
Association News

Providing travel assistance for young WPSA members and students to participate in regional and global WPSA conferences

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for young WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and students from developed countries to

attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

WPSA Travel Grant programme for older scientists (>40 yrs) from developing countries

For many years, the WPSA Board has supported a travel grant programme for members 40 years of age and younger, to enable them to attend international WPSA-sponsored meetings in other countries. Application for these grants is open to WPSA members from both developing and developed countries. It is recognised that older scientists from developing countries, even those in relatively senior positions, frequently have considerable difficulty in finding funds to attend international meetings. It is even more difficult for scientists in this age group who have only recently obtained a higher degree. Because of the lack of available training opportunities, many scientists in developing countries are near to 40 by the time they obtain a higher degree and be in a position to present their work at international meetings. The value of interaction with other scientists with similar interests and expertise, is well recognised.

It is for these reasons that WPSA has instituted a new travel grant programme to assist older (>40 years) WPSA members from developing countries to attend and present a paper (oral or poster) at international meetings. The programme is designed to

provide some financial assistance, NOT to cover the entire costs of the travel to and attendance at the meeting in question. As a not-for-profit organisation, WPSA has limited funds to allocate towards the programme, which means that the number of grants and the size of the individual grants, will not be great. Successful applicants are encouraged to use the grant as leverage in application for additional funding from the applicant's institution or other bodies. The programme is competitive and applicants are required to provide information about their research, and current status and about their planned contribution to the meeting in question, as described below and on the application form. Successful applicants will be expected to provide on their return, a brief report on the meeting and on the benefits derived by their attendance.

All applications will be assessed by a travel grants assessment committee set up under the WPSA Board. The committee will make its recommendations to the Secretary, who will advise the applicants in due course. The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website (www.wpsa.com).

WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

Given the high cost of international air travel it is important that optimum value be obtained from this expenditure by WPSA. This can be achieved by insisting that the visiting speaker provides more than just one paper at a conference. The visiting speaker could contribute in a variety of ways, e.g., present a second paper on a related topic, conduct a workshop for graduate students, have small group or one-on-one interaction, especially with students, visit industry groups, visit university groups, etc.

Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary.

Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

Application conditions

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.

Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.

A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.

The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat (wpsa@xs4all.nl) or you can download the application forms from the WPSA website (www.wpsa.com).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl or by fax to: +31 207 508 941

Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that

resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress. As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to

promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

1. the stimulation of international congresses and the promotion of participation in these events, and
2. the support of initiative having the objective of establishing WPSA-branches in countries which do not yet have them”.

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these branches by covering for three years part of

the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: h.hupkes@zonnet.nl. An application form will be send on request.

The Board of directors of the Foundation meets three or four times a year. In case of requests for financial assistance to attend conferences, congresses and symposia, applications should be received by the secretary at least 3 months before the meeting.

Application forms should be filled out completely and can be send through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be send by regular mail.

It is the Boards policy not to fund individual applicants more than 2 times.

WPSA Website: www.wpsa.com

The WPSA website provides much valuable information about the organisation and activities of the Association, its regional federations and country branches. In addition there are regularly updated news reports from branch meetings, conferences and symposia organised by the specialist Working Groups, as well as a calendar of future events.

In order to keep it regularly updated, the

Association welcomes information and pictures from Branches, Regional Federations and Working Groups concerning activities of the various WPSA organisations, as well as news about appointment of officers and members.

Please send your information to Mrs D.M. Kleverwal, e-mail wpsa@xs4all.nl.

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www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

E-mail WPSA Newsletter

WPSA has introduced a new version of the WPSA Newsletter that will be e-mailed to

individual members, on request. To receive this, please subscribe to the e-mail Newsletter on the website (www.wpsa.com).

14th European Poultry Conference, Stavanger, Norway

The 14th European Poultry Conference was held in Stavanger, Norway from June 23rd to June 27th. During the conference, more than 1000 participants listened to 31 invited speakers and 169 short oral presentations and were able to visit a poster exhibition area where 289 posters were registered. Additionally, on the last day of the conference more than 200 participants registered for a technical tour where they spent the day visiting poultry farms and agricultural facilities in the area.

