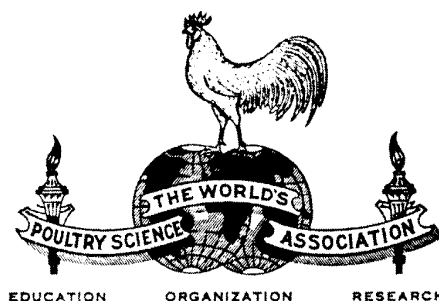


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An important change in protocol

It is true that every cloud has a silver lining as the fact that I have not quite become as organised as your previous secretary and this newsletter being a little later than usual means that I can draw your attention to a very important change in protocol.

The submission date for abstracts for consideration by the Programme Committee for oral and/or poster presentation at the 2009 WPSA-UK Branch Meeting to be held in Southport has been brought forward to the earlier date of **31st October 2008**. The reason for the submission date being earlier than previous years is two-fold. Firstly it facilitates the amount of work the Programme Committee has to carry out every year in order to edit and produce the abstracts booklet to accompany our Branch Meeting. Secondly this year we are also processing all the poultry papers submitted to BSAS thereby creating a lot of additional work as many of these authors are from overseas.

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of the rules for authors wishing to submit papers for consideration. It is also helpful to the Symposium Committee if the formatting instructions are followed carefully.

Gordon Memorial Lecture 2008



Paul Hocking is pictured here presenting Professor Minghan Choct from the University of Armidale with his Gordon Memorial Medal. Prof Choct presented a very informative lecture entitled '*Managing Gut Health through Nutrition*' detailing some of the work being carried out at his own research facility in Australia and in particular drawing attention to the importance of nutrition very early in the life of the bird.

Membership

There is some good news to report in terms of membership as we have had 12 new recruits since the Spring Newsletter. However, as is often the case at this time of year a number of members have failed to renew their membership, many having left the industry, or completed their studies. Despite this encouraging number of new members, unfortunately the net effect is a continued downward trend in membership.

The following new members have recently joined the Branch and we warmly welcome them:

Miss Elizabeth Carter – Hertfordshire

Dr Fathia Ibrir – University of Batna, Algeria

Mr Richard Remmer – Optovite International Ltd.

Dr Jill Offer – Scottish Agricultural College.

Miss Linda Griffiths – Belfast

Miss Rhonda Graham – Beattock, Moffat.

Mr Ian Cockshott – Kiotechagil, Reading.

Miss Natalie Stoppard – Lincolnshire.

Mr Wael Adelrahman – Royal Veterinary College, Herts.

Mrs Chamari Palliyeguru – Harper Adams College.

Mrs Palika Fernando – Harper Adams College.

Mr Daniel Palcu - Surrey

May I please ask members to look out for potential new recruits for WPSA UK Branch membership. We need to maintain the strength and credibility of the Branch in order to be seen as suitably professional hosts for future major WPSA international events and as spokespersons for UK poultry science.

Full details about the branch and its activities with downloadable application forms and banker's order forms are all available on the Branch website :

www.wpsa-uk.com

Many Thanks to John Parsons

John Parsons completed a full 8 years as Secretary of the UK Branch of WPSA at the 2008 AGM. He accepted the post just after he retired from ADAS in 2000 after a long career in the poultry industry. Latterly he had been responsible for organising the highly successful broiler and broiler breeder conferences held annually in East Anglia. He had also just completed his report on “Education, training and accreditation for the poultry industry” after receiving the prestigious Temperton Fellowship in the same year (2000).

John therefore brought a depth of understanding of the poultry industry to the UK Branch that was unparalleled. He also came to the job with enthusiasm which was a hallmark of his career and his time as Secretary. He brought his knowledge and efficiency to bear on both the tedious and detailed task of keeping the Branch on track and in producing an informative and always accurate Newsletter. His notes for Council meetings and the AGM were always complete and reliable and contributed immeasurably to the smooth running of these affairs. He has been passionate, over the past few years, in seeking to maintain membership numbers and has spent much time and effort on chasing up those who forgot to renew subscriptions. In particular, he undertook an amazing amount of additional work in relation to an enforced change to our Bank Accounts within RBOS a few years ago which caused him many headaches with Standing Orders which had gone astray. His work as Secretary of the Branch has been a great blessing to three Presidents and three Treasurers and was much appreciated by all the Branch officers and council members during these years.

