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## President's message

It has been a busy time over the past few months! Issues concerning our Association, especially its future, have occupied your officers and I must praise all the hard work that has been done by them and our Mexican colleagues in relation to planning the upcoming world congress of the WVPA.

It is my great privilege to invite you to the 17th World Congress of the WVPA which is being held next year in Cancun, Mexico between 14th and 18th August 2011. Please consider this as my personal call to you to join me and your professional colleagues in Cancun for what promises to be a great congress. You will find the congress website at [www.wvpc2011cancun.org](http://www.wvpc2011cancun.org)

We are delighted that Mexico is hosting the first congress of WVPA in the Americas outside the USA and I hope there will be a strong attendance from that region to support the Mexicans. This event will attract scientific contributions from poultry disease experts, researchers and other industry professionals from around the world.

You can be assured that the scientific committee are preparing an exciting, comprehensive and high quality scientific program that will span all aspects of poultry health and production. I am sure that this congress will provide an excellent opportunity to promote collaborative research among colleagues from around the world, promote the careers of young researchers in the field of diagnosis and control of poultry diseases and, finally, build and strengthen our friendships and working relationships. In addition, you will be able to enjoy the unique rich culture of Mexico, its food, beautiful landscapes and historic sites. Therefore, please make your plans now to visit Mexico next August.

Please remember, this is YOUR Association! Our mission is to be the voice of the poultry health professionals all over the world. Without your support we cannot exist! What can you do to help WVPA move ahead? A key area is to encourage colleagues and other professionals you work with to become WVPA members. There are professional colleagues who would really benefit from WVPA membership. Your help in contacting these individuals would be greatly appreciated. We also need your help in increasing the involvement of students with our Association as these individuals are our future!

In closing, I enjoy hearing from you and I value your inputs, so please continue to share ideas and suggestions that can progress the evolution of our Association.

Finally, I would sincerely like to extend my best wishes and hope for a wonderful 2011 for each and every one of you! See you in Cancun!

**Prof. Dr Hafez M. Hafez**  
President of WVPA

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# Avian Pathology journal and the Houghton Trust



*This article is intended to provide a brief historical background to the connection between Avian Pathology journal, the WVPA and the Houghton Trust, which may be unfamiliar to newer WVPA members.*

Avian Pathology was established as the journal of the WVPA in 1972. Initially the production office was in the then Yugoslavia and editorial office in Czechoslovakia.

Professor Klimeš was the driving force for establishing the journal and the first Editor-in-Chief, but unfortunately he had to give up the responsibility because of ill health. I was appointed Editor-in Chief and established the Editorial Office in the UK. It was soon apparent that it was difficult and impractical to have the editorial and production offices in different countries.

After much searching a suitably experienced small printing company was found in England and the publishing of the journal was moved to the UK in 1974. The editorial and publishing costs had to be supported by subscriptions to the journal. In 1973 the Bureau of the WVPA agreed to lend the journal £800 to assist in its establishment and in 1975 the Bureau agreed to underwrite the journal for the sum of £1000.

However, these sums were never taken up and were small compared to the publishing costs of the journal. Therefore, with the agreement of the Bureau a charitable limited company, Avian Pathology Ltd, was formed in 1980 to financially protect the editors and Bureau members in the event of failure and to remove liability to tax.

From that time Avian Pathology has continued to be the official journal of the WVPA but is owned by the charitable company which later changed its name to the Houghton Trust Ltd.

This means that the Trustees of the Houghton Trust Ltd and its Committee of Management are responsible for the publishing of the journal and for its financial security. In 1991, with the agreement of the Bureau of the WVPA, publication was put in the hands of a professional publishing house.

Since that time it and its successors have published the journal on behalf of the Houghton Trust Ltd with whom the contract for the publishing of the journal is made. The

Editorial policy remains with the Houghton Trust Ltd and the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors. However, it has been and is the intent and policy of the Trustees to consult and inform the WVPA wherever possible on appropriate matters. Avian Pathology is now established as a leader amongst avian and veterinary science journals.

The Trust now has capital and income that allows it to support a number of charitable activities connected with the interests of the WVPA. At the moment the Trust supports promising young researchers throughout the world to make short training visits to laboratories and to attend appropriate scientific meetings to further their knowledge in avian disease. It also supports the Houghton Lecture at WVPA congresses. It is currently looking at other charitable activities it could support and would welcome suggestions from WVPA members.