The conference was organized in a slightly different manner than those held previously with a long plenary session before lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday where various timely topics were discussed from multidisciplinary perspectives by internationally renowned academics with excellent communication skills. Consequently sessions of interest for academics and industry, independent of discipline, were achieved and relevant issues were addressed and discussed.

On Tuesday the global prospects of the poultry industry in terms of raw material availability, food safety and security, sustainability and environmental adaptability were discussed through keynote lectures by Mette Vaarst, Shlomo Yahav, Johanna Fink-Gremmels and Osler Desouzart. During this session the issue of the conflict between a European extended definition of requirements for food and a non-European focus on producing enough poultry food at a low cost and high efficiency was discussed. Additionally the need for the industry to change the genetics and management of poultry to adapt to climatic changes was highlighted.

During Wednesday's session the challenges of a very rapidly growing broiler chicken was discussed in terms of physiological and nutritional challenges and limitations, welfare issues and meat quality problems through lectures led by Marian Dawkins, Bernard Carré, Rosalina Angel and Massimiliano Petracci. From this session it became clear that we are approaching the physiological limits to growth where digestive tract capacity, bone development and proper muscle deposition are the major limiting factors.

On Thursday, the improved efficiency of layers due to improved genetic selection methods and management was discussed through lectures by William Muir, Maureen Bain, Andrew Janczak and Filip Van Immerseel. These lecturers highlighted that due to improved genetic stocks layers can be kept for a longer length of time without the loss in productivity or development of health issues previously observed. Obviously this is only if for example, rearing management is appropriate.

Apart from these plenary sessions there were 3 sessions every afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with each session divided into four parallel sections. These 12 afternoon sessions involved a mixture of invited lecturers giving keynote lectures and short oral presentations selected from the abstracts submitted. Each session was discipline-specific to cover nutrition, product quality, reproduction, physiology, poultry health, genetics, production systems and management, welfare, education, economics and turkeys.

The 289 posters received from the participants confirming their attendance at the conference were to be exhibited throughout the conference. However, approximately 100 of these posters did not arrive, illustrating the challenges associated with organizing these types of global conferences. Realistically it can be assumed that a large number of submitted abstracts will be received from contributors who do not end up attending. In fact we deleted approximately 150 of the contributions from the program and proceedings due to the lack of registration but many of those remaining also were no-shows as indicated above.

The invited papers and abstracts of the short oral presentations and posters were printed in a proceedings publication that was given to all participants at the conference. During the conference, the Council of the European Federation of WPSA also voted in favour of Dubrovnik, Croatia as the venue for the 15th European Poultry Conference to be held in 2018. As the newly elected President of the European Federation of WPSA, I look

forward to co-operating with Professor Estella Prukner-Radovic and her team to organize a conference even better than the one in Stavanger!

On behalf of the organizing committee for EPC2014,

Birger Svihus
Professor of Nutrition at Norwegian University
of Life Sciences
President of the European Federation of WPSA

Branch News

Azerbaijan

The WPSA Azerbaijan Branch has been at the active stage of progress since the beginning of its activity. In the near future, the Azerbaijan branch is going to organize a conference called 'Poultry Science in Caucasus' under the patronage of the WPSA. The president of the WPSA Turkish Branch, Professor Růveyde Akbay will lead and assist in the organization of the conference mentioned above. Professor Akbay was recently on a business trip in Azerbaijan and held a business meeting with our colleagues where she discussed some issues which can arise during the strengthening and growth of the branch. Additionally the Secretary General of the World's Poultry Science Association, Dr Roel Mulder was in Azerbaijan on a business trip and also offered some advice on the development of the branch.

Dr. Hajiyev and members of his collective, by invitation from Professor Akbay participated in 'The International Congress on Advancements in Poultry Productions in The Middle East and African States' held in Antalya from the 21st to 25th of October 2013. This meeting was jointly organized by the Turkish and the Kuwait branches. The WPSA Azerbaijan Branch often meets with affiliates, farms and leading poultry experts from several countries to create links and strengthen ties. These meetings are held to organize the conference. At the same time the internet site of The WPSA Azerbaijan Branch – www.wpsazb.com was created. Members of the affiliate – Tagiyev A., Mustafayev A. and many others are creating literature with the logo of the WPSA. The WPSA Azerbaijan Branch would like to hold a conference in Azerbaijan under the auspices of the WPSA and hopes to see all of you participating in this event.

Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Branch (WPSA-BB) organized

its 2nd regional workshop at Barisal, the south administrative division of the country, with the support of leading local poultry farmers and concerned public sector officials on May 10 2014. Approximately 200 layer and broiler farmers from different districts and sub-districts, concerned officials of the public and private sector, faculties of related universities and the executive committee members of the WPSA-BB participated in a half day long workshop on the management & disease prevention of commercial layer & broiler chickens. Mr. Md. Rafiqul Haque, a feeding and management expert and the General Secretary of WPSA-BB and Dr. Biplob Pramanik, a veterinary expert and the executive member of the WPSA-BB delivered their science and knowledge based information on the subject in an initial session chaired by Mr. Moshiur Rahman, President of the WPSA-BB. This session was followed by a working session on the issues facing farmers. Most of the problems raised in this working session were related to feeding and lighting of pullet, management and disease control. Subsequently the solution to each of these problems was derived through a Q&A session. Addressing the use of antibiotics in poultry feed, a concern of the district livestock offices, the President of the WPSA-BB stated that organized feed manufacturers use antibiotic alternatives, but not antibiotics in their feeds. Moving on from this topic, Mr. Rahman advised that the concerned parties should take punitive measures against the indiscriminate use of antibiotics in poultry feed, an important public health concern that involves everybody worldwide of today and tomorrow. Adding further the President stated that the WPSA-BB has always been working on the development of poultry as a cheap and available quality protein source for millions of people and that we are obligated to support farmers in the production of safe

poultry products. He commented that we enjoy coming out to you through initiatives like the one we are having today in the south delta of the country. Following this he invited everyone concerned to become members of the WPSA-BB and to participate in our upcoming 9th International Poultry Show and Seminar that will be held from February 19th to 21st 2015. After extending thanks to everyone who participated in the workshop the session was declared closed.

Moshiur Rahman, President

Brazil

The Brazilian Journal of Poultry Science is available via open access at www.scielo.br/rbca. We invite you to visit the webpage and to access the newest published papers. If you are interested in submitting a manuscript to the BJPS, please check on the formatting requirements and submit it to: facta@facta.org.br. We will soon start accepting submissions using Scholarone.

We encourage all scientists worldwide to look at and submit papers to the Brazilian Poultry Science Journal (www.facta.org.br/site/index.php/portal/revista/32), which is published quarterly in English and has a good impact index.

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Hungary

The first ceremonial event for World Poultry Day was held in Hungary and was organized by the Hungarian Branch Board and by the Poultry Products Board.

Rapid growth of the world's population is a serious challenge for the present and future, especially because of the increasing demand for foods, including animal proteins. The poultry industry is currently able to produce and supply enough quality poultry meat for this demand. This is illustrated by the fact that worldwide poultry meat production has almost sextupled from 1970 until the current time. This has resulted in poultry production ranking as one of the most dynamic growth industries among all products of animal origin. Subsequently because of this situation it was suggested that a World Poultry Day be considered as a Hungarian initiative at the meeting of A.V.E.C held in Slovenia (Poreč) in 2010. The Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Traders in the EU - A.V.E.C. –

supported the idea. Two worldwide poultry professional organizations, the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) and the International Poultry Council (IPC) also supported the idea.

The Poultry Product Board, as the initiator, and the WPSA Hungarian Branch organized the first event for the World Poultry Day at the Ceremonial Hall of the Academy of Sciences on the 10th of May 2014. Nearly 200 participants filled the Ceremonial Hall. Under the framework of the World Poultry Day, the programme included four excellent presentations:

1. Professor Peter Horn, president of the WPSA Hungarian Branch: World poultry meat production, competitiveness of poultry meat
2. Tage Lysgaard, former General Secretary of A.V.E.C. (including numerous other leadership positions in the poultry industry): At present on the past for the future
3. Łukasz Dominiak, General Director of the National Poultry Council - Chamber of Commerce (KRD-IG), Poland: Past, present, future of the Polish poultry industry
4. Professor Diána Bánáti, Executive and Scientific Director, ILSI Europe: Today's challenges in the poultry industry: how to better manage consumer risk perception.

