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My professional experience acquired at WAAVP

Within the framework of the project of my thesis on Ticks and Tick-borne diseases, I received a travel grant to attend the 27th conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP), which took place from 7-12 July 2019 in Madison, WI, USA. This report provides a brief overview of the professional experience acquired at this conference in three points.

Poster presentation: my participation to the conference has been an important opportunity for me to share my preliminary results with worldwide veterinary parasitology researchers. This was achieved through the presentation of my poster (Fig.1) entitled:

“Cross border transhumance, a dissemination way of ticks and tick-borne pathogens in west Africa.” Many researchers were interested in this study and I used the occasion to gather suggestions when following my work.

Presentation follow-up: this conference allowed me to gain a broader view of the field of dust mite studies and to acquire new knowledge through the many presentations I followed. I also paid attention to the different presentation styles. There are some that I will certainly take into account.

Contacts creation: I used this conference to create a new network and to make so many friends (Fig2). This will certainly be useful for my future career. Researchers whom I only knew by name through their publications, I met them physically. It was a very moving time for me. This has rekindled my enthusiasm to persevere in my research activities

Conclusion:

The objectives pursued during this conference were achieved. The only difficulty that prevailed was the language that I tried to overcome to achieve the expected results. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the organizers and sponsors who have placed their trust in me by awarding me this travel grant. I hope I have lived up to their expectations.