
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.

Application conditions

- Applications must be submitted at least three months prior to the meeting. If a scientific paper or poster is the basis for the application, this need not have been accepted at the time of application but it will eventually must be formally accepted before funds are disbursed
- Maximum age of the applicant is 40 years at the time of application.
- Applicants must have been a member of WPSA for at least six months at the time of application.
- No member may receive more than two Travel Grants.
- Successful applicants will receive the funds electronically AFTER the meeting on receipt of a copy of the airline ticket.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

Application form must be accompanied by:

1. *Either*
A copy of the submitted abstract.

Or

One typed page clearly outlining how you propose to network at the meeting. Describe the feasibility of your plan and what you hope to gain. Possibilities for the plan could include names of individuals you plan to interview or conference attendees you plan to meet who share similar interests to your own. Networking plans must be made in advance and must involve individuals with whom you are not already acquainted.

2. Budget request and justification (one page). You must include the cost of economy rate travel, food and lodging. Conference registration fees and dues will NOT be funded.
3. Letter of recommendation from a well-known member of your WPSA Branch stating why you are a worthy candidate to receive a Travel Grant.
4. Short *Curriculum Vitae* and photo.

The completed application form, abstract or networking proposal, budget, *Curriculum Vitae* with photo and recommendation letter should be sent by e-mail to wpsa@xs4all.nl or roel.mulder@wpsa.com or by fax to: +31 207 508 941.

If you do not have access to e-mail or fax you can send your application to:

Dr R.W.A.W. Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands

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.

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 Plumveewetenschappen

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 Plumveewetenschappen) 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.

Online Journal subscription for WPSA members

The World's Poultry Science Journal has been available to subscribers on-line for the past three years. As a result of a change in our publishing partners (the on-line edition will be available from Cambridge University Press instead of CABI) and the work of a small sub-committee appointed at the 2005 WPSA Board meeting, members will have the option of receiving the Journal on-line instead of the print edition.

The system will be upgraded to permit searching of references, tracing citations etc. with a full range of electronic facilities.

The print version will continue to be the normal method for receiving the Journal. **if you wish to receive the on-line version instead, you must indicate this by completing the form on the WPSA website (www.wpsa.com).**

Most of the content of the Journal will now be included in the on-line edition with the exception of the advertisements. We will be developing a new page in the on-line version where all of our Gold and Silver sponsors will be identified, and provide direct links to their company websites.

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).

World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive

Access from the first issue in 1945 until 2003 online – a total of 240 issues!

Volumes 1 – 59 of World's Poultry Science Journal are now available on Cambridge Journals Online. The archive is fully searchable by keyword and author; abstracts can be saved and e-mailed, full text articles printed and bibliographic details exported into reference management software. Perpetual Access is available for a one-off fee of just £500/\$995*.

For further information, or to purchase the WPSJ Digital Archive, please e-mail jnlsales@cambridge.org.

*For those who do not subscribe to the current volume, there is an additional annual maintenance fee of £45/85, payable from the second year of the deal.

www.journals.cambridge.org/WPS

WPSA & AGRame announce partnership

Dedicated Poultry Conference at the 2012 Edition of AGRA Middle East

We are glad to announce the partnership between World Poultry Science Association (WPSA) and Informa Exhibitions to host a dedicated poultry conference at the Middle East's largest agribusiness trade event, AGRame.

As part of this partnership, a one day unique conference will be held at the 2012 edition of AGRA Middle East, featuring international and regional speakers in the field of poultry. This unparalleled platform in the Middle East region will help facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience and offer an opportunity to learn from leading international experts. This new initiative will also strengthen the presence of key decision makers from regional poultry industry at the event.

AGRA Middle East (AGRame) is the largest

agribusiness trade event in the Middle East which brings together five distinct yet closely linked exhibitions under one roof. The event showcases the latest advances in agriculture & irrigation, animal husbandry & poultry farming, floriculture & horticulture, fisheries & aquaculture and agricultural machinery for the GCC region. Growing at an average of 50% in exhibit space every year, AGRame is now recognized by leading players in the agribusiness industry from all over the world.

Visit AGRame website at <http://www.agramiddleeast.com/>.

For more details, please feel free to contact the AGRame team on agramiddleeast@iirme.com or +971 4 336 5161.

Branch News

Bangladesh

The Bangladesh branch was pleased to be invited to a family night get together at the home of the newly elected president of the Branch, Mr. Moshir Rahman, in Dhaka on

the 8th of July. Discussions were held as to how to further develop and improve the scientific position of the branch.