John is characteristically cheerful and positive and his presence at WPSA meetings will continue to be uplifting and appreciated. In thanking John for his invaluable contribution to the UK Branch of WPSA we wish him well and the time to more fully enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Paul Hocking and Kelvin McCracken

WPSA - UK Branch Administration 2008/2009

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the UK Branch of WPSA was held at The Spa Complex, Scarborough during the Branch Annual Meeting. Minutes will be sent to all members with the papers for the 2008 AGM next Spring. Elections took place to fill five Council vacancies and for the post of Branch Secretary. These resulted in Prof Peter Surai and Dr Wendy Wakeman being re-elected for a further four years. Council Members elected to serve for the first time were Dr Elizabeth McCann and Mr Anthony Waller. Dr Carolyn Preston was elected as Branch Secretary following the retirement of Mr John Parsons after eight years of dedicated service in this post. One vacancy is to be carried forward but may be filled at any time.

President

Dr T Acamovic (2010*)

Vice President

Mr P W Garland (2010*)

Treasurer/Ass Secretary

Dr K McCracken (2011*)

Secretary/Ass Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Dr C Preston (2012)

Elected Councillors

Mr J A Ball (2009*)

Dr J S Bentley (2010*)

Dr L J Gatcliffe (2011)

Dr C E Gilbert (2011)

Mr A Waller (2012)

Mr S A Lister (2009)

Dr E McCann (2012)

Dr V Sandilands (2009)

Prof P Surai (2012*)

Dr W G Wakeman (2012*)

*Ineligible for re-election

Also Council Members

Prof C C Whitehead WPSA Vice President (Co-opted to Council)

Programme Committee:

Mr P W Garland (Chair)

Dr T Acamovic

Dr A Cowieson

Dr I C Dunn

Dr K J McCracken

Dr N Sparks.

Symposium Committee:

Representative on Egg and Poultry Industry Conference Committee:

Mr S A Lister

Representative on Robert Fraser Gordon Memorial Trust:

Dr P M Hocking (2011)

(Webmaster: Liz Archibald)

2008 Presidents Prize

The winner of the **President's Prize** for the best paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting was Sebastian Kaczmarek shown here being awarded his prize by Patrick Garland. Mr Kaczmarek gave an excellent paper entitled '*The effect of drying temperature and exogenous enzyme supplementation on nutrient digestibility, nitrogen retention and AME of maize-soy-based diets for broiler chickens*'.



Two New Poultry Books From Wiley-Blackwell

British Poultry Standards

Sixth Edition

Edited by Victoria Roberts

This is the official reference to all the recognised Poultry Standards in Great Britain. It contains complete specifications together with judging points for all standardised breeds and varieties, as compiled by the specialist Breed Clubs and recognised by the Poultry Club of Great Britain.

This new edition covers an additional 14 breeds and now contains almost 300 colour photographs many of which are new and improved colour images.

Published June 2008, 480 pages, Hardback, ISBN 9781405156424, £59.99

For further information see

<http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1405156422,descCd-description.html>

Diseases of Poultry

Twelfth Edition

Edited by Y.M. Saif

This is the definitive reference of poultry disease. The new edition follows the same user-friendly format and has been thoroughly updated to reflect the most current knowledge of avian pathology, including new coverage of genetic resistance to disease.

This is a must-have resource for all veterinary pathologists, practitioners, agricultural managers and industry leaders involved in poultry health and production.

Published June 2008, 1352 pages, Hardback, ISBN 9780813807188, £110.00

For further information see

<http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0813807182.html>

To place your orders for these new editions either go to the webpages mentioned above and follow the ordering instructions or call 01243 843291

2008 Summer Vacation Awards

This year the Branch Council had a very difficult decision to make between three very worthy applications for our Summer Vacation Awards. In an exceptional move which shows how much we value our student members, the decision was made to offer assistance to all three projects to be undertaken this summer. Two of the recipients of the **2008 WPSA UK Branch Summer Vacation Awards** shall receive £1000 and the third £500. The

2008 Summer Vacation Awards go to:

Viran Abeysena of SAC Auchincruive whose project shall be a *Study of the Apparent Faecal Digestibility of Nutrients in Two Strains of Broilers*.

