asia are two most populated continents which contribute to the Veterinary Parasitology – but also suffer from a large variety of parasites burdening daily lives of animals and humans. In recent days and on both continents two important initiatives have taken place towards promoting knowledge and education in Veterinary Parasitology. The first one is the WAAVP - Africa Network, and the second is the Asia Pacific Association of Veterinary Parasitology (APAVP).

Domenico Otranto
WAAVP President



Both have recently celebrated their first official meetings in Cotonou, Benin (26th to 27th June 2024) and in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia (20 September 2024), respectively, for boost activities and advance science, transboundary collaboration, education, and awareness in veterinary parasitology and parasitic zoonosis.



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Both initiatives aim to create a strong network among academics, veterinarians, industry partners, non-governmental foundations as well as government agencies, and international organizations with interest in those areas, respectively.

The WAAVP recognizes the value of both of them as they are oriented towards the education of new generations of veterinary parasitologists, which represents one of the inspiring milestones of our association.

While such good initiatives take places the war is inflaming the middle East and the Balkan countries reducing the hopes in peace and challenging the work of many Veterinary Parasitologists who have to daily struggle with political upheaval and life miserable conditions. We do not do any political consideration on those conflicts but we are worried for the main consequences they may cause primarily to people and, in our context, to the research in Veterinary Parasitology.

For example, we known that, dogs and cats may represent a major threat to public health as they are exposed to zoonotic parasites such as, for example, those with a direct faecal-oral transmission cycle (e.g. *Giardia duodenalis*, *Echinococcus* spp., *Toxocara* spp., *Ancylostoma* spp.) or vectored by artropods (e.g., *Leishmania infantum*, *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Dirofilaria* spp.).



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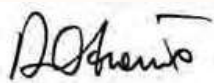
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The control of parasites of dogs and cats is affected by the public health politics and priorities at national and local level as well as by the imposed economic sanctions. Not to forget, the war between Ukraine and Russia resulted in a massive translocation of animals into other European Countries. This is a cause for the recent introduction of *Dirofilaria immitis* infection via dogs imported from Ukraine to Mazovia region (central Poland).

While all of the above is somehow of concern to us all, there is a shine of hope in the future that comes from South America. In Curitiba (Brazil), in some months, in August 2025, we are going to hold the WAAVP conference where we will try to do good Science, enjoyable gathering together irrespective of our provenance, cultural and religious beliefs, just talking the same veterinary parasitology language...

See you all soon.

Regards



D. Otranto
President World Association for the
Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology



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WHO'S WHO: PRESENTATION OF THE LAB AND ITS RESEARCH LINES

TBD-I is a privately owned parasitology laboratory in Lelystad, The Netherlands, that provides services and products on ticks and tick-borne diseases of veterinary and medical importance. TBD-I responds to the increasing demand for innovative tick control methods.

TBD-I was founded in 2014 by Frans Jongejan and is currently focusing on four project areas: rapid bioassays for acaricide resistance testing in ticks, bioassays for in vitro feeding of ticks, tick-borne pathogen diagnostics, development of innovative tick control projects.



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HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIALTY OF THE LAB

The Rapid Tick Exposure Test (RaTexT®) is a patented product and registered trademark of TBD-I. The Gates Foundation supports its evaluation of diagnostic performance for acaricide resistance monitoring of African livestock ticks.

RaTexT can also monitor resistance in the brown dog tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*, particularly for permethrin and fipronil and is produced for clients interested in epidemiological studies.

In vitro tick-feeding bioassays

TBD-I is the only lab providing ready-for-use in vitro feeding chambers for ticks, which has assisted many clients in overcoming the first steps of making their own membranes. We have developed TicksUp, a device that facilitates the tendency of some tick species to crawl upwards by providing the blood meal in the upper compartment. Several configurations are available, depending on the tick stage and species. Clients can choose to purchase our bioassays, which are fully standardised for adult *Ixodes ricinus* or *Ixodes scapularis* ticks, or otherwise, TBD-I provides in-house services for screening compounds.

