

# WPSA UK BRANCH

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# NEWSLETTER

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## The end of the Summer?

As the last vestiges of Summer seem to be lingering it is a good time to reflect on WPSA UK activities this year. The two most important aspects have been the highly successful **Spring Meeting**, following its move to a new venue at the Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham, and the more recent **Poultry Science Symposium on Alternative Production Systems** held at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow last month. Both meetings attracted delegates from UK and overseas with excellent papers presented. More detailed reports on these meetings can be found later in this issue but following this years success, the **2012 Spring meeting will again be held at the University of Nottingham. The dates for your diary are 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012.** As in 2011 this meeting will run in conjunction with the Association of Veterinary Teaching and Research Workers (AVTRW), the British Society of Animal Science (BSAS) and the Animal Science Forum (ASF), giving plenty scope for networking and combined sessions.

The meeting also includes two other important events in the WPSA calendar. The first will be the **Gordon Memorial Lecture** which

is firmly embedded in the middle of our meeting, and in 2012 will be given by **Dr Ilaria Capua** on **avian influenza**.

The second event is the **WPSA UK AGM**. Sadly, the experience of attendance and participation over the last few years suggest this is a less attractive event for members! Clearly the AGM must concern itself with the official nuts and bolts official business of the Association but it is also the opportunity for members to voice their opinion on WPSA activities. Communication and feedback is essential to the success of the work of the Branch so please take the trouble to attend your Spring Meeting and contribute to the AGM. It is, after all, YOUR Association. For those who find travel or timings difficult please contact anyone in the Branch Council to make your views known.

## The end of an era!

The Spring Meeting in Nottingham had one moment of sadness, and that was the reluctant acceptance of the retirement of **Kelvin McCracken** as our longstanding Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Kelvin has served on Council for many years, has whipped the membership into shape and has acted as wise counsel for all WPSA UK members. He will be sorely missed, although in keeping with his commitment he has agreed to stay on

## **WPSA UK Branch Annual Meeting April 2011**

as a behind the scenes support to your new Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, **Mr Andrew Ball** who will be known to many of you, having served on Council previously. President, Patrick Garland, paid tribute to Kelvin during the dinner at the Spring Meeting where he was presented with a small gift of 2 sponsored chickens and a goat donated to farmers in Eastern Africa (via [FarmAfrica www.farmfriends.org.uk](http://www.farmfriends.org.uk)).

I hope that you find the remainder of this Newsletter of interest – contributions from members, new and old, are always appreciated and if you would like to see anything else covered in these newsletter then do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Kelvin McCracken receiving his leaving gift at the Spring Meeting dinner, April 2011 of two sponsored chickens and a goat for farmers in Eastern Africa.**

The annual meeting of the UK branch of the WPSA was held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

This annual event is a scientific meeting where current research into poultry is presented by both established and younger members of the academic community. A specific session for industry speakers was included to encourage dialogue between the researchers and industry.

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

The Jubilee Campus at Nottingham University was the venue for the meeting this year and superb facilities were made use of. Three auditoriums in the Exchange Building hosted the plenary and submitted papers sessions with additional rooms accommodating the poster sessions for WPSA and BSAS. On site student halls of residence and the hotel style facilities of the National College also on the campus provided a range of accommodation to meet the needs of all.

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

The programme provided 19 submitted original oral presentations of 15 minutes, a selection of 15 short oral poster presentations of 3 minutes each. These were selected from 52 poster that were submitted. The 2 invited industry speakers covered practical nutrition (John Sloss) and veterinary aspects of laying hens (Dr Barry Thorp).

Presidents prizes were awarded to Demetra Lund for her paper **"Assessing the repeatability of a measurement of vitelline membrane strength in a white egg laying pedigree population."** and also to Laura Dixon for her poster presentation **"Using conditioned placed aversion techniques as a novel tool for measuring affective states: broiler breeders find unpredictable wind aversive"**.

As in previous years the joint session organised between WPSA and BSAS covered an area of mutual interest for the respective delegates and 4 speakers delivered papers on the interactions between intestinal microflora and the body in humans, ruminants, pigs and poultry. Delegates from all associations were invited to attend the Hammond Memorial lecture "Food Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" delivered by Prof Sir John Beddington. This was followed by the Gordon Memorial Lecture "Commercial Scale Assessment of Poultry Welfare" delivered by Prof Marian Dawkins.

After these 2 eminent speakers there was the Gordon Memorial Reception followed by the WPSA Annual Dinner which was held at the National College and catered to a very high standard.

