Welcome to 2013

As another year starts it also heralds the new WPSA season. The highlight of our year will again be the Annual Meeting, this year held on **16 and 17 April 2013**. Despite some suggestions of a change in venue, our 2013 Meeting will again be held at the Jubilee Campus of **Nottingham University** which offers a range of accommodation and meeting rooms and the opportunity to network and renew acquaintances with WPSA colleagues. As in previous years the Meeting will run alongside the BSAS and AVTRW symposia, will incorporate a joint session, the Hammond Lecture and, of course, the **Gordon Memorial Lecture**, this year to be delivered by **Dr Paul Hocking** who has had a long and important association with WPSA. The Lecture is titled: "**Unexpected consequences of genetic selection in broilers and turkeys: problems and solutions**"
**Membership Matters**

Thank you to all those who have paid membership subscriptions for 2013. If any member has not yet done the update or has any queries on their subscriptions please contact our membership secretary, **Andrew Ball**, Cottage Farm, Plaistow Green Rd, Nr Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5GX
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For any other queries then please contact:

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NEW MEMBERS
WPSA UK Branch is always looking for new members, from researchers and academics but also poultry producers and industry representatives to ensure practical and effective exchange of news, knowledge and research.

Please recommend membership to all your colleagues

**New Members:**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to WPSA UK:

- Dr Monsuru Abioja
- Dr Oluwawemimo O Adebowale
- Laura Beeson
- Dr Vanessa Butler
- Luis Canseco
- Dr Siobhan-Marie Carroll
- Caroline Donaldson
- Nahung Dono
- George Hogarth
- Ben Huntingdon
- Sarah G Johnson
- Anne Knox
- Dr Leonardo Linares
- Carolina Lopez-Margolles
- Margarita Maltseva-Williams
- Tommy McGuckin
- Heidi Neal
- Adenike Odewumi
- Dr Oluyinka Olukosi
- Sarah Osborne
- Steven Pace
- Nuhu Rano
- Dr Linda Saunderson
- Dr Jules Taylor-Pickard
- Annsofie Wahlstrom
- Alan Thomson
- Ms L Beeson

**Resignations:**

- Michael Allder
- Alessio Campanella
- Heather Coates
- Charles Deeming
- Jennifer Goodman
- Helen Hodgkin
- John Parsons
- Louise Sherlock

We wish all best wishes in the future and a special farewell to our previous Secretary, **John Parsons**, and gratefully acknowledge his work and commitment for WPSA over many years.
Deaths:

It is with sincere regret that we mark the passing of the following members.

Brian Cooke
Martin Pitt
Roger Clark-Monks

Obituary for Roger Clark-Monks
submitted by John Ward and John Round

13th December 2012

It is incumbent on us to report the death of Roger Clark-Monks on 10th November 2012 following a long period of illness. Sadly, Roger’s wife, Margaret, also died a fortnight later. Roger was born in Leicester and in due course went to Nottingham University’s School of Agriculture from which he graduated in 1963 having specialised in pigs and poultry. He was well known in the poultry industry having worked for Quaker Oats, Buxted Chicken, Nitrovit, Four-F Nutrition and Webbs Country Foods. Subsequently, Roger continued in the industry acting in a consultancy capacity for many companies including work overseas up to and including this year. Outside work Roger was a keen rugby supporter and a player to be reckoned with in his younger years. More recently, he and Margaret enjoyed walking together in the Yorkshire Dales where they lived. A member of WPSA for many years, ever present at technical conferences, always genial, knowledgeable and helpful, he will be sadly missed. A joint funeral for Roger and Margaret with standing room only was held at West Witton, near Leyburn, and our sympathies are extended to their son, Andrew.

WPSA SUMMER VACATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2013
Closing date for applications
12 April 2013

Conditions of Award

1 Scholarships will be awarded to selected bona fide students studying an aspect of poultry science, or a poultry related subject, including, for example, veterinary students, BSc or (taught) MSc students for the furtherance of a period of study or research into. Only students who are undertaking, but have not yet completed, a UK based recognised first degree or (taught) MSc course may apply.

