

My professional experience acquired at WAAVP



I'm Safa AMAIRIA, a Tunisian engineer in food industries and processes, I recently defended my PhD thesis on protozoa foodborne diseases.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the WAAVP committee for giving me the opportunity to attend its conferences for two times. It was an honor to be selected for the first time to attend the 26th WAAVP conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Due to this award, I realized my dream by travelling for the first time and it was an amazing experience to visit the Asian continent and to meet people from other cultures. The conference was amazing, it was well organized despite the big number of attendees. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend virtually the 28th WAAVP Conference and really, I was very impressed by the excellent organization. During the two WAAVP conferences, I presented two posters about *Toxoplasma gondii* and *Sarcocystis* infections in different food such as processed meat and milk. Assisting to several talks in the field of One health allowed me integer this “philosophy” in parasitology. The virtual 2021 conference showed how internet changed Science and made interaction between international scientific community members easy. The platform, as a new online tool, was successfully used for presenting, discussing, sharing and even collaborating between researchers.

I discovered that the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology and other scientific organizations contribute significantly to the development of science by offering several opportunities to young researchers to communicate and share knowledge all over the world.

I'm immensely thankful to the WAAVP members for their efforts who are making continuous support researchers!