**Peter M. Biggs**  
Chairman of the Houghton Trust Ltd

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# 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian branch of WVPA

The Poultry Health Association (PHA) of the Hungarian Veterinary Association (HVA) held a meeting at the SZIE Faculty of Veterinary Sciences to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

Many veterinarians, sponsors and invited guests participated despite unfavourable weather conditions. All registered participants received an exquisite jubilee booklet and the painting 'Poultry in the Farmyard' from István Kedves, that was specially commissioned for the occasion.

The event was opened by Johannes Brahms' Academic Festival Overture followed by the opening address of the President, János Benyeda.

He highlighted that the Hungarian Veterinary Association was founded by 33 enthusiastic veterinarians on the 15th of February 1880 and is still operating after certain inevitable 'side tracks'. Poultry health became a major factor within veterinary sciences only during the 1950s with the arrival of big scale poultry production. This was followed by the establishment of the Poultry Health Division 50 years ago.

The first president of the Division, the predecessor of the PHA was János Mészáros. The academic led the association for 44 years and is still actively involved today as its honorary president. The Association strives to strengthen solidarity within the veterinary profession through training, research and the publications of its members thereby fulfilling the aims of the HVA laid down in 1880.

The next speaker was Miklós Süth, Chief Veterinary Officer and State Secretary who said that the preceding generations of poultry health veterinarians have the right to claim that poultry health is a dominant field of veterinary sciences. This was and will be due to the outstanding performance of the members of the PHA in research, publications and field work. The fact that Hungary is the only country to have two scientists who had poultry diseases named after them (Marek's disease and Derzsy disease) shows the high standards of Hungarian poultry health sciences!

László Fodor, Dean of the SZIE Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and President of the HVA, thanked the members for their enthusiastic participation over the years which had made the PHA one of the most active associations within the HVA.



The next speaker, Professor Sándor Tuboly, emphasised the importance of zoonoses in poultry health, such as chlamydiosis, campylobacteriosis and, the most important food safety issue, salmonellosis.

László Kőrösi, secretary of the PHA read out the letter from Professor Mohamed Hafez, President of the WVPA congratulating the PHA on this jubilee event and appreciating its activities.

János Benyeda thanked academician János Mészáros, the founder and honorary president of the PHA for his 44 years of presidency with a signet ring depicting the number 50.

Professor János Mészáros was then the first speaker of the day, the subject of his talk was the 50-year history of the Association and its professional and scientific successes. He was followed by:

- Vilmos Palya and János Benyeda: Poultry Diseases of the Past 50 Years.
- Éva Ivanics, Róbert Glávits and Vilmos Palya: Infectious Diseases of the Goose.
- László Kerekes: Turkey Health Issues in Hungary.
- János Tanyi: Diseases of the Duck.
- Péter Horn: The Future of Poultry Breeding.
- Zoltán Sütő: Poultry in Art.

The event was ended by the closing address of János Benyeda, President of the PHA of the HVA.

**Dr László Kőrösi,**  
Secretary of the Hungarian Branch

Above, attendees at the Jubilee Meeting and, below, Prof. János Mészáros.





# The Australasian Veterinary Poultry Association

The AVPA covers two countries, New Zealand and Australia. October 2010 was the turn of New Zealand to host a scientific meeting and the chosen venue was Christchurch. Some 50 days before the meeting Christchurch experienced a major earthquake causing significant damage to the city's central business district.

After much agonising we decided to go ahead in the venue and were pleasantly surprised that all the speakers made it and we also had a good attendance.

There had been 1700 aftershocks since the big one and we had a Richter 5.6 quake during our stay. This was a novel experience for the Australians present, but the Kiwis seemed quite used to quakes!

New Zealand poultry production is largely disease free having neither IBD nor ND and apparently no virulent Marek's disease to contend with.

For this reason the meeting had a welfare stream and was fortunate to have excellent speakers from both Cobb and Aviagen. They spoke of the work that both companies are doing to improve the welfare characteristics of their birds.

Both groups have worked on the cardio-respiratory system to largely eliminate ascites, are selecting heavily for improving leg strength and are working on gait scores and ways to improve the immune functions of their birds.

On the second day we had some excellent science from the industry and government funded researchers from Australia and New Zealand.