2 This period of study is normally expected to take place during the summer vacation in the year of application (2013), and to be of approximately eight weeks duration.

3 The application must be supported by the Supervisor/Head of Department/Director or equivalent, who should also provide guidance and supervision during the project. Preference will be given to applicants who are, or whose Supervisors are, members of WPSA.

4 Applicants may be in receipt of other concurrent awards, but any applied for or already agreed must be declared in the initial application.

5 Applicants should not normally be more than 35 years of age and scholarships will not normally be awarded to the employees of commercial enterprises. This is at the discretion of the Branch Council who will consider all applications on merit.
Successful applicants will be expected to produce a short report in a standard format (full details will be provided to successful applicants) on the completion of their period of study/research. These must be completed and submitted by 1 October 2013 and may be chosen for presentation as either short papers or posters at the WPSA UK Branch Annual Conference in the following Spring.

Applications will be considered on their merit, irrespective of the level of degree course being undertaken by the applicant. The decision of the Council of the UK Branch of WPSA is final. The Branch reserves the right to make awards in full or in part, to withhold awards in exceptional circumstances and holds no responsibility for any claims which may arise as a result of these awards.

Any research or other work undertaken must comply with all existing legislation and any necessary licences must be obtained.

Applications, which must be made on the appropriate form (photocopies are permitted), must be received by 12 April 2013, prior to the Branch Annual Meeting.

And that’s not all ! .................

NEW !!!!
WPSA UK Research Award

A new award to encourage participation and fund creative, interesting and important pieces of research across the whole spectrum of poultry production!

The WPSA (UK Branch) are pleased and excited to announce a new annual award in addition to their existing Summer Vacation Scholarship. The award is of £1000 to support a piece of research of broad benefit to the UK poultry sector. The intention of the award is to catalyse small research projects not generating commercial gain for individual organisations. Projects involving matched funding will be considered on an equal basis, but a condition of funding is the publication of findings within 12 months of project completion, ideally via the Branch’s Spring Meeting. Proposals covering any aspect of poultry science are welcomed, including laboratory analysis of samples, collection of field data, expansion of an existing poultry trial or compilation and analysis of existing field data. For details on how to apply for the award, please contact WPSA Secretary. Further details will appear on the WPSA website.

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The UK Branch of WPSA is pleased to announce their 31st Poultry Science Symposium on "Sustainable Poultry Production in Europe", to be held in Chester (UK), 8-10th September 2014.

The definition of 'Sustainable' has evolved from that of securing resources for future generations to a much wider and more complex meaning, with relevance over a diverse range of situations and industries globally. Sustainability should be a high priority for the poultry sector as it touches on so many aspects of poultry production, including efforts to improve resource efficiency, securing supply chains, meeting retailer and consumer expectations, and as a tool for public engagement. Through addressing issues of sustainability and improving the efficiency of poultry production, our sector could play a major role in solving the global challenge of feeding a rapidly growing population. This symposium aims to explore and ultimately define what sustainability means in the context of poultry production in Europe and to answer the questions around how we achieve a sustainable poultry industry in Europe.

Further details of the symposium will become available on the UK branch website: [www.wpsa-uk.com](http://www.wpsa-uk.com)
All members have agreed that the WPSA UK website is in need of a makeover. What has proved less conclusive is the new format we should opt for. WPSA UK are fortunate that our newest appointment onto Council, Dr Oluyinka Olukosi (Yinka) is enthusiastically pursuing this project and will present his conclusions and those of your Council for consideration at the Annual Meeting, going live soon after that. There is still time to influence this important vehicle for communicating with our membership and advertising the Association more widely to prospective new members. If you have any ideas of what you want to see (and indeed not see) on our website then please contact any Council member or via wpsa@hotmail.co.uk

WG9 currently comprises 36 members from 24 countries; this includes one member from outside Europe (Israel). It has had an active year. UK members are Heleen van de Weerd (CIWF), Vicky Sandilands (SAC) and Arnold Elson (ADAS).

19 group members attended the last WG9 meeting in Uppsala, Sweden in January 2012. The main business was to arrange the scientific programme and organisation of the 9th European Symposium on Poultry Welfare. The arrangements for this event are now well underway (see below).