An 'installation Ceremony' was held on 21st July 2011 in Dhaka to welcome the newly elected EC committee for 2011-12. The

federal Ministers of Fisheries & Livestock and Food & Disaster Management, were kindly in attendance for the installation ceremony.

Md. Rafiqul Haque, Secretary, Bangladesh Branch

Brazil

The FACTA/WPSA-BR 2011 Annual Conference, which is the largest annual poultry scientific event in Latin America, was held in Santos, SP, Brazil from May 31st through June 2nd. The Conference received 775 paid registrations. This year the organizers decided to pay homage to several selected individuals who were heavily involved on the origins of the modern Brazilian poultry industry. In addition, the well-known FACTA/WPSA-Brazil Award was given to the winner of last year's Best Poultry Professional, Prof. Elisabeth Gonzales. Several other Brazilian professionals were awarded with the LAMAS Award in the areas of poultry Nutrition, Health, Production and other areas during this year's FACTA/WPSA-Brazil conference. These awards recognize the best poultry research conducted during the previous year.

Carla Palermo, FACTA/WPSA Brazilian Branch

Germany

The German Branch held its annual meeting in March, 2011, at the University of Hohenheim. The board meeting was followed by a general meeting attended by 70 members and guests, a get-together in the evening and a conference on the following day, attended by about 100 participants. The six presentations covered a range of timely topics, focusing on nutrition and management to optimize economic returns and bird welfare. An update on molecular tools to monitor biodiversity and a short review on Ostrich Farming in Germany completed the programme. After the conference, participants were invited to visit the Mhou Ostrich Farm in Rülzheim to learn more about opportunities and limitations of ostrich farming in Europe. The German branch recently submitted a bid to host the World Poultry Congress 2020 in Berlin.

Lebanon

The Lebanon Branch of the WPSA held its annual meeting on July 23, 2011, at the Rotana Hotel in Hazmieh, a suburb of Beirut. The annual meeting was chaired by the President, Dr. Nuhad J. Dagher, who welcomed the members and their guests and announced the poultry conferences to be held during 2012, mainly the Mediterranean Poultry Summit in Egypt and the World Poultry Congress in Brazil. He introduced the treasurer of the branch Mr. Samir Cortbawi who presented the financial report of the year that was accepted and recorded. The business meeting was then followed by a scientific conference during which three papers were presented. Dr. Nada Usayran, professor of poultry science at the Lebanese university and member of the executive committee of the branch introduced the speakers and led the discussion. Papers presented included 'The use of raw fibre concentrates, Arbocel and Vitacel, in poultry and calf diets' by Dr. Manfred Pietsch of the Animal Nutrition Unit of JRS Co. in Germany; 'Arbocel reduces litter moisture and improves ready to cook carcass yield of broilers at market age' by Dr. Muhamad Farran of the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences of the American University of Beirut; 'Genetic-based diagnosis of etiologic agents involved in economic diseases of Lebanese poultry: A prerequisite data for vaccine programme establishment' by Dr. Elie Barbour of the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences of the American University of Beirut.

The scientific meeting was followed by a brief introduction about the newly formed B.S. programme in Veterinary Science at the American University of Beirut. The acting Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Salma Talhouk introduced the programme and then was followed by Dr. Muhamad Farran who gave a detailed description of the requirements for admission to the programme and the contents of the curriculum.

During the meeting, the President of the branch presented Dr. Muhamad Farran with a certificate of recognition for his services to the branch and his research activities in the service of the poultry industry. This was followed by a lunch courtesy of ETN Food Engineering, the distributor of JRS products in Lebanon.

Nuhad Dagher, President WPSA-Lebanon

Mexico

XVII Congress of the WVPA Cancún México 2011 from 14-18 August

The World Veterinary Poultry Association is now celebrating its 17th Congress in Cancun, QR, Mexico, with an attendance of over 900 people representing 59 countries. Although, for obvious reasons, the largest contingent were from Mexico, many people from the United States, Central and South America and Europe attended.

The main themes revolved around Newcastle disease, Gumboro disease and avian influenza. There were also lectures on vaccination, adenovirus, immunosuppression, and coccidiosis, intestinal health and minerals, all at a high scientific level, worthy of this global meeting.

The exhibition was composed of companies such as Ceva, Bachoco, Merial, IASA, Avimex and Pfizer, among others. The WVPA is enjoying expansion recently, which, according to reports, continues to increase membership, as well as the addition of branches in other countries. Two countries that have recently joined are Thailand and Jordan. One of the objectives in Latin America is to increase participation of both members and the presentation of papers in Avian Pathology, a journal in which there is little research in this region. In addition, next year Avian Pathology 40 years old, and at the meetings the official presentation of the new design of the magazine to mark a milestone in its history was made.

