

---

# 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](http://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](http://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, 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.

In 2011 the Speakers' Bureau has been extended to include speakers for Working Group meetings in both the European and Asian Pacific Federation.

A Branch (or group of Branches) may either identify a speaker to invite or seek the advice of WPSA in the selection of an appropriate speaker.

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.

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.
- Where the Branch (or group of Branches) has identified a speaker that they would like to invite, the *Curriculum Vitae* of that speaker must be submitted on the WPSA Speakers Bureau Speakers CV 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.
- The speaker must be given an assignment dealing with the students at the Conference.
- 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.
- 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.
- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat ([wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or can be downloaded from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl).

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## Branch Development Proposal

In the Board meeting held during WPC2016 in Beijing, China, the Board decided to increase the funds available for Branch Development by making a formal call for Branch Development Proposals.

The maximum budget for a proposal is US \$2,000.

### What can you propose?

Some examples:

- Development of a Branch website and start-up expenses
- Organize activities to revitalize your branch
- Support to communicate with members
- Six months budget for secretarial assistance, stationary etc.

A Branch can receive this award once a year, for a maximum of 3 awards.

In cases where numerous branch projects are being evaluated, preference will be given to first time applicants.

If your proposal is awarded, you have to send in a report on how the money was utilized.

### Deadlines

Deadlines for submission are January 1st and July 1st.

### How to apply?

Please send your proposal and budget with itemized expenses (in US\$) to Dr Roel Mulder ([roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com)).

## European Poultry Conference 2018

The WPSA- Croatian Branch is fully engaged in the organisation of EPC 2018 that will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on September 17-21, 2018.

The branch is pleased to announce that the registration and abstract submission for the XV EPC 2018 is now open and will be held at the Valamar Hotels and Resorts in Dubrovnik,

Croatia, from 17th to 21st September 2018. It is anticipated to attract more than 1,000 participants from all over the world, involved in poultry research and production.

Delegates are encouraged to register before 30th of April 2018 and to take advantage of early bird rates. Special registration fees apply for WPSA members and students. More

information can be found on the web site [www.epc2018.com](http://www.epc2018.com). If you are interested to participate or to sponsor EPC 2018, please visit [www.epc2018.com](http://www.epc2018.com).

#### *Important dates*

Deadline for Abstract Submission: February 28th, 2018

Notification of Acceptance: April 15th, 2018

Early registration deadline: April 30th, 2018

#### *Conference topics*

- Economics and Marketing
- • Nutrition
- Breeding and Genetics
- Eggs safety and quality
- Poultry meet quality and safety
- Reproduction and incubation
- Poultry health
- Poultry housing and management
- Poultry welfare
- Turkeys
- Education and information
- Physiology
- Family poultry production
- Antibiotic resistance
- Other

The WPSA Croatian Branch looks forward to welcoming you to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**World Waterfowl Conference, 22-25 October 2017**

The 6th World Waterfowl Conference was held from 22-25 October 2017 in Taipei, Taiwan, and it was organised by Jeng-Fang Huang (Chairman 6th WWC, Taiwan) and Shu-Yin Wang (Co-Chairman, 6th WWC). With the support of the 6th WWC committee, the organisers invited an early-career researcher to serve as the keynote speaker: Roger Rouvier. The main themes of the WWC were biosecurity, environmental friendliness, and sustainability for waterfowl production. Four different fields of expertise were covered during the conference, including; genetics and breeding, nutrition and feeding, food processing and safety, and disease and its prevention. A total of 380 waterfowl specialists from 20 countries participated in the conference.

The Asia Pacific WG2 meeting was held during the WWC. During this meeting selection was made regarding the winning bid for hosting the 7th World Waterfowl Conference: The Indonesia Branch will serve as the host for that Conference. In addition, an election was held to appoint a new Chairperson for the Asian Pacific Federation's WG2 Committee, and Dr Hardi Prasetyo from the Indonesia Branch will serve in that capacity. He will be the 3rd Chair for the WG2 Committee.

*Dr Jeng-Fang Huang, Chairperson*

## Branch News

### France

The French Branch of WPSA would like to announce that the Early Sponsoring for the World Poultry Congress that will be held in Paris, France (WPC2020) is now open. Please see the details below if you are interested in serving as a Sponsor for the Congress. The organising committee for the WPC in France would like to invite delegates to participate in the upcoming World Poultry Congress that will be held from the 16th to the 20th of August 2020 in the romantic and energetic city of Paris. The organisers expect to have over 3,000 guests attend WPC2020 from all over the world who are involved with all sectors of poultry production. Experts, scientists, researchers and production specialists will attend to share their most recent findings. A

major advantage of attending such a great event is, of course, the opportunities it provides for networking with a variety of poultry leaders.

For our commercial partners, WPC2020 will provide an immense opportunity for increasing and leveraging their visibility to many members of the worldwide poultry industry. If you are interested in doing so, we are delighted to provide you with our first offer for becoming an 'Early Sponsor' for the Congress.