At the dinner appreciation of the hard work of the entire programme

committee in organising such a hugely successful event was made. The retirement of the associations Treasurer, Dr Kelvin McCracken was also marked and a gift of chickens and goats for a community aid project in Africa was made. We shall miss the help that Kelvin has provided and are grateful for the many years of service.



**Prof Peter Biggs presenting the Gordon Memorial Medal to Marian Dawkins after the annual Gordon Memorial Lecture**



**Three wise men (?) enjoying the Conference Dinner (they are Nick Sparks, Anthony Waller & Andrew Ball)**



**Ian Dunn, new Chairman of the Programme Committee making a point to Marian Dawkins after her thought provoking Gordon Memorial Lecture**

## Membership Matters

*Contributed by Kelvin  
McCracken*

At the Spring Meeting AGM Kelvin McCracken pointed out some of the financial realities of current membership subscriptions. Current fees are:

Individual Member paying by cheque on invoice	£25
Individual Member paying by Bankers Order	£20
Retired Member	£10
Student Member	£10
Honorary Member	No fee
Life Member	No fee

Current Membership subscriptions amounted to about £5,000 pa, which covered the WPSA World dues of £3,000 pa and Honoraria for Secretary/Treasurer and little else. K McCracken proposed the following increases in membership subscriptions:

Individual Member paying by cheque on invoice	£45
Individual Member paying by Bankers Order	£40
Retired Member	£20
Student Member	£20
Honorary Member	No fee
Life Member	No fee

Although it was accepted that these were large percentage increases, it was pointed out that fees had not been increased for many years and that the proposed fees still represented exceptional value for a scientific association. These increases were agreed by all present and will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

The report was adopted by all present on the proposition of Vicky

Sandilands and was seconded by John Round.

Despite some resignations (see below) we have had a good year, particularly in relation to student numbers. Currently the membership stands at 285, made up of 216 full members, 34 students and 23 life (including honorary) members and 12 affiliates.

I still have been unable to 'find' three life members for whom we do not have working phone numbers or email addresses and who have not responded to 'snail mail'. They are : **L S Lyall**, Lanark; **G Potter**, Thirsk; **R G Silson**, Tring. If anyone knows anything about any of the above-named please contact me either via email to kelvinmccracken@btinternet.com, by telephone to 028 97564699 or by letter to **Dr K McCracken**, 2 Edengrove Park East, Ballynahinch, BT24 8DP.

Apologies to Peel Holroyd who was mistakenly listed as phone number not working in the last report. I am pleased to report that the other 'missing' members have been located.

Regrettably a few members have resigned, some following retirement and others because of job changes and five have been 'deemed resigned' due to continued failure to contact/establish payment. We wish them well for the future:

*Mr R D Allison (formerly Poultry World)*  
*Miss V L Butler (University of Newcastle)*  
*Dr K Drake ( University of Oxford)*  
*Dr A Narbad (Inst. of Food Research)*  
*Mrs M Palliyeguru (Harper Adams)*  
*Dr A Peron (Danisco)*  
*Mr G W Robertson (Roslin)*  
*Miss L Taylor (Hartpury College)*  
*Mrs K Bernard (Roslin)*  
*Dr P Plumstead (Danisco)*  
*Mrs E Trueluck (formerly Deans Foods)*  
*Miss H Hobbs-Chell (RVC, London)*  
*Mr Onwubiko (RVC, London)*

Happily the following new members have recently joined, mainly in connection with the WPSA Spring Meeting, and we encourage all of you to **keep on recruiting**:

*Dr Z Ali ( Big Bird Ltd)*  
*Miss M Aitchison (Aberdeen University)*  
*Mr P Clarke (Poultry World)*  
*Mr A Adekunle (SAC)*  
*Mr J N Culver (Alltech)*  
*Mr A Campanella (Writtle College)*  
*Miss H Coates (AB Agri)*  
*Miss S Collins (Edinburgh University)*  
*Miss H Hodgkin (AB Agri)*  
*Miss H Dilley (Nottingham Trent)*  
*Mr J Kent (UCD)*  
*Miss J Goodman ( Nottingham Trent)*  
*Dr S M Jones*  
*Mr J Ilska (Edinburgh University)*  
*Mr S J Lock (Monford Ag Systems)*  
*Mrs S Iyasere (Newcastle University)*  
*Mr J Percebal-Morlanes*  
*Miss D Lund (Glasgow University)*  
*Mr A Robertson (Biomin GMBH)*  
*Miss K Sullivan (Premier Nutrition)*  
*Miss E O'Reilly (Glasgow University)*  
*Dr C Walk (AB Vista)*  
*Mr A Setta (Nottingham University)*  
*Miss N Whenham (Roslin)*  
*Miss I M Whiting ( Nottingham Trent)*  
*Miss C Lopes-Margolles (Minster Veterinary Practice)*  
*Dr P E V Williams (AB Agri)*