The sub-group on furnished laying hen cage developments led by Johan Zoons met in Brussels on June 8th 2012. R&D reports on furnished cages from several institutes and a PPT on the FC paper by Elson & Tauson (2012) were presented. An invited paper “Poultry welfare and management: WPSA WG9 century review” by 5 members – Elson, de Jong, Kjaer, Sossidou and Tauson - on behalf of WG9, has been accepted for the WPSJ centenary issue – vol 68, issue 4, Dec 2012 pp. 768-775.

Arnold Elson will complete an 8 year term in 2013 and the new chairperson from June 2013 will be Valentina Ferrante from Milan, Italy.

Report contributed by Aidan Leek

Meeting of April 2012 in Stuttgart
1. WPSA centenary review is progressing co-ordinated/edited by Colin Whitehead. 9 chapters agreed, 4 written/submitted to 27th April.
2. EPC 2014 Stavanger June 23-27th is progressing well, positive feedback from sponsors. Planning is underway for committee, speakers and content.
3. Phosphorus sub group of WG2 - The Phosphorous protocol has been revised following discussions in Cesme and subsequent input from working group members. The US group has been approached to discuss co-operation but as yet they have not come back.
4. BASF have provided major sponsorship for the literature review part of the project which will generate a table of data. A sponsor is still required for the modelling of requirements section.
5. Planning for ESPN 2013 in Potsdam 26-29th August is underway. Details will be on the website www.espn2013.org. Format will be 3 full days - Tues/Wed/Thurs with Monday for non ESPN satellite/industry sessions. Poster & discussion groups sessions will be given high priority. A company had requested to be the single main sponsor but this idea has been rejected to avoid 'dominance' of one sponsor.

**World's Poultry Science Journal**

**Online submission of papers for the World's Poultry Science Journal**

All submissions to the journal will be through ScholarOne Manuscripts at [http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wp sj](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wp sj) or via the WPSA website. Authors must log in and follow the instructions on screen in order to ensure their paper will be processed quickly and efficiently. Although most authors are familiar with this kind of submission system, for those who aren’t, please make sure your manuscript strictly adheres to the guidelines given in the instructions. The WPSJ does not charge for publishing papers (except if colour pictures are required), and continues to make every effort to keep the costs of publication to a minimum. However, please be aware that papers which are not reviews or are incorrectly formatted may incur costs that will be charged back to the submitting author (approximately US$20).

*Dr Lucy Waldron, Editor WPSJ*

**WPSA Meetings**

**IX European Symposium on Poultry Welfare**

SLU Uppsala

17-20 June 2013

**WG9:** Working Group No. 9 will be sponsoring the following symposium in June 2013.


The following topics will be included:

- Housing and management of poultry, new systems, rearing, interior environment: light management, air quality, outdoor area design, etc in poultry husbandry
- Poultry health in relation to welfare. Sub-sessions: Parasites, other contagious diseases and metabolic diseases.
- Poultry welfare and sustainability. Social, economical and environmental aspects at the local and global level. World trends, marketing, food security etc.
- Poultry welfare during catching, transport, slaughter and on-farm killing.
- Legislation and policies: How have the EU directives on laying hen and broiler welfare respectively influenced bird welfare in practice? What problems have been encountered?
• Poultry welfare, genetics and nutrition
• Influence of poultry welfare (housing, management, health etc) on product quality.
• Education and information on poultry welfare
• Free papers: for anything else related to poultry welfare.
• New technologies

www.conference.slu.se/poultrywelfaree2013

8th European Symposium on Poultry Genetics
Venice, Italy
25th to 27th September 2013

First Announcement from Working Group 3 "Breeding and Genetics".

Provisional programme includes: Genomic selection, Biodiversity, Genetics of disease resistance, Legal rules/policy and its impact on breeding and Genetic parameters and phenotyping tools

Contact: Prof. Martino Cassandro, Chairman of the Organising Committee martino.cassandro@unipd.it
Website: www.epgs2013.com

19th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition
Potsdam, Germany
26th to 29th August 2013

For all of you interested in the 19th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition, which will be held in Potsdam, Germany, 26.-29. August 2013, please be aware that registration now is possible through the symposium homepage www.espn2013.org

Please also be aware that the deadline for abstract submission is the 15th of February 2013.

