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Our association experienced a first this year: the bi-annual conference ventured to a new part of the world -- southeast Asia -- and it was a grand success. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I extend a sincere “Thank you” to the local organizing committee for hosting us so well in Kuala Lumpur.

This was my first WAAVP conference serving as President and it was a challenge sometimes to ensure I followed the requirements of the role because I was focused on the excellent scientific programme and trying to attend as many talks and have time at poster sessions as possible.

The gathering in Kuala Lumpur was enhanced by the friendliness of the people, the cultural performances (e.g., Malayan gamelan group), and the excellent cuisine. A selection of images from the conference and some from sights nearby follow this article.

The next WAAVP conference is set for Madison, Wisconsin, USA on July 7-11, 2019. The web site is already available (www.waavp2019.com) and I encourage everyone to bookmark the site and check it regularly for updates. Dr. Tom Kennedy is Chair of the local organizing committee and working with ICS (Annie Wong) to help us continue the tradition of successful WAAVP conferences.

The Executive Committee has also set the conference following Madison. We received a great bid from the group in Dublin and have agreed to have them host us there in 2021.

Are you interested in joining the Executive Committee? In the near future the Executive Committee will be looking for new members. While I encourage everyone to consider letting their name stand for election to this special group it is particularly important that women remain as a vital force in this organization. We have had only one female President (Dr. Tammi Krecek) during the course of our history; surely it is possible to do better. Several women have served on the Executive Committee (Dr. Ann Donoghue, Dr. Maggie Fisher, Dr. Chandra Panchadcharam) and they have done tremendous work. It is important to have a continuous pull of their influence and to keep bringing new talent to the group. Thus I specially encourage gals to consider letting their name stand for election, please!

Doug Colwell
WAAVP President
The first South East Asian WAAVP conference took place in a wonderful location: the KL Convention Centre Kuala Lumpur overlooks a park and the famous Petronas Twin Towers. The conference itself was extremely successful, with delegates travelling from around the world to both give and attend presentations. Highlights included parallel rapid presentation sessions – with each presenter limited to two minutes time in which to cover the background, design, method and results of their research. We were astounded by how much can be conveyed in so short a time! The standard of science was exemplary, as was the quality of the hospitality of our hosts: all delegates will have felt very well cared for and enjoyed the delicious array of foods on offered each day.

Here are just a few of the notable moments from this year’s conference! Images (clock from top right): Chandra Panchadcharam, Doug Colwell, Dr Quaza Nizamuddin (Director General of Dept of Vet services Malaysia), Dr Ramlan Mohamed; Dr Ramlan Mohamed, Prof CP Ramachandran (Founder member of MSPTM), Dr Mustaffa Babjee (Parasitologist & Ex Dir General of Vet Services), Reuben Sharma; Fabric of WAAVP 2017; The view from the conference centre
Kuala Lumpur 2017:

- The first time the conference has been held in South East Asia
- Over 600 attendees from 57 countries globally
- Over 500 papers accepted and presented from 56 countries
- Delegates from host country Malaysia contributed 47 papers
- Awards included:
  - African Travel Award
  - Bayer Award
  - Peter Nansen Award
  - Odile Bain Memorial Prize
  - Honorary Membership
- Symposia included:
  - Bayer Animal Health Symposium
  - IAFWP International Symposium
  - Teaching & Learning Veterinary Symposium
  - MSPTM Symposium

Images (clockwise from top right): Odile Bain Trophies; 2017 WAAVP-Bayer Award Trophy; making a difficult choice at a meal break; positive feedback; viewing the poster session
As the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, it my pleasure to invite you to Madison July 7-11, 2019 for the 27th meeting of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology conference (WAAVP). The theme of the Conference is “Sifting and Winnowing the Evidence in Veterinary Parasitology”, which speaks to the truth that we cannot for a moment believe that knowledge has reached its final goal. The Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee are busy organizing the venue, plenary lectures by leading authorities in our discipline as well as keynote addresses on topics of interest to all parasitologists. We will be soliciting abstracts for oral and poster presentations across the myriad of topics of interest to veterinary parasitologists.