## **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**

## **WPSA (UK Branch) Annual Meeting/AGM 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

### **To be held at The Jubilee Campus, University of Nottingham**

Following last year's successful participation in the first UK wide Animal Science meeting, the WPSA annual meeting will once again run in conjunction with the Association of Veterinary Teaching and Research Work (AVTRW), the British Society for Animal Science (BSAS) and the Animal Science Forum (ASF). We will be returning to the excellent facilities at the University of Nottingham where their conference support team are looking to build on last year's successes and to iron out any niggles from 2011. To this end, we have altered the timing of the conference to a 15.30 finish so that departing delegates avoid the city rush hour.

The WPSA provisional programme starts at 10.00 on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and this first day includes a blend of invited speakers, original communications and short introduction to poster presentations before culminating in the **Gordon Memorial Lecture**. The speaker for the 2012 Memorial lecture is Dr **Ilaria Capua, Director of the Research and Development Department at the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie, Legnaro (Italy)** which hosts the National, FAO/OIE Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza (AI) and Newcastle disease (ND) and the OIE Collaborating Centre for Diseases at the Human-Animal Interface. Dr Capua will speak on **Avian influenza: a game changer in international public health**. The lecture will be followed by the Gordon Memorial Reception and, later, by the Branch Annual Dinner.

Once again, the annual conference dinner will be held at the National College for Leadership of Schools: the inventive and inspirational building flanking the main conference facilities on Jubilee Campus. The tranquil lakeside setting provides a superb setting for their innovative and modern cuisine prepared by using local, seasonal produce.

The National College also provides our recommended accommodation for the conference. They offer a combination of 90 well equipped, high specification double and single bedrooms, all with ample desk space for evening work with a direct dial telephone (UK calls are complimentary) and interactive satellite television. Use of the fitness centre with a range of state-of-the-art equipment is available to all residential guests. On arrival, guests are welcomed by the reception team who are on hand 24 hours a day to deal with any enquiries. The concierge and his team will assist you with luggage and postal services.

The second day starts at 9am with the Hammond Memorial Lecture, given by Professor Mike Gibney of University College, Dublin on the *Role of animal-derived foods in an obesogenic society*. The remainder of the morning is dedicated to presentation of original communications and, just prior to lunch, the Branch AGM. **Please make an effort to support the branch by attending the AGM in this new, hopefully more attractive slot, of 12.00 to 12.30.** The final session of the conference is the BSAS-WPSA joint session of industry speakers sharing their knowledge on the view of the consumer on current animal science and production.

## **WPSA (UK Branch) Annual Meeting/AGM 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**Abstract submission  
deadline is 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December 2011**  
**More details in the joint meeting  
flyer at:**

[http://www.bsas.org.uk/downloads/  
2012\\_AnnualConfFlyer\\_final.pdf](http://www.bsas.org.uk/downloads/2012_AnnualConfFlyer_final.pdf)

## **WPSA UK Branch Your Council**

### **UK Branch Administration 2011**

#### **President**

Mr P W Garland

#### **Vice President**

Dr V Sandilands (2013)\*

#### **Treasurer/Membership Secretary**

Mr A Ball (2015)

Dr K J McCracken (co-opted 1 year)

#### **Secretary**

Mr S A Lister (2013)\*

#### **Elected Councillors**

Dr M E Ball (2012)

Dr E Burton (2014)

Mr I Dunn (2014)

Ms L Gallant (2013)

Dr L J Gatcliffe (2015)

Dr C E Gilbert (2015)

Mr R Kempsey (2014)

Dr W G Wakeman (2012)\*

Mr A Waller (2012)

\* = ineligible for re-election

#### **Co-opted Council Member:**

Prof C C Whitehead

**30th Poultry Science  
Symposium on  
Alternative Systems  
for Poultry – Health,  
Welfare and  
Productivity**

**This was held at  
University of Strathclyde,  
Glasgow,  
7 – 9 September 2011**

This highly successful Symposium attracted around 120 researchers, academics, industry representatives and producers from over 25 countries around the world.

The Scientific Chair was our own Junior Vice president, Dr Vicky Sandilands, who brought together 20 invited papers, with the addition of 10 offered and presented papers and some 25 posters.

Sessions covered the legislative, economic and health implications of different production systems termed as "alternative", and as well as considering the requirements for waterfowl, gamebirds, and village and backyard poultry in developing countries.