The topics were diverse, and included Infectious Stunting Syndrome (ISS) presentations and pathology of two forms, prospects emerging for molecular manipulation of avian immunity, monitoring and quality control of campylobacter during processing and through to wild bird conservation programs operating in New Zealand.

The next meeting will be held in Sydney on 15th and 16th February 2011. We would like you all to take the opportunity to come down and be part of the meeting and then have a look at our large and sunny land!

We intend to have a major session on ILT, a disease for which interest and concern is currently increasing in numerous regions and for

which we would welcome hearing of the experiences and perspective from your country.

In Australia, after having enjoyed close control on production sites for some years, we are now having to wrestle with control of ILT.

It appears that this situation has come about as a direct result of having the layer industry in close proximity to our broilers.

The ability of the ILT herpesvirus to persist in vaccinated layers, and also to undergo periodic reactivation and spread of infectivity by varied routes makes control of ILT in broilers most difficult. While infected sites can be 'swamped' with vaccine in the broilers, it is now not uncommon to find ILT disease breaks out again a year or so later.

This is a most frustrating situation for avian veterinary practitioners who, for example, may have an infected broiler farm located only 250m away from a well run layer farm with 100% vaccination but can have a few birds showing clinical ILT.

In Australia the national biosecurity policy prevents international live vaccines coming in so we have only CEO (chick embryo origin) vaccines available for use in control.

On the east coast we continue to suffer from ISS in our broilers. Unfortunately, the viral cause(s) of ISS are not amenable to the development of procedures for eradication. Our layer industry is moving along with no significant disease problems being apparent (at present!).

As for the current broader economic picture for the poultry industry in Australia, it does appear that the prices for red meat may now be moving beyond the reach of many households for them to be eaten frequently.

Indeed sudden and quite severe rises in the cost of living in Australia during 2010 have tended to turn the consumer toward both the eggs and poultrymeat sectors of our industry. Eggs have been in relatively short supply for over a year, as has chicken meat for about the last 10 months.

Hatchings of both have increased dramatically but without producing the predicted surplus. As prices have remained good and we have also had a year of moderate feed prices, this has allowed the industry the margins to be able to afford to invest in plant and equipment to modernise the industry.

Ben Wells  
President AVPA

Trevor Bagust  
WVPA Bureau  
Member for AVPA

# Online masters in avian health and medicine

For most full time poultry veterinarians the concept of undertaking post graduate studies is a daunting prospect. Many are put off by lack of time, travelling and cost. Since qualifying in 2003 I have worked in full time poultry veterinary consultancy and have always endeavoured to expand my knowledge base and experience. After developing field and technical skills I was keen to learn more but there was not a course to suit my needs due to the long hours worked, busy on call rotas and having a need to be in geographical proximity of clients. Many post graduate certificates are aimed at production animal medicine and less focused on poultry and many masters require taking a year out to return to academia.

The University of Melbourne and University of Georgia offer a one year Post graduate Certificate in Avian Health which, once successfully completed, is used as the entrance requirement for the Masters in Avian Health and Medicine.

The course is conducted through an online

learning management system with timetabled guides to aid participants in time management through the components of the course meaning the participant does not have to leave their home! The course is well laid out with excellent graphics, on line seminars, exercises, fortnightly progress checks and monthly assessment tests all overseen by a unit supervisor with extensive poultry veterinary expertise.

The course work is made up of assignments, scores from monthly assessment tests and contributions to the active discussion forums between tutors and participants. At the end of each unit an exam is undertaken on line under exam conditions in a prearranged local university.

The Post Graduate Certificate can be achieved in one year and comprises two units – Poultry Industry Field Work and Poultry Pathology and the Diagnosis of Disease.

The Masters in Avian Health and Medicine covers avian microbiology and serology; food safety, public health, economics and international trade; advanced poultry medicine and disease management; avian research project and dissertation and continues for a further two years. Thus the Post Graduate Certificate and Masters in Avian Health can be gained in three years!

The course is thoroughly enjoyable and I have significantly expanded my knowledge base in poultry management, diagnosis, public health and trade through the excellent tutoring and high profile contributors to this unique course.

Having a greater understanding of the global poultry industry now gives me additional tools in consulting on a global level as well strengthening my current role.

I highly recommend this first class course to any poultry veterinarian with restricted time but wanting to develop their confidence and skills further.