The WPSA Hungarian Branch and all of the stakeholders involved with poultry businesses, together with a large number of consumers who enjoy poultry products hope the World Poultry Day will soon be known and recognized throughout the world.

Földi Péter, Branch Secretary

Israel

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Israeli Branch was held for 3 days in Jerusalem during March 2014. The convention consisted of 16 sessions covering different disciplines including poultry diseases and prevention, nutrition and immunology, reproduction, incubation and physiology and broiler and laying hen production. Round table discussions at the annual meeting focused on issues concerning the poultry industry in Israel such as threats and opportunities in the broiler industry, chick quality and approaches for the

improvement of layer and egg production infrastructure in Israel.

The annual convention was honoured to invite two guests from abroad: Professor Kirk Klasing from The University of California at Davis, CA, who presented a lecture on nutrition and immunity and Dr. Claudio Afonso from the USDA's Russell Poultry Research Laboratory, Athens, GA who shared his knowledge and expertise on the prevention of and vaccination for New Castle disease. During the convention 25 companies presented their unique products. The number of participants was approximated at 600 which included producers, representatives of several commercial companies, members of the extension service and scientists.

The social activities in the evening included an entertaining performance by a popular Israeli song writer accompanied by a talented singer, in addition to a fascinating visit to the Museum of Islam in Jerusalem.

During the year the Israeli branch conducted two separate half day symposia on different topics such as: disinfection and storage of hatching eggs, risk management, and consumer aspects concerning the quality of poultry products; food security and sustainability.

Prof. Shlomo Yahav, Chairman WPSA Israel Branch

Yitzhak Malka, Secretary WPSA Israel Branch

Japan

Dr. Mitsuru Naito won the Japanese Agriculture Prize 2014 for his pioneering research on gene manipulation and the preservation of inherited resources in poultry. The Japan Poultry Science Association (JPSA) is proud of Dr. Naito and his outstanding achievements. The 2014 Spring Meeting of JPSA was held at Tsukuba University on 29th March. The meeting included a total of 55 paper presentations, luncheon seminars, as well as the council and general membership meetings.

Yuki Nakajima, Ryosuke Makino, and Tomomi Kamizono were presented excellent presentation awards for students or under 30 categories for the following presentations: 'Gene expression of gonadal germ cells during early embryogenesis in domestic chicken', 'Time course change in the plasma concentration of tryptophan and glycosylated tryptophan compounds of chickens fed

tryptophan-excess diets' and 'Feeding of butoxybutyl alcohol promotes growth performance via protein metabolism of skeletal muscle in broiler chicken', respectively. In addition, the JPSA Technical Award was presented to Dr. Kouichi Matsushita, Livestock Research Center of Yamanashi Prefecture, for his wonderful research achievements on the production of chicken-meat and eggs based on local demands.

During the spring meeting, the new board members for the JPSA were elected who will be serving for the next two years. They include Dr. Tamao Ono who was elected as the new president of JPSA. The 2014 Autumn Meeting of JPSA will be held at Kagoshima University on the 27th to 28th of September. The Journal of Poultry Science (<http://jpn-psa.jp/english/index.html>; Impact Factor 0.684) always welcomes your submissions of reviews and original papers. The JPSA has decided to provide a new membership category entitled 'Special International Membership' for foreign citizens residing abroad. Page charges for publishing their papers in JPS will be set at the regular membership price.

Naoki Goto, Secretary of WPSA Japan Branch

Netherlands

During the VIV Europe 2014 from May 20th to 23rd in the Jaarbeurs in Utrecht, the Netherlands Branch of the WPSA organized the Romijn Lecture. The Romijn Lecture commemorates Dr. Christiaan Romijn, who was famed internationally as Professor of Veterinary Physiology at the University of Utrecht and a pioneer of research into hatching systems. He presided over the first-ever European Congress of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) and was elected to the association's International Poultry Hall of Fame for his contribution to the development of the poultry industry around the world.