Our objective for our sponsoring partners is to provide them with three key advantages:

- The duration of visibility has been extended: three years before the event, sponsoring partner companies will be visible in all of our communications

(events, general assembly, website), in a visible and fashionable way.

- The visual impact to the guests will be tripled. By being an early sponsor, your company will appear in three categories.
- Payment can be split into four budget years, i.e.: 2017/2018/2019/2020 and can be paid in equal amounts for each year. This allows the partners to have better flexibility and better planning for their operational expenses. In return, the early sponsor is eligible for a 20% discount in 2017.

If you are interested and want to know more about this opportunity, please contact us at: [wpsafrance@wpsa.fr](mailto:wpsafrance@wpsa.fr) or [N.Taleb@clq-group.com](mailto:N.Taleb@clq-group.com). The organisers are excited about seeing all of you in Paris, and are hoping you will join our community of business partners to make Paris 2020 a great success for the Poultry Industry. For more information: <http://www.wpcparis2020.com/>.

### Israel

The 52nd annual conference of the Israeli Branch was held at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv at the end of October 2017. During the two day conference, 54 presentations were made in 12 sessions that covered different poultry science disciplines, including: health; nutrition; immunology; reproduction, incubation and physiology; product quality; and production of broilers, layers and turkeys. Round table discussions focused on two current issues faced by the broiler industry in Israel: avoiding economic losses due to overproduction, and broiler production without antibiotics.

The conference was honoured with three overseas guests. Prof. Werner Bessei (from Hohenheim University in Germany, and one of the Vice Presidents of WPSA) who shared his experience and vast knowledge in the field of poultry welfare and genetics. Prof. Birger Svihus (from the Agricultural University Norway, and the current President of the European Federation) reviewed important nutritional issues including his recent findings with regard to the digestive track's function and how those functions affect the feeding of broilers. Dr Peter Van Horne (from Wageningen University in The Netherlands, who is Chairman of the European Federation's Working Group No 1 on Economics) presented his economic models

for comparing broiler production costs in different countries, as well as the costs of egg layer production in different housing systems.

An award of appreciation was given to Prof. Dan Heller for his contributions in the field of immunology and veterinary medicine, and for his active participation in the WPSA Israeli Branch's activities over the years.

In Memory of Dr Shimon Perk, Chief of the Israeli Poultry Veterinarian Service, who unfortunately passed away this year, a special award was given to his family for his contributions to the poultry industry, as well as for his membership on the Board of the Israel Branch.

During the conference, 27 Israeli companies exhibited their unique products for the poultry industry: pharmaceuticals, feed additives, housing equipment and climate control. The conference was attended by approximately 500 participants, including: students and scientists from academic and research institutes, poultry producers, veterinarians, extension specialists and representatives of commercial companies serving the poultry industry. Evening social activities included lectures on Israel's current issues by two popular journalists.

*Yitzhak Malka, Secretary - WPSA Israel Branch*

### South Africa

The South African Branch hosted their 35th scientific day on 1 November 2017 at the CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria, following the AFMA Symposium on 31 October. The theme was 'Unlocking the Nutritional Potential of Poultry Feed' and was attended by approximately 360 delegates from the local and international poultry industry. The association's annual general meeting was also held on this day. Marthinus Stander, chief executive officer of Country Bird Holdings, set the scene for delegates by giving an overview of the current conditions in the local poultry industry.

He was followed by Prof. Mingan Choct from the University of New England, Australia, who discussed the latest developments in net energy systems. The potential benefits that net energy systems could have for broiler production includes a smaller environmental footprint and commercial advantages. Net energy systems allow a new way of approaching poultry diets and feed formulation, overcoming the inherent

limitations of the current reliance on digestible energy or apparent metabolisable energy (AME) values.

Prof. Gonzalo G. Mateos from the University of Madrid, Spain spoke about energy evaluation of ingredients in practice. He presented a second talk in the afternoon on factors affecting the nutritive value and quality control of soya bean meal in poultry feed. Prof. Julian Wiseman from the University of Nottingham, UK, whose research focuses on the evaluation of materials for monogastric animal feed, gave an overview of how the animal feed industry can extract the full potential from fats and oils in feed formulations.

Michaël Roualt, global product manager at Chr. Hansen in Denmark, who discussed the

use of probiotics in broiler production, said: *"It is not a matter of if South Africa will move away from antibiotic use in poultry production, but when."* According to Roualt, in only two years poultry production in the United States has moved from 9% antibiotic-free production to 40%.

This year the South African WPSA branch was able to provide two students via the Barnard-Gous Scholarship. The bursaries were awarded to Julia Tlou from the University of Pretoria and Mmokela Mashiane from the University of KwaZulu-Natal who will each receive R15,000 towards their postgraduate studies in the field of poultry science.

*Ursula Human, AFMA Matrix.  
Nicola Tyler, Branch Secretary*