
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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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).

WPSA Scholarship Awards 2016

The Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science of the Netherlands Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association has announced that the sixth group of awards will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to be organized from September 5-9, 2016 in Beijing, China. The awards are this time made in each of two categories – Education and Research - which form part of the wording on the WPSA logo. An internationally representative committee chosen by the Board of the Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science will decide on recipients. While it is anticipated that one award will be made in each category, this may vary depending on the number and quality of submissions.

WPSA Research Award

A WPSA Research Award will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to an outstanding scientist in recognition of research achievement related to the poultry industry. Only those who have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made will be eligible. The award will consist of a suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US\$ 12 000).

The award will be made to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution in his or her field and will be based on up to five publications in refereed journals. The papers need not all relate to the same research project but they must be in the same general area. The scientist must be the senior author in the case of papers with multiple authors.

Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member. Offprints or copies of the papers (up to five) on which it is based should accompany the nomination (other relevant papers may be cited). The nomination document, which should not exceed 1000 words, should include:

- reasons for making the nomination;
- a brief biography of the scientist being nominated;
- plans for the utilization of that part of the award not given directly to the recipient.

These plans must be in sufficient detail to enable the awards Committee to assess the

nature and value of the research programme. Examples of eligible costs include the purchase of leasing of equipment and stipends for graduate students.

WPSA Education Award

A WPSA Education Award will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to an individual or group who, in the view of the Awards Committee, has/have made a major contribution to poultry management education in a five year period immediately preceding a World's Poultry Congress. Nominees (or leaders of groups in the case of joint nominations) must have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made. The award will consist of a suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US\$ 12 000).

Education will be interpreted liberally with achievement being represented by books, other publications, films, videos or the development of training programmes for poultry scientists, managers or workers. Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member and should consist of:

- a description of the work, summarized in not more than 1000 words, which should give details of the educational project (including information on the target group or groups);
- a brief biography of the individual or group (max 1 page A4)
- an assessment of how much impact has been achieved;
- a clear indication of how the balance of the award would be applied to future educational activities. Examples might include publications, extension of courses, revision of videos etc., or entirely new initiatives.

The nominating document may be supported by additional items in the form of written or other work by the nominee/nominee group, but the nomination itself must be sufficient to stand-alone for evaluation by the Awards committee.

Nominations

Nominations should be submitted to the WPSA Awards Committee at least six months before

the start of the 2016 World's Poultry Congress. The deadline for receipt of submissions will be March 1st, 2016. Please send nominations to: c/o Dr R.W.A.W. (Roel) Mulder, Secretary WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: roel.mulder@wpsa.com.

To show how awards are utilized, those nominated must, if successful, undertake to present a report of their work at the next World's Poultry Congress following the one at which the award was made.

World Poultry Congress 2016 announces its registration fees

The World Poultry Congress that will be held in Beijing, China during 2016 has announced the following schedule for registration fees:

Category	By March 5th, 2016	March 6th to August 5th, 2016	On-site
WPSA Member	\$500	\$600	\$700
Non-member	\$680	\$800	\$850
Student Member	\$200	\$300	\$400
Student Non-member	\$300	\$400	\$500
Single Day	\$180	\$200	\$250
Accompanying Person	\$180	\$200	\$240

Youth Programme: Thirty students will be awarded with full registration to WPC2016, accommodation and one-week visiting in China after congress. Note: Flight tickets are not included.

Young Scientist Programme: Twenty young scientists under 35 years old, the members of WPSA, who work in poultry science relevant fields, will be awarded with full registration to WPC2016, accommodation, and round trip economy air fare tickets.

Important Dates: Open for registration: From September 5th, 2015. Open for paper

submission: September 5th, 2015 to February 5th, 2016.

Official website: <http://www.wpc2016.cn>

Dr J. Zheng, Secretary, China Branch, WPSA

XXI European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat and XVI European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products

The French branch of the World's Poultry Science Association hosted the XXI European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat and the XVI European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products, held in the city of Nantes, France on May 10-13, 2015.