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Tick-borne pathogen diagnostics

We recently validated the diagnostic performance of a rapid immunochromatographic test for the simultaneous detection of antibodies to *Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi* in horses and donkeys. The rapid test potentially replaces laborious cELISA testing and is recommended for import/export purposes. PiroDuo® is a registered trademark of TBD-I, the sole distributor for the National Engineering Research Center of Veterinary Biologics Corp, Harbin, China.



Innovative tick projects

Our tick colonies validate our bioassays as acaricide-susceptible reference strains and are also used for various innovative research projects. We also provide ticks to other labs. Currently, we have a large colony of *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*. The colony is specific-pathogen-free. We also keep the ornate dog tick, *Dermacentor reticulatus*.

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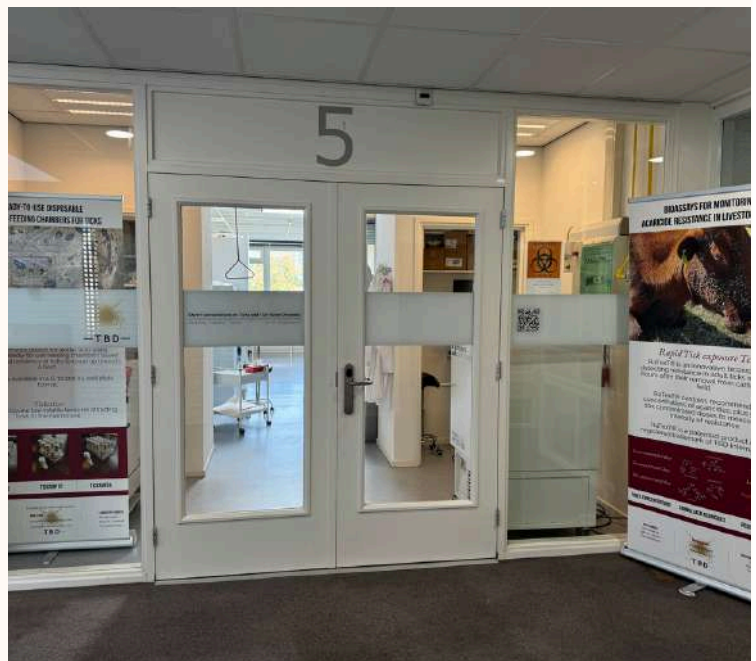
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ABOUT US



We are a small but dedicated team of parasitologists and entomologists with laboratory facilities at the BioScience Center of Wageningen University in Lelystad. The core facility contains an enclosure wherein tick colonies are housed behind a high containment barrier. These ticks validate our in vitro tick-feeding methods and are used to run bioassays to test novel anti-tick compounds. In vitro culture facilities are available for tick-borne pathogens, whereas various parasitological, serological and molecular diagnostic methods complement our lab.

TBD-I is directed by Frans Jongejan, a veterinary parasitologist and former director of the Utrecht Centre for Tick-borne Diseases (UCTD) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He holds an extraordinary professorship at the Faculty of Veterinary Science in the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases of the University of Pretoria in South Africa.



CLINVET LAB

WHO'S WHO: PRESENTATION OF THE LAB AND ITS RESEARCH LINES

Clinvet is part of a science-based and quality-driven group of contract research organisations dedicated to supporting the animal health industry by developing innovative veterinary medicines and vaccines to improve the quality of life of people and animals. As researching, developing, producing, and distributing veterinary medicines and vaccines is a long and often daunting process, partnering with and meeting the needs of the Animal Health industry lies at the core of the Clinglobal group of companies.

Since establishing the first Clinvet research facility in South Africa in 1999, the company has become a global group of companies operating on most animal health contract research landscape levels.



The group, comprising five companies (Clinglobal, Clinvet, Clindata, Clinomics, and Rtilab), aims to deliver more than a service. Clinglobal provides product development, regulatory affairs, and quality assurance consultancy; Clindata offers an extensive range of data management and statistical analysis solutions; Clinomics and Rtilab propose microbiology, molecular biology, immunology, and clinical pathology diagnostics; and Clinvet offers a vast range of in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo studies across the most relevant animal species.