For further questions about the 19th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition please contact the congress organizer. You can find the address on the symposium website.

WPSA Programmes

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

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for YOUNG WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and STUDENTS from developed countries to attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

Application conditions

• Applications must be submitted at least 3 months prior to the meeting. If a scientific paper or poster is the basis for the application, this need not have been accepted at the time of application but it will eventually
have to be accepted before funds are disbursed

- Maximum age of the applicant is 40 years at the time of application.

- Applicants must have been a member of WPSA for at least 6 months at the time of application.

- No member may receive more than two Travel Grants.

- Successful applicants will receive the funds electronically AFTER the meeting on receipt of a copy of the airline ticket.

- Incomplete or late submissions will NOT be considered.

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

If you do not have access to e-mail or fax you can send your application to:
Dr R.W.A.W. Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, THE NETHERLANDS

The Travel Grant Application Form can be downloaded from the WPSA website.

### WPSA sponsored and other poultry related symposia and conferences

A number of WPSA sponsored and other poultry meetings have been planned for 2009 and 2010 (see the WPSA Website Calendar for contact and registration information), including:

**2013**

- **17-21 February 2013** 4th Nigeria International Poultry Summit, Nigeria
  Contact: Dr A.O. Fafiolu

- **28 February - 2 March 2013** 8th International Poultry Show and Seminar, Dhaka, Bangladesh
  Contact: Prof Dr Md. Rafiquil Islam

- **12-13 March 2013** Second IHSIG International Symposium, Gent, Belgium
  Antimicrobial resistance; linked to intestinal health and animal production
  Contact: info.ihsig@gmail.com

- **13-15 March 2013** VIV Asia 2013, Bangkok, Thailand

- **26-28 March 2013** 10th Avian Research Days in combination with the foie-gras-type waterfowl Research Days, La Rochelle, France
  Contact: Amandine Mika

- **16-17 April 2013** UK Annual Meeting, University of Nottingham, UK
  Contact: bsas@saqc.ac.uk

- **22-24 May 2013** VIV Russia 2013, Moscow, Russia

- **30 May - 1 June 2013** 7th "Hafez" International Symposium on Turkey Production, Berlin, Germany
  Contact: Prof Dr H.M. Hafez

- **17-20 June 2013** IX European Symposium on Poultry Welfare, Uppsala, Sweden
  Contact: Prof Ragnar Tauson

- **21-25 July 2013** 2012 PSA Annual Meeting, San Diego, USA
  Contact: Debi Seymour
28 July - 1 August 2013

**11th World Conference on Animal Production**, Beijing, China
Contact: Dr Bing Dong

19-23 August 2013

**XVIIth World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress (WVPAC)**, Nantes, France
Contact: wvpac2013@zoopole.asso.fr

26-29 August 2013

**19th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition**, Potsdam, Germany
Contact: Markus Rodehutscord

15-19 September 2013

**XV European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products** and **XXI European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat**, Bergamo, Italy
Contact: Prof. Margherita Rossi

25-27 September 2013

**8th European Genetics Symposium**, Padova, Italy
Contact: Prof. Martino Cassandro

1-4 October 2013

**6th Workshop on Fundamental Physiology and Perinatal Development in Poultry**, Gottingen, Germany
Contact: Dr A.R. Sharifi or Prof Shlomo Yahav

21-25 October 2013

**The International Conference on Advancements in Poultry in the Middle East and African States**, Antalya, Turkey
Contact: Dr A.N. Al-Nasser or Mr G. Yalcin