The facilities at Strathclyde allowed for good networking and included a welcome reception, hosted by Glasgow City Council in the City Chambers and a Gala banquet in the Baronry Hall.

As usual, the papers presented will be published as another in the growing series of PSS books.

The success of the meeting was assured by the excellent organization of Vicky Sandilands, ably supported by the Organising Committee of Paul Hocking, Kelvin McCracken and Congrex

**WPSA SUMMER  
VACATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS 2012**

**Conditions of Award**

1 Scholarships will be awarded to selected bona fide students studying an aspect of poultry science, 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 (2012), 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.

6 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

2011 and may be chosen for presentation as either short papers or posters at the WPSA UK Branch Annual Conference in the following Spring.

7 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.

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

**9 Applications, which must be made on the appropriate form (photocopies are permitted), must be received prior to the Branch Annual Meeting, April 2012.**

Further details are available from the Branch Secretary

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**A date for your diary:**

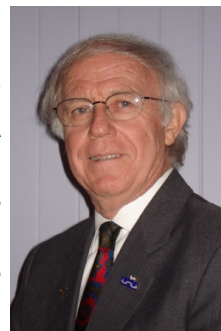
**2012 Turkey Science and Production Conference UK**  
The sixth in the series of conferences will be held on **22 to 23 March 2012**  
Shrigley Hall near Macclesfield  
Contact James Bentley  
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for further information.

## **WPSA NEWS**

Extracts from the latest WPSA Newsletter

### ***President's Report***

It is very pleasing indeed to see the number of new branches of WPSA that have been formed since the last World's Poultry Congress in Brisbane in 2008. This includes Tanzania



(2008), Algeria and Cameroon (2009), and Burundi, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Senegal (2010). Branches presently in the process of being formed are Azerbaijan, Guinea-Conakry and Kenya.

It is also particularly pleasing to see the involvement of all sectors of the industry (representing research, education, government bodies and commercial companies) in the executive and general membership of many of these branches. Such broad based involvement is crucial to the ongoing relevance of the branch in the development of the poultry industry in the country.

Whilst not a new branch, I was particularly impressed by the high level of Government interest and involvement in the staging of the 7th International Poultry Show and seminar in Dhaka, Bangladesh in March of this year (organised by the WPSA Bangladesh branch), where a number of senior Government ministers spoke at length at both the opening and closing ceremonies of the meeting.

This suggests that in many developing countries, there is the potential for WPSA to play a high profile role in concert with Government and the commercial industry in addressing problems and facilitating the development of a viable and efficient poultry industry. The challenge to all

branches is to maintain that diversity of membership and degree of involvement in all aspects of poultry production.

I have reported previously on the formation of the African Poultry Network (APN) and have a final opportunity as WPSA President and as convener of the APN Steering Committee, to visit Southern and Eastern Africa in October. The purpose of the visit is to meet with members of the APN Management Committee in South Africa, Mozambique, Kenya and Ethiopia en route to the WPSA Board meeting in Turkey in late October. I am keen to see the development of regional meetings throughout Africa wherein the activities of the APN can be facilitated and promoted. Such a meeting will be held in conjunction with the WPSA South African Branch's Scientific Day in Pretoria on 6-7 October 2011.

My very best wishes are sent to all WPSA members. I look forward to seeing at least some of you at the European Federation (EF) Meat and Egg Quality Symposium in Leipzig (September), the UK branch Alternative Production Systems Symposium in Glasgow (September), the EF Nutrition Symposium in Cesme, Turkey (November), the Australian Poultry Science Symposium in Sydney (February 2012) and at the Mediterranean Poultry Summit in Alexandria, Egypt in March 2012. I hope as many of you as possible can attend the 24th World's Poultry Congress in Salvador Brazil in August next year. It looks like being an excellent meeting; one not to be missed!

**100 years WPSA:** A new logo for the centennial celebration of WPSA was produced. At the occasion of the WPSA Centennial Anniversary in 2012, our Belgium based club "Les Amis de la Mère Poule" will assist in

the production of the exhibit 'The Philatelic History of the World's Poultry Congresses'.

This exhibit will feature the philatelic items issued by the different WPSA Branches at the occasion of the World's Poultry Congress organized by them during the last The exhibit is planned during the 24<sup>th</sup> WPC in Bahia, Brazil August, 2012, as well as from 12 November 2011 to 12 November 2012 in the Barneveld Poultry Museum in The Netherlands. As the exhibition is not yet complete, we are looking for more materials to be displayed. Philatelic materials produced for the different events, include stamps, first day covers, sheets of stamps, postcards, posters, stickers, even scale reproductions, etc.