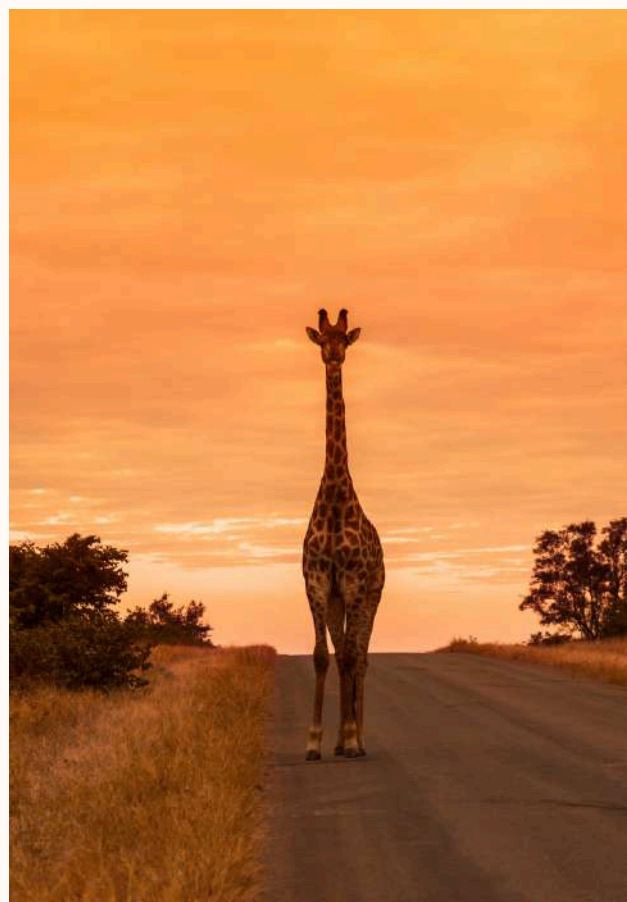
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State-of-the-art preclinical and animal Clinvet facilities in South Africa, Morocco, New York (United States of America [USA]), and South Dakota (USA), and ILRI's partner facility in Kenya enable the Clinvet teams to conduct pilot and pivotal research projects to evaluate the safety and efficacy of vaccines, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, and ingredients according to international research quality standards. Specific fields of interest within Clinvet's scope of capabilities include efficacy, target animal safety, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, immunogenicity, challenge studies, infectious and metabolic diseases and parasitology.

The Clinvet team has developed and/or validated over 250 research models in dogs, cats, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, pigs, poultry, and rodents, and more than 40 in vitro tests for fleas, ticks, helminths, flies, sandflies, mosquitoes, and other insects.

The parasite breeding units, located in the South African and Moroccan sites, maintain a biobank of over 50 species of ticks, fleas, helminths, mites, lice, haemoparasites, mosquitoes, flies, sandflies, and other insects from Europe, the Americas, and Africa.



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HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIALTY OF THE LAB

Clinvet Investigators collaborate closely with the other group companies, external partners, Clinvet internal laboratories, and parasite breeding units to ensure service excellence.

For Clinvet specifically, its extensive parasitology capabilities and related expertise are undoubtedly its most significant heritage.

Clinvet offers services within the domains of in vitro and in vivo screening (including public health research applications), animal health research, arthropod and helminth breeding, and several production and companion animal models. These models include parasitic and infectious disease studies at Clinvet and partner's containment facilities in Africa or the USA.



Some of the latest models and services offered by Clinvet (in collaboration with other group companies) include the following: poultry vaccine safety and efficacy field studies, leishmaniasis efficacy and natural infection endoparasite studies, Heartworm and *Borrelia burgdorferi* models in Morocco; *Leishmania* sp. field challenge model, dirofilariasis, *Sarcoptes*, *Demodex* and red-mite models through a Clinglobal partner in Greece, a *Babesia bovis* model in South Africa, and challenge models for African Swine Fever, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia, East Coast Fever, and Tsetse fly challenge models at the ILRI partner facility in Kenya.

Exciting new models and services currently under development include a canine and feline dermatitis model (South Africa), *Echinococcus granulosus* model (Morocco), *Dirofilaria immitis* model (Morocco using EU-sourced strains), horn fly natural challenge model (USA), and a feline pain model (South Africa).