There were approximately 220 delegates from more than 35 different countries, with five continents represented. There were three plenary sessions at the beginning of each day focusing on the consumers perceptions towards consumption of poultry products (invited speaker: G. Tacken, LEI Wageningen UR, NL); the current poultry meat and egg safety issues (J. Rodgers from APHA, UK and K. De Reu from ILVO, Belgium); and the sustainability of poultry production systems (B. Redlingshöfer and M. Tichit from INRA, France). There were eight parallel sessions addressing different *ante-mortem* factors that affect safety and quality of poultry meat and eggs, issues when they are used as raw materials for manufacturing processed food products, and in relation to legislation and consumer perception. These sessions were generally opened by a keynote speaker followed by free oral communications. In addition, there were almost 100 scientific papers presented in the form of posters. There was an excellent atmosphere of interaction among the guest speakers, student groups and scientists, producers, and as well as with personnel from private enterprises.

A book of abstracts and a electronic proceedings of the symposia were given to the participants. Abstracts can be also accessed on the following link: www.eggmeat2015.com/USBhome/. The next Egg and Meat Symposia will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland during September 2017.

Branch News

Hungary

A series of events for the World Poultry Day in Hungary were organised by the Hungarian branch of WPSA and the Hungarian Poultry Products Board (BTT) for the second time this year. From this event, the two organisations were able to focus attention on the efforts of the poultry sector in providing good nutritional products for the people in our country and for the rest of the World.

Several years ago, the BTT declared that the 10th of May would serve as the World Poultry Day for a number of international organisations. The idea was supported by the Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU (AVEC), by the International Poultry Council (IPC) and also by the scientific world organisation for the poultry sector, the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA). As a result of that declaration, the events of the first World Poultry Day were organised by the WPSA and BTT in Hungary.

The venue for this series of events was Vajdahunyad castle in Budapest. Presentations included the worldwide poultry situation, possibilities of development of the poultry sector in Europe, and the opinions of consumers about poultry meat. The State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture György Czerván and the Chairman of the National Chamber of Agriculture (NAK), Balázs Gyórfy, attended the event. The conference was opened by Peter Horn, a member of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and the current president of the Hungarian Branch of WPSA. The aim of World Poultry Day is to direct attention to the undertakings of the poultry sector that play an increasingly important role in the food supply for the world. The responsibility of the food production sector – including the poultry production sector – is to satisfy the basic need for food for nine billion people that are estimated to be alive in 2050. Presentations were made by Cees Vermeeren, secretary general of A.V.E.C., Liliane de Nie, market intelligence officer, Marel Stork Poultry Processing and Prof. Dr. Szakály Zoltán from the University of Debrecen.

Péter Földi, Secretary Hungarian Branch

Israel

Jubilee Poultry Science Convention. At the end of May 2015, the Israeli branch celebrated its 50th annual convention in Jerusalem. During the three day conference, 16 sessions were held covering disciplines including poultry diseases and prevention; nutrition; immunology; reproduction, incubation and physiology; and the production of broiler and laying hens, with a retrospective review on the development and achievements in each of these areas during the past 50 years. Round table discussions focussed on issues concerning the poultry industry in Israel such as the future of the broiler industry and monitoring and control of *Salmonella* in poultry production. The annual convention was honoured to invite three overseas guests: Prof. Paul Siegel from Virginia Tech University who shared his background and vast knowledge in the field of poultry genetics and breeding, Prof. Todd Applegate from Purdue University who reviewed the topic of nutritional recommendations and lectured on the effects of mycotoxins in the intestinal tract, and Dr. Lesley Larkin from the UK who enlightened us on methods and insights of *Salmonella* control in the UK. A special award of appreciation was given to Prof. Avigdor Cahaner for his contributions in the field of poultry science, and for his numerous activities in the WPSA.

During the convention 26 companies presented their products. The number of participants was approximated 620, and they included producers, representatives of several commercial companies, members of the extension service and scientists. The evening social activities included a talented trio who sang popular Israeli songs and and a humorous lecture on 'Excellency in a Competitive Environment'.

During the past year the Israeli branch conducted two separate half day symposia on different topics including shell quality, egg washing, egg grading and treatment practices; and on the effects and implications of the REO virus on the production of Kosher broilers.

*Yitzhak Malka
Secretary - WPSA Israel Branch*

Italy

The Italian Branch of WPSA organised the 51st edition of its annual meeting entitled 'Italian poultry breeds, national resource of animal biodiversity: Business opportunity or just a hobby?'. The meeting was held in Forlì on April 16th 2015 in conjunction with the 49th edition of 'Fieravicola', the International Poultry Exhibition (www.fieravicola.com). The presentations can be accessed at www.wpsa.it.