The next congress will be held in Nantes, France in 2013, from 19 to 23 August.

Jose A. Quintana, Mexico Branch Secretary

Nigeria

Eruvbetine bows out as Onagbesan takes over

The Nigerian Branch elected a new President during the African International Poultry Summit (AIPS) which was held in the early part of this year. In a keenly contested election among many participants which shown interest in the various vacant positions. At the end of the day Prof. O.M. Onagbesan, the Director of Biotechnology Centre, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria

emerge as president of the Nigeria Branch. Prof. Onagbesan transferred his membership from the Belgian branch some years back. Since his acceptance by the branch, he has been instrumental to the development of the branch. The WPSA president who was in attendance at the event congratulated the new president and wished him well as he takes over the leadership of the branch.

In his acceptance speech, Prof. Onagbesan thanked members of the branch for the confidence they have in him. He thereafter promised to build on the achievements of the immediate past president Prof Daisy Eruvbetine whom he described as a great achiever.

Dr Pym decorated with African Leadership Award

The President of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) was decorated with African Leadership Awards at African International Poultry Summit which held early in the year at University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria. Dr Pym was nominated for this award for his immense contribution for the development of African Poultry through the African Poultry Network (APN) Project. The highly elated Pym was short of words when called upon to receive his award. He showed gratitude to the organizers of the AIPS for the honour bestowed upon him.

In a related development, Mrs Comfort Kerewa Acheampong the secretary of the Ghanaian branch was also decorated with the most outstanding member award. Mrs Acheampong was nominated for her consistency in branch activities over the years. She said the award will serve as encouragement to other members of her branch.

Senegal

World egg day programme

The Senegalese branch of the WPSA is hosting a world egg day, which focuses on promoting egg consumption in Senegal. Specifically, the programme is designed to increase public awareness of the nutritive value of eggs, fight against taboos and misconception relative to egg consumption and teach consumers about the benefits of egg consumption. In partnership with the branch in this endeavour are the local government Ministries of

Livestock, National education, health and other poultry sector professionals.

Activities include advertising and poster presentations targeted at older people, women, (especially pregnant women), those involved with sport and children. The poster campaign will be targeted in health centres, supermarkets, sports stadia and schools, to allow these messages to be efficiently transferred to the target groups. Additionally, fliers, caps and tee-shirts will be distributed to promote the programme, and an exhibition on poultry will be held on 14-16 October 2011. A television programme will host a forum on egg consumption in Senegal to raise general public awareness. In order to raise awareness about the nutritional benefits of eggs, quizzes on both radio and television will be aired, and demonstrations on eggs and cooking held in supermarkets.

South Africa

The 30th annual Scientific Day will be held in Pretoria on 6 October 2011. The main guest speaker this year is Dr Vicky Sandilands from the Scottish Agricultural College in Scotland. Her research interests relate to housing and management of poultry in ways that are sustainable and sensitive to their needs. She will present two papers, one on feeding behaviour in poultry and the other on the consequences of selection on poultry behaviour and welfare. Another paper on genetic selection will be presented by Dr Nicky Tyler from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, who has investigated the possibility of selecting against photorefractoriness in broiler breeders.

The bulk of the presentations will be to the benefit of poultry nutritionists who wish to hear the latest scientific evidence pertaining to antimicrobials, fumonisins, phytonutrients and enzyme applications. The benefits derived from the use of these products as well as their modes of action will be described by the following international speakers: Dr Tom Shryock of Elanco, Dr Karin Naehrer of Biomin, Dr David Bravo of Pancosma and Dr Peter Plumstead of Danisco.

There will be two presentations, the first of their kind for our WPSA Scientific Day, that are designed to look into the future, for the benefit of the poultry industry. The first is by Dr Ferdi Meyer of the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy who will discuss the

future availability of feed ingredients for poultry in South Africa, and the second is by the Chairman of the South African Poultry Association, Kevin Lovell, who will discuss the future of the poultry industry in South Africa.

We are fortunate this year to have the President of the WPSA, Dr Bob Pym, to open the meeting, which has become one of the most important scientific meetings in South Africa for the poultry community.

Rob Gous

South Korea

The members of the South Korean Branch, including Drs. Jae-Hong Kim (President) and Dr. Jae Yong Han (Secretary) had arranged for the possibility of having the tenth Asian Pacific Poultry Conference held on Jeju Island, Korea. South Korea was chosen to be the host country in spite of a keen competition with Singapore. Korea had previously served as the host nation for the APPC back in 1993, and will now provide a memorable venue for the 10th APPC in 2014.