A vast bank of animal parasites and relevant arthropods, representing species and strains from the USA, Europe, Asia, and Africa, are maintained for efficacy challenge studies and associated research.

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INTRODUCING THE TEAM



Leon Meyer, Clinvet South Dakota, Principal Specialist, Study Management.

Leon obtained his doctorate in parasitology from the University of Perpignan (France) and the North-West University –Potchefstroom (South Africa). He started his career within the Clinvet South Africa research department in 2014 and gained experience in the animal health and CRO industries.

In 2018, Leon moved to Morocco to head up Clinvet Morocco's Research Operations department, and later, he functioned as Site Director until 2022.

His clinical experience is within parasitology and vector-borne diseases transmitted to livestock and domestic animals.

Leon has also authored and co-authored 23 peer-reviewed papers in this field.

Leon joined the Clinvet South Dakota team in 2024 as a Principal Specialist in study Management.



Julian Liebenberg, Clinvet South Africa, Director of Research Operations

Julian obtained an MSc in veterinary entomology and spent the last 12 years at Clinvet South Africa, where he was involved in over 300 studies, predominantly in parasitology.

As Clinvet South Africa's Director of Research Operations, he manages and oversees the on-site research activities.



Riaan Mare, Clinvet US, Senior Specialist: Study Management, Research Operations.

Riaan obtained his degree from the North-West University in Potchefstroom, South Africa, specialising in zoology, microbiology and zoonosis. He is currently enrolled in a part-time master's degree in veterinary parasitology at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Riaan works at Clinvet US as Senior Specialist in Study Management as an Investigator of GCP pivotal efficacy studies.

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Maxime Madder, Director of Parasitology and Vector-Borne Diseases

Prof. Madder graduated as a biologist with a PhD in tick ecology. During his academic career as Professor of Veterinary Entomology at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp (Belgium), he focussed on the control of vectors and vector-borne diseases of production animals in LMICs.

He also worked on the isolation, characterisation, challenge models, and development of ECF vaccines. Apart from tropical vector-borne diseases, he also dedicated many years to vector surveillance, mainly focusing on ticks (*Ixodes* and *Dermacentor* species, vectors of *Borrelia*, *Babesia*, *Theileria* spp.), mosquitoes (especially invasion of tiger mosquitoes) and midges (vectors of bluetongue and Schmallenberg virus) that pose a threat to human and animal health. In 2016, he joined Clinglobal as the Director of Parasitology and Vector-borne Diseases.



Imad Bouzaidi Cheikhi, Clinvet Morocco, Senior Manager, Research Operations.

After completing an MSc in Microbiology and virology from the Scientific and Technic University in Morocco and a second MSc in Proteomics from the Nancy University in France, Imad acquired multiple experiences in research, diagnostics, and drug development across a variety of fields. He holds a university diploma in Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance.

In 2018, Imad started working in the research department at Clinvet Morocco.



Josephus Fourie - VP of Research and Innovation, Clinglobal

Dr. Fourie has been researching veterinary medicines for more than 20 years. Co-author of over 75 scientific papers and guidance, two-volume book series on parasiticide screening in vitro and in vivo tests, Dr Fourie oversees the group's research operations worldwide.

PHD (PARASITES IN HIGH DEFINITION) THE ADVENTURES OF BECOMING A PARASITOLOGIST ABROAD

BIO SKETCH:

ALESSANDRO ALVARO, MSC

**PHD CANDIDATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
ENTOMOLOGY AND PARASITOLOGY (ENTOPAR) LABORATORY,
DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MILAN, ITALY**

Hello everyone! I'm **Alessandro Alvaro**, an aspiring zoologist with a focus on sanitary entomology. Ever since I can remember, I've been fascinated by bugs, spiders, snakes, and big (and small) cats, which led to my lifelong dream of becoming a zoologist.

I earned my bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences and a Master's in Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Milan, Italy. During my undergraduate studies, I worked at the local Museum of Natural Sciences, collaborating with the entomology lab and working as a museum guide.

My interest in the relationship between animals and their microbial symbionts, whether mutualistic or parasitic, grew during my academic journey. This led me to conduct my thesis fieldwork in Namibia with the Brown Hyena Research Project. There, I collected scent pouch secretion samples from brown and spotted hyenas to study the microbiota that may play a role in their chemical communication.