25-27 October 2013

**5th World Waterfowl Conference (WWC)**, Hanoi, Vietnam
Contact: Dr Nguyen Dang Vang

2014

19-21 March 2014

**ILDEX Vietnam 2014**, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Contact: Mr Chinakit Viphavakit

23-25 April 2014

**Bangalore, India**
Contact: Mr Wara Rujataronjai

20-22 May 2014

**VIV Europe 2014**, Utrecht, The Netherlands

23-27 June 2014

**XIVth European Poultry Conference**, Stavanger, Norway
Contact: Prof Birger Svihus or Ms Siri Tjelta

2-5 September 2014

**4th Mediterranean Poultry Summit**, Beirut, Lebanon
Contact: Dr N.J. Daghir / Dr M.T. Farran

18-22 October 2014

**10th Asian Pacific Poultry Conference**, Jeju Island, South Korea
Contact: Dr Gwonhwa Song

And Finally - Message from Edir Nepomuceno Silva, President of WPSA

Dear Friends,

For those who did not have the opportunity to attend the WPC2012 held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil from 5th to 9th of August, I would like to share with you some of the most important moments. More detailed information will be available soon.

There were approximately 2,200 delegates from 96 different countries and 6 continents were represented. Monday through Wednesday, the scientific sections ran from 9.00AM to 4.00PM, with one hour for lunch. On Thursday, a morning scientific session preceded the Closing Ceremony. There were invited papers in all sections and 73 invited speakers presented their research. Approximately 1,400 papers were submitted; 200 of them as oral presentations and the remainder as poster presentations.

The poultry exhibit hall was located at the same venue as the scientific sessions and was open from 12.00 to
7.00PM. Approximately 160 exhibitors displayed their latest products and services. There was an excellent atmosphere of interaction between guest speakers, student groups and scientists, producers and personnel from private enterprises.

Five new members were inducted into the International Poultry Hall of Fame: Prof Egladison João Campos, from Brazil; Prof Peter Horn, from Hungary; Dr Genda Lal Jain, from India; Dr Kiyoshi Shimada, from Japan; and, Dr Nuhad J. Daghir, from Lebanon. The foundation for Promoting Poultry Sciences (The Netherlands Branch of WPSA) announced the winners of their awards. They were: Prof. Jae Yong Han, from Korea, Research award and Australia's Poultry Cooperative Research Centre, Education award.

At the Council Meeting, five vice-presidents were elected among from a slate of eight nominees. Dr Werner Bessei, Germany, received the most votes and, therefore, is the Senior VP. Others elected were: Dr Sacit (Sarge) Bilgili, United States of America, Dr Juliet Roberts, Australia; Dr Rob Gous, South Africa; and Dr Michèle Tixier-Boichard, France. Drs. Gous and Tixier-Boichard are continuing their service on the Board. At the Council Meeting Treasurer, Dr Francine Bradley (United States of America) and Secretary, Dr Roel Mulder (The Netherlands) were elected unanimously and will continue in their respective offices.

Alan Gibbins, New Zealand and Yves Nys, France, in their positions as President of the Asian Pacific Federation (AFP) and European Federation (EF), respectively, will continue to serve on the Board. Dr Lucy Waldron remains the Journal Editor.

Other members of the Board are Dr Ning Yang, China, as representative of WPC 2016 and Dr Bob Pym, Australia, as immediate past-president. WPSA thanks Dr Rüveyde Akbay, Turkey and Dr Colin Whitehead, UK, for all their work for WPSA during their terms as member of the Board.

And, finally, the bid by the French Branch to host WPC 2020 received the most votes. The French Branch will now begin organizing the WPC 2020, to be held in Paris. Much appreciation goes to the Branches from Germany and the United States of America for submitting attractive bids.

During the past four years, under Bob Pym's leadership, very important work was done in terms of the new WPSA constitution and bye-laws. Now we all look to the future with a strong, well prepared WPSA.

One of our goals, at the WPSA, is the expansion and establishment of new branches. Input, in any aspect of the organization, will be taken in consideration. We strongly recommend increasing the level of coordination of international meeting/seminars, or any other international event under the WPSA umbrella.

I am extremely proud to have been chosen for the new term president. I personally look forward to your support. I am sure we all will work together to continue improving the WPSA presence and activities around the world.

Thank you very much,

Edir Nepomuceno Silva
President of WPSA