Philip P. Hammond BVetMed, PGCert (Avian Health), MRCVS, Crowshall Veterinary Services, Norfolk, UK

Below: an informal tutorial for Masters students in Morocco

## 3rd Keith Gooderham Waterfowl Lecture

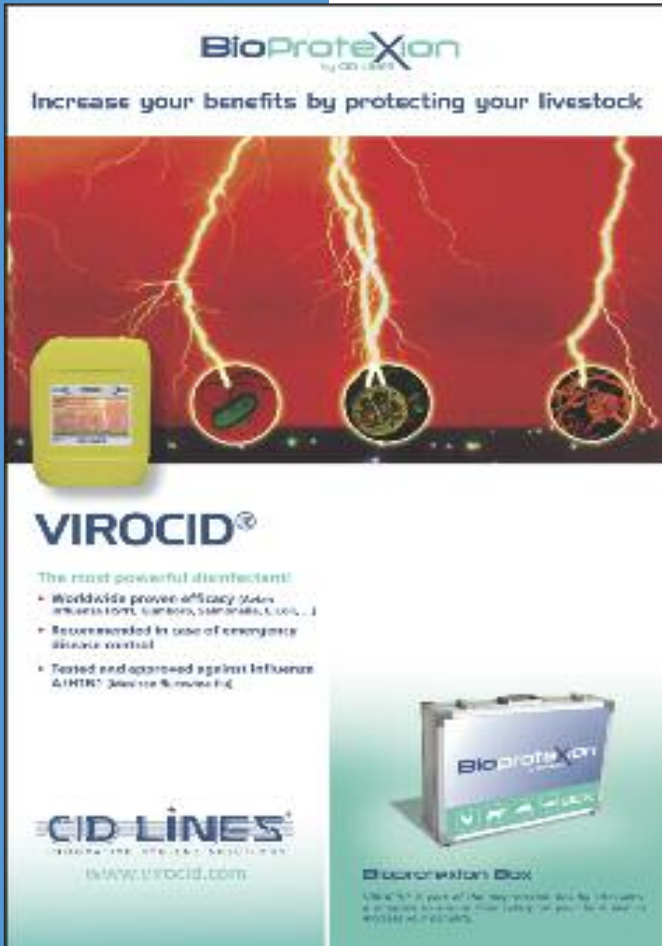
The British Veterinary Poultry Association recently hosted the 3rd Keith Gooderham Waterfowl Lecture. The lecture was entitled 'Control of Major Viral Diseases of Geese and Ducks' and was presented by Dr Vilmos Palya of Ceva-Phylaxia Veterinary Biologicals Co. Pictured below is Vilmos (left) receiving a commemorative cut glass bowl and certificate from Keith Gooderham.



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# The Turkish branch of the WVPA

The Turkish branch of the World Veterinary Association publishes a semi-scientific magazine quarterly in Turkish. The name of the magazine is Mektup Ankara and it has been running since 2003 ([www.vtd.org.tr](http://www.vtd.org.tr)).

In 2010 the Turkish branch of the World Veterinary Poultry Association organised two seminars. The first seminar entitled Poultry Meat and Egg Production: Targets and Potential Problems was held on the 16th June. The subjects discussed in three sessions emphasised production and exportation, food safety and human health. Some 150 delegates from industry, the public sector, NGOs and universities attended.

- The first session – New Targets of Production and Exportation – was chaired by Prof. Ahmet Ergun (President of the Turkish Branch of the Veterinary Poultry Association). A paper on production and exportation in the poultry meat sector was presented by Dr Sait Koca from the Poultry Meat Producers and Breeders Association-BESD-BIR and the egg sector was represented by Derya Pala from Egg Producers Union-YUM-BIR.
- The second session – Potential Problems Affecting Food Safety-I – was chaired by Assoc. Prof. Masum Burak (The General Director of the General Directorate of The Developing of Agricultural Production-TUGEM). The subject of GMO: True and False was presented by Prof. Hakan Yardımcı and the subject of salmonella and campylobacter infections in poultry was presented by Prof. Mehmet Akan.
- The third session – Potential Problems Affecting Food Safety-II – was chaired by Assoc. Prof. Muzaffer Aydemir (The General Director of the General Directorate of The Protection and Control-KKGM). The subject of main pathogens in poultry meat and egg and control strategies was presented by Prof. İrfan Erol and the importance of antibiotic resistance in bacteria and monitoring was presented by Prof. K. Serdar Diker.