At the end of the meeting, the general assembly elected its officers for the next three years (2015-2017). They include President: Martino Cassandro (University of Padua); Vice-Presidents: Franco Calini (Consultant for feed industry); Secretary/Treasurer: Massimiliano Petracci (University of Bologna); Members: Francesco Biguzzi, Cesare Castellini, Silvia Cerolini, Paolo Chignola, Margherita Marzoni Fecia Di Cossato, Achille Schiavone, Federico Sirri, Ghassan Sayegh. College of the revisers include Valentina Ferrante, Manuela Gualtieri, Ruggero Moretti

The Italian Branch is grateful to Achille Franchini who has served the Branch with enthusiasm and efficiency as former president since 2003.

Massimiliano Petracci

Japan

The 2015 Spring Meeting of the Japanese Poultry Science Association (JPSA) was held at Utsunomiya University on March 30. The meeting included a total of 55 original research presentations, a luncheon seminar as well as council and general meetings. The number of attendees totalled 178. Several 'Excellent Presentation Awards' were made under the category of 'students' or 'members aged 30 or below,' including for 'Meat quality analysis in chickens for future finding of QTLs - Focused on nucleic acid-related substances' by Takashi Ono (Hiroshima University); 'Egg production and IgY transport ability in bursectomised chickens having low endogenous IgY levels' by Takahito Hamano (Nagoya University); 'Combined effects of electrolyzed reduced water and organic selenium on growth performance and oxidative stress in broiler chickens exposed to chronic heat stress' by Ryohei Matsuno (Tohoku University); and 'Antibacterial effect

of chestnut bark against *Campylobacter jejuni*' by Kosuke Takahashi (Iwate University). The JPSA would like to congratulate all presenters who received awards.

A luncheon seminar entitled 'Current state of layer breeding improvement and a scenario behind the import of breeder chicks' was presented by Dr. Naoki Goto, Area Manager, ISA Japan (a Hendrix Genetics Company). More than 60 scientists attended, and, after the presentation, an active discussion was held where the audience relayed their experiences of the current breeding technologies implemented by the breeding companies.

The Autumn Meeting of JPSA will be held at Rakuno Gakuen University in Hokkaido during 9-10 September. The meeting will contain an open symposium, as well as council and general meetings. The tentative title of the symposium is 'Current status and issues of the animal welfare for meat-type chicken production'.

Naoki Goto, Secretary of WPSA Japan Branch

Lebanon

The Lebanon Branch of WPSA held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at the Lancaster Hotel in Hazmieh, a suburb of Beirut. There were 54 members and guests in attendance.

The meeting was chaired by the President, Dr. Nuhad J. Dagher, who welcomed the members and their guests and brought up the need for greater awareness on the part of the Lebanese consumer on the nutritional value of poultry meat and eggs. He emphasised that the Lebanon Branch in cooperation with the local Poultry Syndicate should organize campaigns for increasing local consumption of eggs and poultry meat. He stated that the *per capita* consumption of eggs in Lebanon is less than 150 and the per capita poultry meat consumption is less than 15 kgs. He introduced the secretary Mr. A. Mishlawi who read the report of the year's activities describing mainly the 4th MPS, which was held in Beirut September 2-5, 2014. A slide show was presented showing the activities of the Summit. The treasurer, Mr. Samir Cortbawi, distributed the financial report and explained the different items. Both reports were accepted and approved by the General Assembly. This was followed by elections of

executive committee members which resulted in the same members being re-elected.

The chairman introduced the speakers and thanked Elanco and their representative Mr. Wissam Halabi for their sponsorship. Both lectures were very informative and very timely, since Lebanon has been going thru a series of food poisoning cases and the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and Economy have been clamping down on violators all over the country. All three of these Ministries are involved in food safety regulatory issues.

The meeting ended with a superb buffet lunch at the Hotel attended by all present.