The theme this year was 'how to feed the World, and not to eat the World (how to provide food in an ethical, sustainable and responsible way to a world population that is expected to grow to nine billion by 2050). Artist Henk Wildschut, who made the exhibition 'Our Daily Bread' for the Rijks Museum, told of his experiences during the year that mapped our food production chain. Professor Decuypere told how the relationship between humans and animals changed during

the ages. Ir. Westhoek from Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency confronted us with the negative aspects of poultry farming. During the last lecture Professor Decuyper suggested proposals on how to produce food for the people in the world in a respectable way. The panel discussion afterwards was guided by Professor Dr. Arjan Stegeman, President of the Netherlands Branch of the WPSA.

The Romijn Lecture was attended by approximately 175 people and was also live-streamed over the internet. You can still watch the presentation on YouTube:

Part 1 Before break <http://youtu.be/FQK657yaOf4>

Part 2 After break <http://youtu.be/3Jq21bwAJA>

Introduction

Professor Dr. J.A. Stegeman, Utrecht University and President of the Netherlands Branch of the WPSA

Food and the power of images

Henk Wildschut, maker of the photo documentary 'Our Daily Bread' for the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

Relation Human<-> Animal in historical perspective

Professor Dr. Ir. E. Decuyper, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium

Break

Poultry Farming and the Environment: Challenges and Options

Ir. H. J. Westhoek, PBL (Dutch Environmental Assessment Agency)

How to intensify Animal Production in a respectable way

Professor Dr. Ir. E. Decuyper

Panel discussion under the supervision of Professor Dr. J.A. Stegeman

At the PTC+ (International Training Centre) closing ceremony, in Barneveld on May 28th 2014, the 2014 WPSA Award was presented by Piet Simons to Treshome Tresfamariam Yifter from Ethiopia for the best 'Back Home Improvement Plan'. The winner selected a poultry farm with potentially important impacts on the whole region. Although the contact with the farm has been rather limited, the winner was shown to be a keen observer and managed to come up with a realistic SWOT analysis.

*Ria van der Hulst-van Arkel,
Secretary/Treasurer of The Netherlands branch
of the WPSA*

Poland

The Poland Branch of WPSA is honouring three of its long-time active members (Roman Bochno, Andrezej Faruga and Stanislaw Wezyk), all of whom have recently observed their 80th birthdays with brief descriptions of their personal contributions and achievements for the poultry industry, both in Poland and around the world. Their collective life's work is greatly appreciated by the members of the Poland Branch and by their poultry colleagues worldwide.

Professor Roman Bochno



Professor Bochno was born on 22nd July 1934 in Czerce, Poland. In 1961 he graduated from the Department of Animal Husbandry at the University of Agriculture in Olsztyn. He began working for the University before graduating. Professor Bochno obtained his PhD in 1966, the degree of doctor habilitated in 1972 and the title of Professor in 1979.

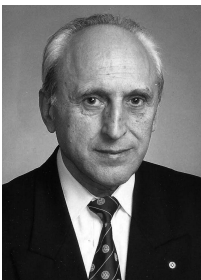
During 1972 to 1975, Professor Bochno was the deputy director for academic affairs at the Institute of Animal Breeding and Production, and in 1976 he was appointed Director of the Institute of Genetics and Animal Improvement Methods and also became the Director of the Department of Breeding Methods and Animal Improvement, which he organized and headed for 28 years. During that time, Professor Bochno supervised 12 PhD students, three of whom were subsequently granted the title of Professor.

Academic achievements for Professor Bochno include more than 400 publications, including 265 original research articles published in Polish and internationally renowned scientific journals. His research interests focused mainly on the science of animal products. Most of the papers were not only innovative at the time of their publication, but also oriented to meet practical needs in research. One of the key research and scientific achievements of Professor Bochno

and his team was the development of a method for in vivo prediction and estimation of carcass lean content in ducks and geese. The method is currently used in duck and goose breeding.

From 1984 to 1987 Professor Bochno served as the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry. He received numerous awards and distinctions for his scientific and organizational achievements. He has been a member of the Polish Branch of WPSA since 1970 and in 2005 Professor Bochno received the title 'Honorary Member of PB WPSA'.