The second seminar meeting, Poultry Diseases and Nutrition, was organised together with the American Soybean Association on the 15-16<sup>th</sup> September. Eight subjects were discussed in two days as shown below.

- Layers and broilers: recent developments

and future possibilities presented by Prof. Julian Wiseman.

- Commercial layer nutrition and management practices presented by Prof. Craig Coon.
- Difficulties of the diagnosis of broiler diseases on farm – what laboratory methods do we need and how to evaluate results presented by Dr Imre Horvath-Papp.
- Nutrient values of soybean meals from different origins and its implication on feed formulation presented by Salim Bootwalla, DVM.
- The ideal amino acid profile and requirement for broilers, commercial layers, and broiler breeders presented by Prof. Craig Coon.
- Optimising the nutritional value of raw materials: the example of full fat soy bean presented by Prof. Julian Wiseman.
- Difficult respiratory disease cases in broilers and their solutions presented by Dr Imre Horvath-Papp.
- Exogenous enzymes in poultry nutrition presented by Prof. Julian Wiseman.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erol Sengor

## US poultry health

Overall, the health of the US poultry flock is good with 42 day broiler livability averaging 95% or better nationwide (Agristat, March 2010). Some regional issues of respiratory disease occurred last winter with no clear major aetiological agent (no new IBV serotypes) identified. As the weather improved in spring, many of these issues resolved. There was a major move toward the use of coccidiosis vaccines in the summer of 2010 in broilers by several companies and it will be interesting to see how well that program works out.

New regulations for SE in commercial layers by the Food and Drug Administration began in July 2010 and for the broiler and turkey industry USDA has announced new regulations to lower the salmonella standard in the processing plant. The new broiler and turkey regulations will also include standards for campylobacter.



Jean-Pierre Brillard of France giving the lecture at the IX International conference

## Activities of the Czech branch of the WVPA

The Czech branch of WVPA was established in January 2001 at the State Veterinary Institute, Brno, which specialised in poultry diseases. After the Institute's restructuring, WVPA was moved to the Veterinary and Pharmaceutical University in Brno.

Each year, the Czech branch organises an international Spring Seminar and Autumn

Conference. The Spring Seminar is only intended for veterinary specialists, and the Autumn Conference is intended for both veterinarians and poultry breeders.

Here, current knowledge gained at international conferences of WVPA has been shared, and we also invite lecturers, leading experts from WVPA and WPSA from our country as

well as from abroad. In view of the fact that there has been an active WPSA branch in the Czech Republic since 1994, which unites prominent poultry breeders, cooperation of both the Czech branches of WVPA and WPSA has been settled to coordinate the preparation of international conferences.

Such conjoined two-day meetings have taken place since 2003. The first day is predominantly devoted to breeding issues, and the second day is dedicated to veterinary health matters.

Regarding the fact that a night on eight-year cooperation in conference organising has proved to be extremely viable and beneficial to both breeders and veterinary specialists, we intend to continue in our common activities in the future.

Before establishment of the WVPA in 2001, the specialised conferences had been organ-

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ised since 1977 in cooperation with the Veterinary University and the Czech Association of Avian Medicine.

This year, the 37th Czech Poultry Conference was held on October 15 and 16th, and was oriented to poultry health issues.

At present, the Czech branch of WVPA includes 20 active members, who participate in solving problems on farms, are involved in training of post-graduate students of veterinary medicine and last, but not least, they are members of editorial boards of specialised journals for breeders and veterinary practitioners.

**Karel Kovařík, MVDr,**  
Czech branch of WVPA



Above, attendees at the IX International conference 'Poultry 2010' in Brno

## Actualités en pathologie aviaire

Every year in September, the French branch of WVPA organise the meeting 'Actualités en pathologie aviaire' (current issues in avian pathology), with the support of the poultry technical journal *Filières Avicoles*.

This annual conference takes place during SPACE, one of the major European agricultural fairs held in Rennes, Brittany.

This year, the four conferences were given by Rozenn Souillard and Charlotte Valat (Anses) on the persistence of *Histomonas meleagridis* and its associated intestinal microflora in the turkey; by Jean-Marie Watier (Intervet) on the characteristics and pathogenicity of the REO ERS strain of enteric reovirus; by Salman Zeitouni and Isabelle Kempf (Anses) on their experimental study of the biological cost for campylobacter of the resistance to fluoroquinolones; and by Jocelyn Marguerie and Jean Yves Ferre (SNGTV) on the translation in French regulations of the European Directive 2007/43 on animal welfare in broilers. As every year, the meeting gathered more than 120 attendees, both veterinarian members of the French branch of WVPA and poultry professionals from France and other countries.