Katie Wu of the University of Edinburgh, whose project shall be a study of the *Role of Litter Moisture and Acidity in the Aetiology of Foot Pad Dermatitis in Turkeys*

Tegan Smith of Newcastle University whose project shall be examining the *Risk of Egg Taint from Plant Essential Oils used as an Acaricide for the Poultry Red Mite (Dermanyssus gallinae)*

We wish all of the above well with their studies and look forward to their results being presented at our 2009 Branch Meeting.

WPSA-UK Branch Meeting 2009

For our 2009 Branch Meeting which shall take place on 31st March and 1st April 2009, we move back to the Floral Hall in Southport with plans to return to the Royal Clifton Hotel for accommodation and our Annual Dinner. We hope that many of you are planning to join us and participate and I wish to again draw your attention to the earlier deadline for receipt of papers of Friday 31st October 2008. Pages 5 and 6 of this Newsletter outline the details for submitting a paper or poster and for preparation of abstracts.

The proposed title of the BSAS/WPSA joint session is *Conflicts between consumer requirements and food security*. Also following the success of the Industry Session this year, plans are well advanced for a lively Industry Session in 2009.

Annual Meeting

31 March-1 April 2009

Details for submitting a paper or poster

Summaries of papers for the WPSA UK Branch Annual Meeting 2009 will, once again this year, be required to be submitted to the Programme Committee electronically in **WORD** format as an email attachment. Please **DO NOT** use the abstract template previously carried on the WPSA UK Branch website. However, these instructions will be reproduced there: **www.wpsa-uk.com**

Receipt will be acknowledged at that time and comments from the Programme Committee will be received by Christmas. Authors of accepted papers are then asked to deal with any requested amendments speedily to facilitate printing and will be informed of their deadline at that time.

The Programme Committee would encourage submission of papers on any topic relevant to poultry science as original communications.

There will once again be some emphasis on poster presentations. A formal session will be organised to examine posters and to discuss their results.

Very brief summaries are not acceptable - they should be sufficiently informative so that a reader can understand why the topic is important, how the experiment was done, what results were obtained and what conclusions can be drawn from the findings.

To be considered for inclusion in the conference programme and in the proceedings of the meeting, the contribution, including any Figures or Tables, must print out on no more than two sheets of A4 paper. A detailed

description of the required format is presented on the following page and is illustrated on the website by a typical summary.

Please note that all tables and figures are to be put at the end of the text.

Please send your abstract in **WORD** format as detailed above to Dr Aaron Cowieson

His email address is:

aaron.cowieson@danisco.com

Please state your preferred method of presentation i.e. oral paper or poster. It is unlikely that there will be time for all those wishing to present oral papers to do so, so further selection will be done by the Programme Committee.

NB. The deadline for submission of papers is : Friday 31 October 2008.

Ten Tips for Success

1. Introduce the problem
2. State objective clearly
3. Present the experimental design
4. Give replication (numbers, individuals or pens?)
5. Describe the statistical analysis
6. Ensure correct analysis (eg split-plot?)
7. Keep it simple
8. Provide measures of variation (e.g. standard errors)
9. State conclusion(s) clearly
10. Proof read the summaries (again)

Annual Meeting

31 March – 1 April 2009

Directions for preparation of abstracts

Size: The abstract should have a maximum size of two pages of A4. Set the top and bottom margins to 2.4cm and the left and right margins to 3.0cm. Use fully justified text.

Font: For text use Times New Roman 12 point and for tables use 10 point.

Line spacing: Use a line space of 1.2 (approximately 1.75 lines per cm).

Pagination: **DO NOT** include page numbers.

Quality of manuscript: This must be intense black from laser or ink-jet printers.

Structure of paper

Title: Give a short title of less than 200 characters. Print should be in **bold** type in lower case except for the first word and proper nouns. Centre on the page but do not underline.

Authors: Give the first name(s) initials followed by the surname in CAPITALS. Different addresses of authors should be given by superscript numbers. Addresses should be typed in *lower case italics*.

Text: Do **not** use subheadings such as Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, References and Acknowledgements, although the general organisation of the text should follow this structure. Leave a one-line gap between paragraphs but do not indent the first sentence. Use only SI units and use abbreviations and nomenclature as described in the Instructions to Contributors in British Poultry Science (www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/default.html).