The beautiful Jeju island remains free from avian influenza (A.I.) based on results of the A. I. testing and an elegant site as a UNESCO World Heritage. Moreover, the international convention centre of Jeju is famous for its spectacular view of the ocean and well-equipped fabulous accommodations. This spectacular convention centre and resort is located in the Jungmun Sightseeing Complex at the south end of the Jeju Special Self-governing Province, the best resting place in Korea. Jeju Island has a mild climate that attracts travellers from all over the world. The hotel provides excellent service and amenities for its guests and easy access to the island's natural attractions.

Dr. Jae Yong Han, Secretary, WPSA South Korean Branch

Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan branch held its Annual Scientific Session on 23rd July 2011 at the Hotel Ramada, Seeduwa. The Morning session included a theme seminar on 'Re-emerging Diseases in Poultry,' and the afternoon session was dedicated to the presentation of submitted papers. The Chief

Guest for the session was the Director General/ Department of Animal Production & Health, Dr W.K. de Silva. The proceedings began with the lighting of the traditional oil lamp and singing of the national anthem of Sri Lanka.

During the first Session, presentations were made by three guest speakers. Dr R.W.A.W. Mulder, the Secretary General of WPSA who graced the occasion as a guest speaker and delivered the keynote address, on the 'global situation of (re)-emerging diseases in poultry'. He also provided a very informative presentation on 'current *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* situations in the poultry meat industry, regulations and strategies for reduction.' Additional presentations were made by Dr S.P. Wimalasiri a local expert, on 'An Incidence of Serial Outbreaks of Colibacillosis in Broiler Breeders Flocks' which highlighted the current problem of *E coli* infections in the region; and by Dr H.C. Chin who is a founder member of the branch and is now based in Singapore with Malvolia (Pvt) Ltd. Dr Chin spoke on 'recent outbreaks of Newcastle disease in Asia and possible control measures.' His presentation gave food for thought on the pathogenicity of Newcastle disease and the efficacy of the currently available vaccines and their effectiveness in combating a newly emerging virus that may be a mutant form.

The presentations were followed by a panel discussion which was very helpful to the participants, who were all involved with the poultry industry as veterinarians, consultants, farmers and other industry stakeholders.

The second session consisted of research presentations that were chaired by Prof. Preenie Abeynayake, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Peradeniya. Ten papers were presented by Academics, Researchers, and officials of the Dept of Animal Production & Health. Four of the papers were on sub clinical necrotic enteritis, one on chicken anaemia, two on the quality of rice polish, one on hatchery sanitation, one on market analysis of meat, and one on protein adulteration. The papers included; investigation of hygiene status of six broiler hatcheries in Sri Lanka; can the dietary proteins primarily affect the incidence of sub-clinical necrotic enteritis in broiler chickens?; use of locally produced competitive exclusion agent to control sub- clinical necrotic enteritis in broiler chickens?; does the dietary protein

digestibility affect the severity of sub-clinical necrotic enteritis in broiler chickens?; dose response of competitive exclusion agent on spontaneously occurring and experimentally induced sub- clinical necrotic enteritis; chicken infectious anaemia – an emerging threat to poultry industry; nutrient and mineral composition of different types and forms of rice polish available in Sri Lanka; performance of broilers fed with different levels of red and white rice polish; adulteration of major protein supplements with non protein nitrogen compounds in poultry feeds; preliminary findings and market analysis of poultry meat: supply and demand.

Over 100 participants both members and non-members of the branch attended the sessions, and the executive committee thanks the participants and sponsors for all of their generous contributions that made the event a great success. The event concluded with fellowship and dinner.

Dr Mrs A.L. Godwin

United Kingdom

The annual meeting of the UK branch of the WPSA was held on 4th and 5th April 2011. This annual event is a scientific meeting where current research into poultry is presented by both established and younger members of the academic community. A specific session for industry speakers is included to encourage dialogue between the researchers and industry.

As in previous years the meeting was held in conjunction with BSAS (British Society for Animal Science) and a joint session was included in the programme to bring the two societies together. A new element this year was the inclusion of the AVTRW (Association of Veterinary Teachers and Research Workers) and ASF (Animal Sciences Forum) with support from the BBSRC (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council). This allows the inclusion of poultry papers from other research organisations to be readily included in the WPSA programme subject to review by the programme committee.