On October 19th, the French branch of WVPA organised a scientific workshop on the topic of avian coronaviruses. This type of workshop was a new initiative by the French branch, which normally organises conferences twice yearly on mixed topics. The

workshop was organised with the support of Ceva Animal Health, Intervet-Schering Plough, Merial and Pfizer. The morning was devoted to conferences given by Dr Sjaak De Wit, a specialist in infectious bronchitis at the laboratory GD, Deventer, Netherlands, who was invited to discuss the cross-protection among different coronaviruses and practical considerations of vaccine success.

A presentation by Dr Paul Britton (IAH, Houghton, UK), who unfortunately could not join the meeting, was also presented. The afternoon programme described the French situation and discussed the various vaccination strategies for disease control.

Several issues were discussed with field and laboratory approaches.

A roundtable ended the day with company representatives. Some 50 poultry veterinarians, all members of the French branch, actively participated in this successful day.

**Dr Nicolas Etteradossi, President**



Photographed below: Paul Morillon (Merial), Jean Marie Watier and Haris Malo (Intervet), Hervé le Galludec (Pfizer) and Jean Paul Cazaban (Ceva).



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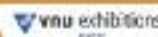
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# Italian branch of the WVPA

In 2010, SIPA, the Italian branch of the WVPA changed its management board. The former Secretary, Dr Guido Grilli (Veterinary Medicine Faculty, University of Milan), is the new President. The Vice President is Prof. Alessandro Fioretti (Veterinary Medicine Faculty, University of Naples) and the Secretary is Dr Alessandra Piccirillo (Veterinary Medicine Faculty, University of Padua).

Prof. Elena Catelli (Veterinary Medicine Faculty, University of Bologna), Dr Raffaella Ceruti (Amadori Group), Dr Emilio Morandini (Veronesi Verona Spa), Dr Francesco Prandini (Merial Italia), Dr Calogero Terregino (Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie) and Dr Leonardo James Vinco (Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna) are the other members of the Board.

This Foundation Board will be in office for a three-year period, from 2010 to 2012.

The membership of the Italian branch of the WVPA is composed of veterinary and non-veterinary researchers, public, private and industry veterinarians, technicians, poultry company owners, industries supporting poultry production representatives, and flock managers.

Currently, SIPA is sponsored by 18 companies, among them pharmaceutical companies and poultry breeders.

During 2010, SIPA has organised three meetings on topics of interest to both government and private veterinarians.

The 49th annual meeting of SIPA was held on 29-30th April in Forlì. During the morning of the first day, three presentations focused on the health status of the Italian poultry production sector, outlining the epidemiological situation regarding poultry respiratory diseases, avian infectious laryngotracheitis and salmonellosis in particular.

In the afternoon, eight oral communications by SIPA members were followed by the annual membership meeting.

During the morning of the second day, there was a conference on special topics concerning disinfection, pest and rodent control: the essential key of biosecurity in the poultry industry. Prof Agostino Macri from the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Rome, Italy) spoke on disinfection and pest control in the poultry industry: legislative aspects and the use of active ingredients; Dr Mark Alistair Beggian

(Unitec srl, DuPont Disinfectants – Animal Health) spoke on hygiene in the poultry industry: motivations, realisation and applicative solutions; Dr Guglielmo Pampiglione (GP, expert in pest management) spoke on integrated control against insects and rodents.

In the afternoon, during the last session of the meeting, 14 SIPA members gave oral communications presenting the results of their studies on different topics.

On 23rd June, the Symposium 'Dermanyssus gallinae: a never-ending battle for the poultry industry', organised in collaboration with the Italian Society of Parasitology (SOIPA), was held in Perugia.

During this meeting, Dr Monique Mul, Wageningen, The Netherlands, spoke on the biology and monitoring of *Dermanyssus gallinae* in poultry farms; Dr Maria Assunta Cafiero from Italy spoke on epidemiological and health aspects of *Dermanyssus gallinae* and Prof Antonio Camarda, also from Italy, considered the role of *Dermanyssus gallinae* as vector: old and new insights. Another Italian, Prof Annunziata Giangaspero, spoke on the use of and risks associated with chemicals for *Dermanyssus* control; and Dr Olivier A. E. Sparagano from the UK considered new insights in *Dermanyssus* control.