Branches who have organized WPC's in the past have already been contacted directly by "Les Amis de la Mère Poule". As many of our members also have a philatelic interest I herewith would ask you to distribute this request to your members as well.

We hope to receive many positive reactions, so we will be able to organize a wonderful exhibition.

You can send any materials by registered mail to:

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In addition, during WPC2012 in Brazil there will be a "100 year WPSA" booth. The idea is to present all kinds of brochures, flyers, proceedings etc. produced by the Branches during their existence.

We would like to receive any material that you can find, in print and/or digital format before **January 1, 2012**.

After the Congress the materials will be sent to the National Agricultural Library in Washington, where the WPSA archives are kept.

Please send all materials to:

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**WPSA European Working Group  
News**

**WG1:** The European Federation's Working Group 1 on Poultry Economics and Marketing will hold its *3rd round-table on Poultry Economics and Marketing* on 27-28 October, 2011, in Barcelona, Spain. For information contact the chairman of WG1 Peter van Horne at [peter.vanhorne@wur.nl](mailto:peter.vanhorne@wur.nl).

**WG2:** The European Federation's Working Group 2 will co-host the *18th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN'2011)* with the Turkish Branch of WPSA on 31 October – 4 November, 2011 at the Altın Yunus Resort Hotel, Çeşme, İzmir, Turkey. See the Turkey Branch report for further details.

**WG3:** European Working Group 3 on Breeding and Genetics will host the *7th European Symposium on Poultry Genetics* on 5-7 October 2011 at the [Peebles Hydro, Scottish Borders](#). The symposium will be held in the Scottish Borders at the Peebles Hydro a few kilometres south of Edinburgh. The aim of the meeting is to present ongoing research activities and provide an update of current knowledge in genetics and poultry breeding for people from universities, research institutions and industry. There will be 5 or 6 sessions consisting of academic and commercial speakers and is designed to emphasise the application and foster interactions between the theory and practice of poultry breeding. In addition one session will be devoted to an update in research on genetic diversity. There will be a poster viewing period and an oral poster presentation session in which the contributor will be given an opportunity to summarize the poster content. The aim of the organising committee is to make the sessions as up-to-date as possible and further details of speakers, topics and sessions will be posted on the web site as soon as they become available.

We look forward to welcoming you to Scotland in October 2011.

*On behalf of the organising committee, Steffen Weigend, Chairperson WG3*

**WG5:** The WG5 meeting was held in Leipzig (Germany) during the Eggmeat 2011 meeting (August, 4-8, 2011). The meetings were held at the Congress Centre in Leipzig.

The XX European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat organized by the European Federation's Working Group 5 will take place in parallel with Working Group 4's XIV European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products. Both will be held on September 4-8, 2011 in Leipzig, Germany. Scientific sessions will take place during the first three days, and excursions will be held on the last day.

*Michel Duclos*

**WG6:** The 2011 meeting of the Incubation and Fertility Research Group {European Working Group 6 (Reproduction)} was held in Ede, The Netherlands on 30th – 31st August, 2011.

Dr. Nick French: [nfrench@aviagen.com](mailto:nfrench@aviagen.com)

**WG9:** The next WG9 meeting will take place in Uppsala, Sweden from 17-20 June 2013. See the website for details: [www-conference.slu.se/poultrywelfare2013](http://www-conference.slu.se/poultrywelfare2013).

**WG10:** The European Federation's Working Group 10 on Turkey Production hosted the 6th International Symposium on Turkey Production at the Hotel Steglitz International in Berlin, Germany, on June 16-18, 2011.

*Prof. H.M. Hafez, Chairperson WG 10, Institute of Poultry Diseases, Free University Berlin*

**WG12:** The European Federation's Working Group 12 hosted the 5th Workshop on Fundamental Physiology and Perinatal Development in Poultry on the 31

August – 3 September, 2011 in Wageningen, The Netherlands.

*Dr. Henry van den Brand, Adaptation Physiology Group, Wageningen*

## CAPTION COMPETITION?



**It is possible that our president was merely alarmed at the possibility that Aidans tie was about to burst into flame, but if any member would like to offer an alternative explanation of this image snapped at the Annual Dinner at the Spring Meeting in Nottingham we would all like to hear it (accurate or amusing responses will be reported in a future Newsletter!!)**

**If you have any material or information that you would like to distribute via the Newsletter or have any queries or comments on WPSA UK Branch activities then please contact me.**

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