After graduating, I joined the PhD program in Environmental Sciences and became part of the Entomology and Parasitology (EntoPar) laboratory, under the supervision of Prof. Sara Epis. The lab focuses on molecular and evolutionary parasitology, particularly on *Leishmania* immunology and vector control, including mosquitoes, sand flies, and ticks.

***Leishmania* parasites in sand fly vectors and reptile hosts**

During my PhD, I shifted my focus from mutualistic relationships to parasitic ones. My main project involved monitoring *Leishmania* parasites in sand fly vectors and reptile hosts in northern Italy, especially in my hometown district of Bergamo.

Leishmaniasis, caused by *Leishmania infantum* in Italy, is an emerging issue in the northern area of my country, so tracking its epidemiology is crucial. My work involved collecting sand flies and testing them for *Leishmania*, and I also investigated the reptile-infecting parasite *Leishmania tarentolae*, which may offer protective benefits against pathogenic *Leishmania* in mammals.

To enhance my skills, I visited the University of Bari Aldo Moro, where I was able to know fantastic people who trained in reptile sampling techniques.

I also applied my knowledge to study hemoparasites in fire salamanders, focusing on characterizing apicomplexan parasites. Additionally, I developed molecular methods for detecting *Leishmania infantum* and *Leishmania tarentolae*, which helped deepen my understanding of *Leishmania*'s genomic features and its evolutionary adaptability, including its complex gene regulation and unique metabolic pathways.

This year, I had the privilege of presenting my research at the **International Symposium on Phlebotomine Sandflies (ISOPS)**, where I connected with leading experts in the field.



Being part of an entomology and parasitology lab, I've also contributed to other parasite-related projects, including studying myiasis-causing flies in both human and reptile hosts. One of the highlights of my career was fulfilling a zoologist's dream by describing a new species of animal, specifically a reptile-infecting nematode from the genus *Spauligodon*.

I'm now a Post-Doc in the same lab, continuing my work on *Leishmania* and also on mosquito control projects.



If I were a parasite, I think I'd be *Toxoplasma gondii* for a number of reasons. I'm a determined person, and this parasite is incredibly resilient and adaptable. It thrives in lots of environments, showing persistence and survival instincts that I really relate to. I also consider myself a family man, and in a way, so is this parasite, as it carefully manages its life cycle to ensure the survival and spread of its offspring, showing a kind of "family-first" mentality in biological terms. Plus, I've always been passionate about scientific research, and *Toxoplasma* has been the focus of numerous studies due to its effects on human health and behavior, as well as its complex life cycle. Its unique traits have fascinated parasitologists and microbiologists for years.

Oh, and last but not least – *Toxoplasma* loves cats, just like I do!

This is my Parasites in High Definition story for you!



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JAIR ROLDAN
AND MARCOS SANTOS
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*30th Conference of the World Association for
the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology*

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30TH CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

CURITIBA, BRAZIL, AUGUST 17-21, 2025

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 30th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology, W.A.A.V.P..

Since Curitiba was selected as the host city, we have been very active in bringing you a special in-person meeting at Viasoft (viasoft.com.br) from August 17th to 21st, 2025.

Curitiba is the capital of Paraná and is located in the Atlantic Forest biome in the southern region of Brazil. Curitiba is in the upper basin of the Iguaçu River and has a temperate climate.

The area has a long history of the Jê and the Tupi-Guarani ethnic groups (Kainguangues, Guarani, Xetas tribes) that live, plant, collect, and hunt there. The name in the Guarani language means “Coritiba,” the land of fortune and wealth (animals, water, wood). Some of these communities can be seen resisting until today.

Portuguese land owners began the city in 1640, 331 years ago. You can still visit the Itupava track, made by the Tupi, connecting the city valley at 720 meters above sea level to the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. So be prepared to learn some Guarani words/names once you visit the city (Bariqui, Umbará, Piraquara, etc.).