On 12th November, a round table on emerging arboviral diseases: role of wild birds in spreading and risks for the poultry industry was held in Pisa.

During the morning, Dr Michele Dottori and Dr Maurizio Tamba spoke on intensive poultry production and mosquito-borne arboviral diseases, followed by a speech of Dr Claudio Bandi on Arthropod vectors: biological aspects and new approaches for their control.

Afterward, Prof Paolo Mani spoke on the role of wild birds in spreading mosquito-borne Flavivirus in Italy and Dr Rossella Lelli spoke on the National Reference Centre for exotic diseases.

In 2011 the Italian branch of the WVPA will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

**Alessandra Piccirillo,  
secretary of the Italian  
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# More reports from around the world

## Derzsy Days

This year the Hungarian Branch and Ceva-Phylaxia organised the 18th Derzsy Days on 4-5th June. More than 250 veterinarians participated in the annual two day symposium.

Dr Matthias Todte from Germany presented his talk of metabolic disorders of fast growing broilers. A whole section focused on salmonella. Other presentations were about animal welfare, enteritis of waterfowl, protection against variant IB infections, spray vaccination method and use of laboratory serology monitor programs.

The conference saw presentations of high standards and provided an excellent opportunity for the participants to exchange knowledge.

The 19th Derzsy Days will be organised on 2-3rd June 2011.

**Dr László Körösi**  
Secretary of the Hungarian  
Branch of WVPA

## Austrian branch

The Austrian Branch of the WVPA currently has 54 members, three more than in 2009. In 2010 the group organised an annual meeting in cooperation with several organisations of the Austrian poultry business. It was held on the 10th of June in the Monastery of Lilienfeld near Vienna, a magnificent place to combine culture and science.



Participants had the chance to visit the Monastery which is situated on the classical via sacra (sacred road) – the traditional pilgrimage path in Austria.

Actually, the monastery of Lilienfeld is well known by the Gregorian chorals celebrated by the monks.

The focus of this meeting covered various topics for different species of poultry. The intention to also include practitioners as speakers talking about their own experience was once again kept and D. Gansinger took up the duty this time, focusing on the increasing importance of feed supplements within poultry diets.

This talk was complemented by W. Wohler who approached this issue from the manufacturer's point of view. A different issue, the importance and impact of certain mycotoxins on performance and outcome of vaccinations, was discussed by J. Böhm from the Institute of Animal Nutrition, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna.

From the same university and the Clinic for Avian, Reptile and Fish Medicine M. Hess gave an overview on actual viral diseases in broilers, concentrating on infectious bronchitis and inclusion body hepatitis.

Finally, H. Schliessnig from the Animal Health Service introduced the recently implemented insurance system for layers tested positive for salmonella, in order to minimise the economic consequences for the farmers.

The program of this meeting was a good combination between scientific work and practical information.

After the scientific session most of the participants enjoyed the traditional food served in the adjacent restaurant.

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Medicine, Department  
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# American Association of Avian Pathologists

The American Association of Avian Pathologists met at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta from 31st July-4th August 2010. The 3½ day event included a symposium sponsored by the Animal Welfare and Management Practices committee entitled Animal Welfare: Reality, Perception and Thinking Outside the Box.

The Scientific Program consisted of 114 oral presentations and 92 poster presentations. Featured speakers included keynote speaker, Dr Christine Hoang whose address was titled, Is the Sky Falling? Current and Future Challenges in Poultry Medicine, and Dr David Espeseth whose Lasher-Eckroade History Lecture was titled, Historical Data on Establishing Regulatory Oversight of Poultry Vaccines. Reed Rumsey Award winners Payvand Parvizi and Natalie K. Armour presented their papers, Regulatory T Cell Marker Expression in Splenic CD4+ and CD8+T Cell Subsets of Chickens Infected with Marek's Disease Virus (MDV) and Evaluation of the Pathogenicity and Transmissibility of Two Recent Mycoplasma synoviae Isolates from Arkansas, respectively.