References: Follow the format and rules as stated in the Instructions to Contributors in British Poultry Science.

Tables: These must be placed at the end of the document but within the two-page limit. Do not use shading. Horizontal lines can be used to separate column headings (titles and units) from the values. Do not use any vertical lines. Tables need to be given brief titles (*in italics – 10 point*). They must include units for all variables. Give estimates of unaccountable variation (for example, pooled standard errors of means) in separate rows or columns.

Figures: These must be placed at the end of the document but within the two-page limit. The editors will determine their final position. Size and quality must be suitable for photo-reduction. They must be contained within the general margins of the text. Do not place within boxes. Figures also need to be given brief titles.

Statistics: Only a brief description of the statistical methods is needed but the amount of replication for each treatment should be stated. Parameters, such as means, differences between means, slopes, etc. should be accompanied by estimates of variation. Statements of treatment differences should include an indication of statistical significance (for example (P<0.05)).

NB. The instructions for the preparation and submission of abstracts can also be downloaded from the UK Branch website

www.wpsa-uk.com.

The deadline for submission of papers is Friday 31 October 2008.

The European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition 2009

23rd – 27th August 2009 Edinburgh, Scotland.



Provisional Scientific Programme

Session 1

Phosphorus, phytate and phytase

Sources of feed P, maximising efficiency of P utilisation in relation to supply shortages; minimum requirements of different types of bird at different ages; definitions and methods of determination of different types of 'available' P; contribution of natural and added phytases, effects on other nutrients, methods of measurement of activity.

Session 2

Litter quality

Effects of litter moisture on performance, health and welfare; effects of nutrients on litter quality, possible adverse effects of use of protein as energy source on water intake.

Session 3

Feed additives

Organominerals: types, efficacy, mode of action, nutritional value, environmental impact; vitamin requirements and economic responses; other types of feed additives.

Session 4

Nutrition and environment

Nutritional practices in alternative production systems and impacts on the environment; nutritional solutions to gaseous and excreted wastes, minimising carbon footprints.

Session 5

Nutrition of the breeding birds

Update on nutrient allowances of modern broiler and layer breeders and effects on progeny; nutrition of breeding turkeys, ducks and geese.

Session 6

Future prospects for nutrition

A look into the future of areas such as biofuels, plant breeding, early nutritional strategies, nutrigenomics and regulation of new products.

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Poultry Conferences, Meetings and Symposia

2008

**XX International Poultry Conference
' Science for Poultry Practice – Poultry
Practice for Science'**
15-17 September 2008, Hotel 'Reko'
Wenecja near Bygoszcz, Poland
www.utp.edu.pl/wpsa-whbz/wpsa-pl.htm

VIV China 2008
26-28 September 2008
Beijing, P.R. China
www.viv.net

**10th World Conference on Animal
Production (WCAP)**
23-28 November 2008
Cape Town International Convention
Centre, South Africa
www.wcap2008.co.za

**International Symposium – The Return of
the Good Egg**
26-28 November 2008
Istanbul, Turkey
www.goodegg.2008.com

2009

5th World's Poultry Science Congress
10-13 March 2009
Morgana Azur Resort, Taba Area, Egypt
www.wpc2009.googlepages.com/

**8th European Symposium on Poultry
Welfare (Working Group 9)**
18-22 May 2009
Cervia, Italy
www.newteam.it/WPSA2009/index.htm

**XIX European Symposium on the Quality
of Poultry Meat**
**XIII European Symposium on the Quality
of Egg and Egg Products**
21-25 June 2009
Turku, Finland
www.congress.utu.fi/eggmeat2009

**17th European Symposium on Poultry
Nutrition**
23-27th August 2009
Edinburgh Conference Centre, Edinburgh
UK
E-mail: thomas.acamovic@sac.ac.uk

Looking further ahead

13th European Poultry Conference
23rd-27th August 2010
Tours, France

XXIV World's Poultry Congress
August 2012
Salvador, Bahia-Brazil.

Detail to be posted at a later date

World's Poultry Science Association (UK Branch)

Annual Meeting
31 March – 1 April 2009
Floral Hall, Southport

Deadline for submission of papers – Friday 31st October 2008

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