The conference will be held at the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace, a stunning multi-level structure in the heart of Downtown Madison on the shore of Lake Monona. The Monona Terrace has the distinction of being one of the first US convention centers to be LEED Gold Certified. All conference hotels are within very short walking distance of the Monona Terrace. Adjacent access to pedestrian friendly walkways and biking/hiking trails along Lake Monona wind throughout Madison. Come early, stay after the meeting to enjoy the state that invented summertime fun!

Tom Kennedy, Chair, Local Organising Committee
Past WAAVP President
African Foundation Awardees

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The World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology conference experience enhanced my knowledge on the important aspects of parasitology, neglected and zoonotic diseases of economic importance globally.

It raised an alarming concern of how environmental differences influence parasites and the diseases they transmit, and the possibilities of future changes because of global warming. Neglected diseases are on the rise globally, and it is important to reshape the focus of our research societies in order to address the costs and effect they will have in a long run. Forming a multidisciplinary society to partake in the “One health” approach in order to address zoonotic diseases would accelerate the implementation of control measures. Interesting research is undertaken in drug development research, various countries have invested a lot in developing drugs especially in areas of production.

The highlights of the conference was of the veterinary parasitology teaching and learning symposium. I found it crucial in addressing the limitations and successes in the teaching sector of veterinary parasitology, for an aspiring academic, it was informative to know the milestones the parasitology field has made on a global scale and planning forward to enrich the parasitology field as well as adopt functional systems.

On a lighter note, my stay at Kuala Lumpur was exception, I learned a great deal about the cultures. Finally seeing the famous Petronas towers, I even travelled the city and visited a Buddhist temple for the first time.
The attendance of the WAAVP biennial conference is a good chance for graduate students to enhance their capacity in the context of Veterinary Parasitology. The 26th international conference of WAAVP, Kuala Lumpur, was a very interesting 5 days. During the conference, I introduced myself to and discussed with famous scientists as well as graduate students from different countries and in different research areas. For my research line, anthelmintic resistance, I attended presentations with new ideas as well as techniques and findings. Professionally, the obtained knowledge of the direct discussions, presentations and posters will help me in the running project and in the design of future work.

I was also able to make my own contribution: the award from WAAVP AF helped me to introduce for the first time that albendazole was not fully effective against *Haemonchus contortus* in goats in South Darfur State, and the consequent development of benzimidazole resistance in Sudan.

Many thanks to the head and staff of the WAAVP AF. For the other conference costs, I would like to thank the support of Professor Dr. Georg von Samson-Himmelstjerna, Institute for Parasitology and Tropical Veterinary Medicine, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
ICVPCM 2018 : 20th International Conference on Veterinary Parasitology and Chemical Microbiology
London, United Kingdom
15 - 16th February 2018

British Society of Parasitology Spring Meeting 2018
Aberystwyth, United Kingdom
8th - 11th April 2018

14th International Congress of the European Association for Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology
Wroclaw, Poland
24-27th June 2018

American Society of Parasitology Annual Meeting 2018
Cancun, Mexico
21-24th of June 2018

14th International Congress of Parasitology
Daegu, South Korea
19 - 24 August, 2018
Parasitology for basic and advanced studies and veterinary practice.

The classical textbook Parasitology in Veterinary Medicine, now available in an updated English version, is not only ideal for exam preparation but is also of relevance in veterinary practice.

- The book allows easy and structured learning by providing a clear outline of the subject matter and practical chapter summaries.
- All relevant protozoa, helminths and arthropods that cause parasitic diseases or act as vectors of pathogens are presented.
- Overviews of treatment and control measures are given per animal species and enables rapid contextual orientation. Zoonotic and food-borne parasites are also discussed.
- Memorable life cycles of parasites and excellent colour photographs of the clinical symptoms and pathological changes illustrate the contents.
- Diagnostic panels allow for rapid differentiation of the developmental stages under the microscope.
- In the glossary numerous technical terms are defined and explained etymologically.

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