Milos Markis and Chasity Cox were the Richard B. Rimler Memorial Paper award winners. Milos presented his paper, Feather Tip Monitoring of Marek's Disease Virus in Experimental and Commercial Settings, and Chasity presented, The Effects of Dietary 2-Glucan Supplementation on Performance and Immune Response of Broiler Chicks during an Eimeria Challenge. Travis Schaal was the Dwight Schwartz Travel Award winner and he pre-

sented, An Alternative to the Traditional Poultry Pathologist – Veterinary Careers through the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service.

Other AAAP awards given at the Annual Meeting included the Special Service Award given to Hector Cervantes, the Phibro Animal Health Excellence in Poultry Research Award to Frederic Hoerr, the Bayer-Snoeyenbos New Investigator Award given to Mary Pantin-Jackwood and Timothy Johnson, the P. P. Levine Award to Daniel Petkov, the Lasher-Bottorff Award given to Pedro Villegas, the Bruce W. Calnek Applied Poultry Research Achievement award to Mark Jackwood, the Outstanding Field Case and/or Diagnostic Report Award to Joel Cline and the A. S. Rosenwald Student Poster Award to Ha-na Youn and Rodrigo Gallardo. Life Membership in AAAP was given to Hans Micheal Optiz.

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Special Service Award  
Winner Hector Cervantes



# Diary of Meetings 2011

## January

24-25 – **International Poultry Scientific Forum**, Atlanta, USA  
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26-28 – **International Poultry Exposition**, Atlanta, USA  
Contact: [www.ipe11.org](http://www.ipe11.org)

## February

14-16 – **Australian Poultry Science Symposium**, Sydney, Australia  
Contact: [www.sydney.edu.au/vetscience/apss](http://www.sydney.edu.au/vetscience/apss)

20-24 – **African International Poultry Summit**, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria  
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## March

7 – **LabQA2011**, Bangkok, Thailand  
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8 – **Mycotoxins2011**, Bangkok, Thailand  
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9-11 – **VIV Asia and Lab@VIV Asia**, Bangkok, Thailand  
Contact: [www.viv.net](http://www.viv.net)

17-18 – **BVPA Spring Meeting**, Harrogate, UK  
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25-27 – **WPSA-BB 7th International Poultry Show and Seminar**, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
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29-30 – **9th French Avian Research Days**, Tours, France  
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31-1 April – **5th Turkey Science and Production Conference**, Macclesfield, UK  
Contact: [www.turkeytimes.co.uk](http://www.turkeytimes.co.uk)

## May

3-5 – **Victam International**, Cologne, Germany  
Contact: [www.victam.com](http://www.victam.com)

15-18 – **1st International Avian Respiratory Disease Conference**, Athens, Georgia, USA  
Contact: [www.georgiacenter.uga.edu](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu)

17-19 – **VIV Russia**, Moscow, Russia  
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20-21 – **International Course on Poultry Production**, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA  
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## June

31 May - 2 June – **Avi Africa**, Johannesburg, South Africa  
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2-3 – **19th Derzsy Days**, Hungary  
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9-11 – **VIV Turkey**, Istanbul, Turkey  
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16-18 – **6th International Symposium on Turkey Production**, Berlin, Germany  
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## August

14-18 – **XVIIth Congress of WVPA**, Cancun, Mexico  
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30-31 – **Incubation and Fertility Research Group**, Ede, The Netherlands  
Contact: [www.ifrg.org](http://www.ifrg.org)

31 August-3 September – **5th Workshop on Fundamental Physiology and Perinatal Development in Poultry**, Wageningen, the Netherlands  
Contact: [www.pdpworkshop2011.com](http://www.pdpworkshop2011.com)

## September

4-7 – **XX European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry and Poultry Meat and XIV European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products**, Leipzig, Germany  
Contact: [www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)

6-9 – **XXII Congreso Latinoamericano De Avicultura**, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Contact: [www.avicultura2011.com](http://www.avicultura2011.com)

7-9 – **30th WPSA Poultry Science Symposium – Alternative Systems for Poultry Production**, Glasgow, UK  
Contact: [www.wpsa-uk.com](http://www.wpsa-uk.com)

22-24 – **VIV China**, Beijing, China  
Contact: [www.viv.net](http://www.viv.net)

## October

4-6 – **Livestock Asia**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Contact: [www.ambexpo.com](http://www.ambexpo.com)

5-7 – **7th European Symposium on Poultry Genetics**, Edinburgh, Scotland  
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31-4 November – **18th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition**, Cesme, Izmir, Turkey  
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