*Nuhad J. Daghir, President
WPSA- Lebanon Branch*

Russia

On May 19-21 in Sergiev Posad (Moscow Region, Russia) the XVIII International Scientific Conference of the Russian Branch of WPSA was held at the All Russian Poultry Research Institute (VNITIP), which is the leading centre of poultry science and development in Russia and in its neighbouring countries. Like previous events, the XVIIIth Conference attracted numerous participants from research institutes, universities and other educational institutions, directors and specialists of agro-holding companies, and from industrial-type poultry enterprises, feedmills, veterinary organisations, suppliers of poultry equipment, materials and services, and the media from various regions of the Russian Federation. Traditionally the conferences of the Russian branch are actively attended by foreign participants. This year the conference included approximately 350 delegates, among which were 29 scientists and specialists from the following 15 foreign countries (Austria, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, UK, France, Turkey, Israel, Spain, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Romania).

The conference was jointly organised by the Russian Branch of WPSA (NP 'Poultry Scientific Center'), the All-Russian Poultry Research Institute, the Russian Poultry Union, and the German Agricultural Society (DLG) under the title 'Innovative backing of egg and poultry meat production in Russia'.

The General Secretary of the WPSA, Roel Mulder, took part in the opening ceremony for the Conference. He provided a welcome speech

on behalf of the WPSA. Dr. Mulder frequently visits Russia and participates in most of the important events that are related to the WPSA in this country. His visit and speech once again reflected the importance of this Conference, not only for Russian specialists, but for the whole international poultry science community.

Professor Dr. Rüyeyde Akbay, President of the Turkish branch of WPSA (together with Dr. Tuncer and Dr. Mulder) participated in the conference as an honourable guest. In her welcoming speech she indicated that this was her first visit to Russia, and that she was very impressed by the number of participants attending the conference, their activities, and the variety of scientific topics. Particular impressive to Prof. Akbay was the Proceedings for the Conference which was printed as a 630 page book containing more than 200 abstracts.

Prof. Akbay informed the conference about the forthcoming conference that will be entitled: 'The Potential for Poultry Production in Developing Countries', which will take place on October 15-18, 2015 in Antalya, Turkey. That conference is being jointly organised by the Turkish and Russian Branches of WPSA and is expected to have a powerful impact on cooperation between the two branches. Especially as it relates to the distribution of knowledge among poultry specialists in developing and other countries. The organisers expect a broad international audience to attend the conference. Detailed information about this conference is available on the following web site www.pdc2015.com.

Another welcome speech was provided by Dr. Vugar Bagirov - Head of the Department of Coordination and Support of Scientific Investigations in Agricultural Sector of the FANO (Federal Agency of Scientific Organisations- a governmental body, which supervises and finances scientific activity in Russia). Dr. Bagirov wished a successful event for the Conference and for the poultry industry of the country.

On May 19th, three key presentations were made during the Plenary Session, one by the President of the Russian branch of WPSA, and the President of the Russian Poultry Union, Professor Vladimir Fisinin, on: 'Current state and future challenges for poultry production in Russia and worldwide'; the second was by Professor Dr. Rudolf Preisinger, Chief Geneticist and Managing Director of Lohmann Tierzucht GmbH, Germany, on:

'Genotypic factors and their influence on poultry productivity'; and the third was by Professor Dr. Peter Surai (SAC; Glasgow University: Feed-Food Ltd.), Scotland, on: 'Maternal effect from nutrigenomics to vitamins and chick quality'. All of these presentations attracted interest from the audience, and caused a lot of idea exchanges among the participants.

During the next two working days for the Conference the following sessions were held: Genetics and breeding, poultry nutrition-Technology of production and processing of eggs and poultry meat; veterinary and biosecurity; economics and management. In total, more than 70 oral presentations were made, which stimulated numerous questions and sometimes brisk discussions. The main goal of the conference, as a knowledge and information exchange, displaying of research results and developments of Russian and foreign scientists, was successfully attained. The next step will involve the introduction of some of the new concepts that were presented on the practice of poultry production.

We could like to thank the conference's sponsors, as without their support in organising such a major event, such a successful conference would not be possible. Many of the sponsors have acted as partners with the Russian branch of WPSA for many years. Among them are companies including Big Dutchman, Biotrof, AVONIK, BASF, Nutriad, Innovad, Lohmann Tierzucht, VIC, Baltisa, MegaMix, Biotrof, Avivac, Olmix and the North Caucasian Poultry Research Station.