Professor Andrzej Faruga



Professor Faruga was born on 5 January 1934 in Zator, Poland. In 1960 he graduated from the Faculty of Animal Husbandry at the University of Agriculture in Olsztyn. He was employed by the university immediately after

graduation. Professor Faruga obtained his PhD in 1968, the degree of doctor habilitated in 1976 and the title of Professor in 1983. In 1969 he was appointed Director of the Department of Poultry Science, which he headed for 35 years. During that time, Professor Faruga supervised 10 PhD students, seven of whom were subsequently granted the title of Professor.

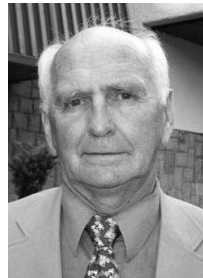
Professor Faruga's scientific achievements include 629 publications, including 207 original research papers published in Polish and internationally renowned scientific journals, and 12 textbooks. Professor Faruga and his team conducted pioneering research that promoted turkey breeding and contributed to a significant increase in turkey production in Poland.

From 1978 to 1987 Professor Faruga was the Dean of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry and from 1987 to 1996 he held the post of Vice-President of the University of Agriculture and Technology, which has been since renamed to the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn. He was the co-founder of the National Poultry Council – Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw and is a long-standing member of its management board.

Professor Faruga was the President of the Polish Branch of the World's Poultry Science

Association for 15 years (five terms). During that time, he initiated the annual international scientific symposia of the Polish Branch of the WSPA. In 2005, Professor Faruga received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa from the Senate of the University of Technology and Life Sciences in Bydgoszcz in recognition of his scientific, organizational and academic achievements.

Professor Stanisław Wężyk



Professor Wężyk was born 13 January 1934 in Ostrow Wielkopolski (Poland). During 1951 to 1956 he studied at the Animal Husbandry Faculties of Agricultural University in Wrocław, then in Poznań, and finally was graduated in

Cracow. In 1956 Professor Wężyk started his scientific activity at the Polish Academy of Science's, Department of Breeding of Experimental Animals, then at the Agricultural University in Cracow. In 1964 he obtained his PhD and became the Director of the Poultry Breeding Division in the Institute of Animal Sciences which he headed continuously until 2007, i.e. for more than 40 years. In 1971 he obtained the Degree of Doctor Habilitated and the title of Professor in 1988. During 58 years of scientific work Professor Wężyk supervised 13 PhD students, four of whom have already been given the title of Professor.

The scientific and teaching activity of Professor Wężyk is impressive; he published as author or co-author 160 original research papers in Polish and internationally renowned scientific journals, 458 popular-scientific articles, 184 presentations on local and international conferences and symposia and 23 textbooks.

For his research, Professor Wężyk focused on the genetic improvement of poultry species, introducing individual evaluations of productive parameters, gene pool preservation for local Polish chicken breeds ex situ in-vivo, as well as on the improvement of poultry raw-materials and products and on the use of different feed additives.

Since 1956 Professor Wężyk has been a Member of the Polish Society of Animal Husbandry, and since 1966 he has been a

member of the PB WPSA. From 1987 to 2006 he served as the Chairman of the European Federation's Working Group 8 on 'Waterfowl'; and, from 1986 to 2004 he served as the Vice President of PB WPSA. From 1994 to 2013, Professor Wężyk served as the President of Poland's National Council of Poultry and Feed Producers in Poznan.

In recognition of the enormous scientific achievements, organizational and teaching activities of Professor Wężyk that he carried out with the highest academic integrity, the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa was presented to him in 2002 by the Senate of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn.

Undoubtedly, Professor Wężyk is a very colourful character and great authority on Polish poultry, and during his many years of scientific and popular work, he has contributed significantly to the development of the poultry industry.

Prof. Ewa Lukaszewicz

Romania

The Romania Branch hosted the Romanian Poultry Industries Saloon 2013 during November 2013 in Bucharest. Poultry producers from all over the country took part. Accomplishments for the poultry industry in production, research, and education were shown and discussed.

Branch members are currently making preparations for Romania's Poultry Industries Saloon 2014, including the plans and organization for the 8th edition of the symposium. New technologies that are available for the worldwide poultry industry will be discussed at this conference which will be held at the same time of the year in 2014.