Jubilee Campus at Nottingham University was the venue for the meeting this year and superb facilities were made use of. Three auditoriums in the Exchange Building hosted

the plenary and submitted papers sessions with additional rooms accommodating the poster sessions for WPSA and BSAS. On site student halls of residence and the hotel style facilities of the National College on campus provided a range of accommodation to meet the needs of all.

Attendance at this year's meeting was up on previous years at 88 registered delegates and a welcome boost for the hard work put in by the programme committee in organising both the scientific programme and the logistics of the new venue.

The programme provided 19 submitted original oral presentations of 20 to 25 minutes, a selection of 15 short oral poster presentations of 3 minutes each. These were selected from 52 posters that were submitted. The 2 invited industry speakers covered practical nutrition and layer veterinary aspects. As in previous years the joint session organised between WPSA and BSAS covered an area of mutual interest for the respective delegates and 4 speakers delivered papers on the interactions between intestinal microflora and the body in humans, ruminants, pigs and poultry.

Delegates from all associations were invited to attend the Hammond Memorial lecture 'Food Security in the 21st Century' delivered by Prof Sir John Beddington, this was followed by the Gordon Memorial Lecture 'Commercial Scale Assessment of Poultry Welfare' delivered by Prof Marian Dawkins. After these two eminent speakers there was the Gordon Memorial Reception followed by the WPSA Annual Dinner which was held at the National College and catered to a very high standard.

At the dinner appreciation was given for the hard work of the entire programme committee in organising such a hugely successful event was made. The retirement of the associations Treasurer, Dr Kelvin McCracken was marked and a gift of chickens and goats for a community aid project in Africa was made. We shall miss the help that Kelvin has provided and are grateful for his many years of service. President's prizes were awarded to Demetra Lund for her paper 'Assessing the repeatability of a measurement of vitelline membrane strength in a white egg laying pedigree population.' Also to Laura Dixon for her poster presentation 'Using conditioned placed aversion techniques as a novel tool for

measuring affective states: broiler breeders find unpredictable wind aversive'.

The meeting will be held at the same venue in 2012 on the 24th/25th April, details for submission of papers and posters as well as registration details will be available on the UK WPSA web site www.wpsa-uk.com.

Stephen Lister

USA

The USA Branch held its annual membership meeting during the annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association in St. Louis, MO, during July, 2011. Since the Branch is now a part of PSA, two items had been submitted to the PSA Constitution Committee related to the operation of the WPSA Branch for discussion and a vote during the PSA Annual Membership Meeting. Those included a change in Article 10, Section 7, of the PSA Constitution to change the term 'councillors' to 'representatives' so that the wording would be in agreement with the new WPSA Constitution. The second change proposed in Article 7 was to change the terms of WPSA-USA Committee officer's from 4 years to 2 years. Both of these changes were approved at the PSA membership meeting on July 18, 2011.

The USA Branch will again be sponsoring Member Travel Grants to the 2012 World's Poultry Congress that will be held in Salvador Brazil during the summer of 2012. In order to qualify for those travel grants, one must be an active dues paying member of the Branch during 2011, and must submit and abstract and have it accepted for a presentation or poster that will be made at the Congress. Please see the update on the Brazil Congress for the deadline for the submission of your abstract. The Branch will be in contact with the membership as to how to apply for the travel grants.

Inductions into the International Poultry Hall of Fame (IPHF) will take place during the 2012 World's Poultry Congress. The WPSA-USA branch can nominate up to two individuals for election into the IPHF. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2011, so nominations will be solicited from the WPSA-USA membership through the PSA Newsletter with a deadline of October 31,

2011. This will allow time for review of the nominations received prior to the deadline for submission to WPSA.

The Cliff Carpenter Student Essay contest was reviewed by Bob Taylor who has volunteered to Chair this student Contest for a travel Award to the World's Poultry Congress. Notification of the Carpenter Student Essay Contest will be made through the PSA Newsletter procedure. The topic of the contest this year is 'How a poultry science career can make a global difference'. It was moved and approved that the awards be increased from three to four, with at least two awards being targeted for Undergraduate students. For each of these \$2000 awards, \$1000 is provided by WPSA-

USA and \$1000 from the student's department. The deadline for submission of application of materials is 1 October 2011. Application details will be forthcoming from the USA Branch.

The USA Branch has submitted a letter to the General Secretary of WPSA indicating that the Branch will be submitting a bid to hold a World's Poultry Congress in the USA during the year 2020. Volunteers were solicited from the membership, and a Committee, chaired by Dr. Don Conner of Auburn University, has been put in place to prepare the bid that is due by December 31 of this calendar year.