During the conference new staff for the Executive Committee of the Russian branch were elected, totalling 11 persons, and confirmed as: Chair - Professor V. Fisinin; Deputy Chair - Professor I. Egorov; Secretary - Mrs. T. Vasilieva; Members - V. Guschin, E. Djavadov, I. Kochisch, G. Boblyyova, A. Osmanyanyan, D. Efimov, V. Kanivets, S. Cherepanov and I. Golubov

On the last day (May 21st), many of the participants went to Moscow to participate in VIV Russia-2015's International exhibition. On the 21st of May at the Crocus Centre, a special celebration ceremony was held to mark the 50th anniversary of industrial poultry production in Russia. Professor V. Fisinin highlighted all aspects of the development of

the poultry industry in Russia, and described the prospects for the industry's future, emphasising the role of science in its progress.

Prof. V.I. Fisinin, President of the Russian Branch of the WPSA

Tatyana Vasilyeva, Secretary of the WPSA Russian Branch

United Kingdom

The UK Branch held a very successful Annual Scientific Meeting and AGM in Chester on 14 and 15 April 2015. The meeting started with an opening address from the WPSA UK President, Dr Victoria Sandilands. The scientific meeting included over 35 presentations, as both offered and invited papers covering a wide variety of topics related to nutrition, welfare and health of poultry. The meeting was attended by over 90 delegates. The invited speaker session concentrated on metabolic diseases of poultry, including cardiovascular and muscle pathologies. The speakers were Malcolm Mitchell from SRUC and Daniel Parker an experienced poultry veterinarian.

The Joint WPSA/BSAS Industry session discussed the topical subject of methods of control of *Campylobacter* contamination of poultry flocks.

The Gordon Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Rob Gous of the University of Kwazulu-Natal speaking to the title of 'The appeal of using a modelling approach in directing poultry research'. The Branch held its Annual Conference Dinner at which Dr Sandilands paid a fitting tribute to Professor Sally Solomon who had been President and a longstanding member of the UK Branch and sadly passed away in February 2015.

WPSA UK is pleased to announce the 32nd Poultry Science Symposium that is scheduled to be held in the historic and scenic city of Cambridge in July 3 to 5, 2017. The theme of the symposium is 'Poultry feathers and skin – the past, present and future of poultry integument'. The programme committee is working to ensure that this informative symposium is of wide appeal to all in the poultry industry. Please follow updates regarding the symposium at www.wpsa-uk.com

XVII European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products

XXIII European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat,

3 to 5 September 2017
John McIntyre Conference Centre
Edinburgh University
Edinburgh
Scotland

Further details will appear on the WPSA UK website at www.wpsa-uk.com

Steve Lister, Branch Secretary

USA

The USA Branch of the WPSA is moving forward in the areas of professional development, international cooperation, and member support. We inhabit an ever increasingly global community in which the Branch allows us an opportunity for dialogue, networking, friendship and fun with like-minded people from around the world.

The Canadian and USA Branches of the WPSA are pleased and excited to announce the speaker and title of the WPSA Lecture to be presented on Wednesday morning, July 29th, during the 2015 PSA annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Professor David Raubenheimer (Leonard P. Ullman Chair in Nutritional Ecology and nutrition theme leader of the Charles Perkins Centre at the University of Sydney) will be presenting 'New Insight from Nutritional Ecology: Captive insects, wild primates, human obesity and animal feeds'. It is our expectation that the subject matter will be thought provoking, topical and useful for those in attendance.

There are two areas under the auspices of the WPSA that should interest poultry professionals. Any member of USA Branch of the WPSA can register with the speaker's bureau of the World Branch. WPSA branches from various countries often request speakers from the bureau to participate in scientific symposia. Those with interest should contact Dr. Bob Buresh, USA Branch Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, the European Federation and the Asian/Pacific Federation, have scientific working groups which provide the opportunity for scientists to network with professionals in their general area of expertise from around the world having similar interests. Dr. Chris Ashwell at North Carolina State University (cmashwell@ncsu.edu) can be contacted for guidance on how to proceed for anyone interested in learning more about the WPSA working groups.

It is not too early to begin making plans to participate in the 2016 World's Poultry

Congress to be held in Beijing. The China Branch of the WPSA and the Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine will co-host the event which is scheduled for September 5-9, 2016. The USA Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association wants to bring interesting and worthwhile opportunities to its membership with the objective of helping each member attain professional and personal growth.

Ernie Pierson, President, USA Branch
Bob Buresh, Secretary, USA Branch