The Romanian Branch also carried out a teaching programme for farmers and for staff members in public poultry institutes on poultry welfare issues. The programme was based on EU requirements from a national project funded by EU with the Romanian Branch and Romanian Poultry Association's cooperation with the University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest (USAMV), and which was supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR) and the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Agency (ANSVSA).

Professional training of farmers and other groups has been based both on minimal poultry welfare requirements that are mandatory for all farmers in the EU and superior poultry welfare requirements which are voluntarily assumed by poultry farmers. From the 5th to 7th June 2014, poultry farmers from Romania will take part in the International Conference of the University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest, on 'Agriculture for Life: Life for Agriculture'. Meanwhile the WPSA Romanian Branch and the Romanian Poultry Association are jointly publishing the magazine 'Avicultorul' which has now been published for 20 years and is a technical, scientifically and also commercial magazine that is delivered free-of-charge.

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Russia

The Russian Branch will continue its Seminars for Poultry Breeders in Ptitsegrad. This academic year will be continued into 2014 for poultry breeders in the All-Russian Scientific Research and Technological Poultry Breeding Institute (VNITIP) in Sergiev Posad, Moscow Region. Over 1000 specialists will increase their qualifications by taking courses at the Institute during each academic year. These technologists will come from poultry farms and feed mills, and will include veterinarians, zoo technicians, breeding farm and hatchery heads and specialists, poultry meat and eggs production and processing managers, as well as engineers, power specialists, mechanical engineers and economists. Lectures are provided by leading scientists from educational and scientific research institutes, enterprises and companies specialists. Ptitsegrad has long ago become a university experience for branch experts, where they can get to know local and world poultry farming through the exchange of information on their experiences. Courses at VNITIP include not only Russian specialists, but some foreign students as well.

The following poultry breeding specialist qualification courses will be carried out together with 'Rosptitsoyuz' experts as follows at VNITIP on the dates shown for during 2014:

September 8-13

Modern approaches to high producing poultry crosses feeding, feeds and biologically active additions quality control, new technologies in feed production (for poultry and feed production enterprises, veterinary specialists, zoo and veterinary laboratory leaders, zoo engineers in feeds).

September 29-October 4

New technologies and methods for improving broiler meat production and processing efficiency, and for improving the skills of technologists and specialists in poultry meat production and processing.

November 17-22

Actual problems and their decision ways in poultry egg incubation technology (for zoo engineers, veterinary specialists, incubation department managers and mechanics).

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The activities of the WPSA Turkish Branch during this period were wide-ranging. Representing our branch, some of our board members participated in the 12th National Feed Congress and Exhibition in Antalya between the 20th and 23rd April, 2014. During this congress, important issues such as the supply of raw materials for poultry feed were put on the table.

While on a private trip to Iran, Branch President Professor Dr. Rüveyde Akbay used the opportunity to attend a meeting organised by the Secretary of the WPSA Iran Branch Dr.

Mostafa Mostafavi on 25th April 2014. At this meeting she met with the leading representatives of the Iranian poultry sector and potential areas of mutual interest were discussed. Branch President Professor Dr. Akbay participated in the International Poultry Council (IPC) held in Istanbul between the 30th April and 2nd May, 2014. She also participated in the 'National Strategy and Action Plan for the Conservation of Poultry Genetics Resources' workshop in Antalya during the 14th to 16th May, 2014.

We are busy as ever with the preparatory work for the 'National Poultry Congress 2014' that our branch will jointly organise with the Firat University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Elazığ from the 9th to 11th October, 2014.

The main topics of the congress will be:

- New approaches and developments in poultry production
- Poultry Health (immunology, disease resistance and biosecurity)
- Bio-energy in the poultry sector
- Poultry Welfare
- Poultry Nutrition
- Family poultry production, education and extension
- Environmental management in poultry production

We are expecting a large number of participants for this congress, both from the poultry sector and the relevant departments of universities.

Our relationship with the WPSA Kuwait Branch is ongoing and a group consisting of our board members and officials from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) will take part in a joint workshop from the 14th to 16th June, 2014.

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