30TH CONFERENCE OF THE WAAVP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

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We are thrilled to bring the WAAVP conference back to Brazil after a significant 40-year hiatus (11th WAAVP 1985 in Rio de Janeiro). This is a momentous occasion, and we want to pay tribute to it.

We remember names like J. Armour, J. Cabaret, F. Echevarria, C. Eddi, J. Faccini, J. Furlong, S. Benevenga, L. Cramer, I. Bianchin, S. Gennari, R. Machado, F. Jackson, C. Massard, K. Pfister, T. Klei, J. Slocombe, M. Zoccoler, R. Prichard, C. Madruga, and many other friends who were part of this memorable event under the presidency of Dr. Laerte Grisi.

To mark this special occasion, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary with a unique event – stay tuned for more details.

Our conference is designed to unite people from all disciplines related to Parasitology, parasitic diseases, and animal health. We believe in the power of sharing knowledge and building collaborative partnerships to solve global issues and improve animal welfare.

This meeting is not just an opportunity to showcase your work, but also a chance to celebrate diversity, make new friends, and connect with people. Our inclusive approach ensures that everyone in our community is valued and included.

The WAAVP 2025 is a zero-carbon event, and we were hoping you could take part by visiting the area that will be reforested. Please plan, as you will need a few extra days for that. You will love the opportunity.



30TH CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

CURITIBA, BRAZIL, AUGUST 17-21, 2025

The Local Organizing Committee and the International Scientific Committee, chaired by Prof. Lívio Costa-Júnior, are developing an excellent scientific program, including exciting social events.

We want to thank CNPq (World Events grant 12/2023), ELANCO, and Boehringer-Ingelheim, who have committed early to sponsoring the WAAVP 2025.

As you may know, Brazilians speak Portuguese — with the Brasileiro ascent. The conference will run in English with a few translated talks. We are also bringing fruits from other parts of the country so you can try the flavor and amaze yourself with the exuberant colors. We hope you will like this scientific and cultural blend we are preparing.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the WAAVP community, especially Dr. Domenico Otranto, and all members of the Executive Committee of the WAAVP for their unwavering support and interest over the years.



Likewise, we also extend our thanks to the 18 different institutions (UFPR, UFMA, CBPV, OurofinoSaúde Animal, Mapa, CFMV, Universidad de Tabasco — Mexico, Universidad de Santander — Colombia, Fiocruz, OCT, etc.) that have supported us in our bid. The conference's logo, developed by the talented designer Zizo Lopes, showcases some iconic buildings in Curitiba, including the CO2 reference.

Have a safe and productive second semester of 2024, and start preparing your work to present at our meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Curitiba!

Warm regards.

Marcelo Beltrão Molento
Chair of the LOC for the WAAVP Curitiba 2025

Domenico Otranto

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VETERINARY
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30th Conference of the World Association for
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CURITIBA - 2025

30th Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology

August 17-21, 2025, Curitiba, Brazil



16th International Symposium on Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases

March 26-28, 2025, Leonardo Hotel Weimar



X Argentine Congress of Parasitology

May 7 to 9, 2025, Puerto Iguazú Misiones, Argentina



XV European Multicolloquium of Parasitology (EMOP)

August 28 - September 01, 2028, Rome, Italy

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ELECTION TO THE WAAVP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nomination Deadline: 28th February 2025

The Executive Committee plays an important role within WAAVP, helping to shape policy and select the venue for each biennial conference. Candidates for election must be members of WAAVP and must be nominated by two existing members.

Candidates need to be willing and able to serve on the committee for a period of 6 years, during which they must undertake to attend the biennial conferences of WAAVP in person and attend on-line meetings of the Executive Committee every three months.

Elected candidates will also be expected to contribute to one or more of the WAAVP sub committees (for details see the website www.waavp.org).

Candidates for election or their nominators should send a short paragraph outlining the expertise and skills that they could bring to the Executive Committee plus a photograph, by 28th Feb 2025. Note these will be circulated to the full membership as part of the election process.

Send nominations to the WAAVP secretary/treasurer contact.waavp@gmail.com).

Honorary Members

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.

Please nominate candidates by submitting names along with a supporting statement.

Nominators must be members of WAAVP. The Honorary Membership Committee will consider nominations in time for them to be awarded at the 30th biannual conference in Curitiba, Brazil.

Honorary Members will be exempt from membership subscriptions.

Nominations of honorary members should be sent to the chair of the WAAVP awards sub- committee, Richard Wall, by the 28th February 2015 at richard.wall@bristol.ac.uk

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AWARDS

WAAVP/Elanco Excellence in Research and Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Parasitology

Nomination Deadline: 28th February 2025

These two separate awards are presented every two years to honour contributions to: Research in Veterinary Parasitology or Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Parasitology.

For the research award, the candidate should have carried out research that is recognised as outstanding and made a significant to the advancement of knowledge in veterinary parasitology and/or the control of parasitic diseases.

For the award for Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Parasitology, activities may include service or teaching that are recognised as excellent and significant to the promotion, support, teaching or learning, broadly defined, of veterinary parasitology.

Any member of WAAVP may nominate a candidate by forwarding a letter describing the candidate's qualifications for the specific award. The nominator should submit a copy of the nominee's Curriculum vitae and two (2) letters in support of the nomination.

The letter should indicate clearly either:

Outstanding contribution to research, the impact on the field and other evidence of the recognition of the research or Outstanding service, promotion, support, teaching, contributions to training or teaching material in veterinary parasitology.

Each award is worth \$US 10,000. Award recipients would normally be expected to travel to the 30th WAAVP conference in Curitiba Brazil to collect their award in person.

Paperwork should be sent to the chair of the Awards sub-committee, Richard Wall, by 28th February 2025 at richard.wall@bristol.ac.uk who will then arrange for it to be reviewed by the relevant bodies within WAAVP.

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Peter Nansen Young Scientist Award

Nomination Deadline: 28th February 2025

This prize was established to honour the memory of Professor Peter Nansen to reflect his great concern for and the encouragement of young, promising scientists in veterinary parasitology. The prize rewards innovative and outstanding work by promising young professionals; nominees should have a Master of Science (or equivalent) or higher-level degree and be aged 40 or younger at the time of nomination for the prize.

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

1.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.

2.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.

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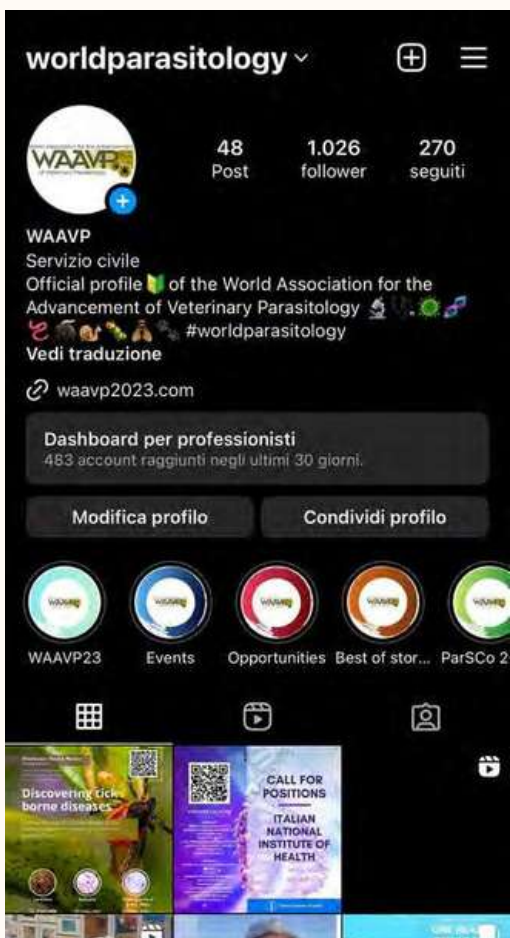
The registration fees, economy travel costs and accommodation for the recipient to attend the Conference will be reimbursed. If not already a registered member, the recipient will also receive a two-year membership of WAAVP.

PETER NANSEN
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



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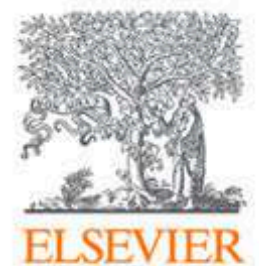
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