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AAVP Mission Statement

The mission of the AAVP is to lead and partner with our members in advancing veterinary parasitology education, research, practice and service to improve human and animal health. AAVP members are practitioners, educators, and scientists from academia, industry, and government. We will accomplish this mission by providing:

- An annual conference for sharing research and educational advances
- Support to students interested in veterinary parasitology
- A bi-annual educators symposium
- Electronic discussion forums
- Veterinary publications
- Speakers and programs to veterinary professional meetings

From the President

Dear Colleagues,

Jennifer Ketzis, President

This past year marks our second in-person meeting since COVID 19 with attendance numbers near those of 2018. It was exciting to see so many members present and know our organization is growing with the strong student member turnout. It was sad to see the absence of some members that have retired or passed away, but these members are not forgotten. Many have served on the Executive Committee and helped build our organization to what it is today. All have trained parasitologists that are now active members of our organization. Their contributions can be seen in the parasitology family trees introduced by the History ad hoc Committee at the annual meeting. If you are interested in helping with building the family tree, reach out to the history committee.

For the second time we had Sponsor booths at the annual meeting providing an opportunity to learn more about our Sponsors and their contributions to veterinary parasitology. Thank you to all of our Sponsors for their generous support which makes it possible to have the breaks and social events that provide those opportunities to build relations, forge new friendships and spend time with long term friends.

In 2023 we built on the spontaneous silent auction that occurred in 2022 with a live auction to raise funds for the Young Investigators Travel Grant. This was a great success and items are already being sought for 2024. A special thank you to our auctioneer, Dr. McArthur, the organizers, Dr. Shelly Michalski and Dr. Sheila Mitchell, Antech for allowing us to intrude on their evening social and all of those that contributed auction items.

Another addition to the annual meeting was a travel scholarship sponsored by Merck Animal Health for parasitology educators in veterinary technology programs. These important educators have been somewhat underrepresented at our annual meeting and we hope that this program will increase their participation and build collaborations between technician and DVM program educators.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee went from an ad hoc committee to a permanent committee and enabled Dr. Lisa Greenhill to speak (remotely) at our annual meeting. In addition, the committee has developed the AAVP Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Policy, AAVP Code of Conduct Policy and AAVP Code of Professional Ethics which go into effect this fall with the establishment of the AAVP Appeals Committee.

The success of the annual meeting is a group effort with many individuals, our Committee chairs and members, the Executive Committee, Rees Group and so many others contributing. I will not list names, because the list would go on and on … I would like to recognize and thank everyone who contributed presentations, booths, moderated sessions, who were patient when things didn't go as planned and provided encouragement and support. I also would like to thank Drs. Tim Geary and Lindsay Starkey for supporting and helping to develop our closing panel discussion. This discussion has led to some actions for our organization that will support members going forward.

Our 2024 meeting venue is Atlanta, Georgia and planning for the meeting is already underway by Heather Walden, the program chair. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Ketzis, AAVP President
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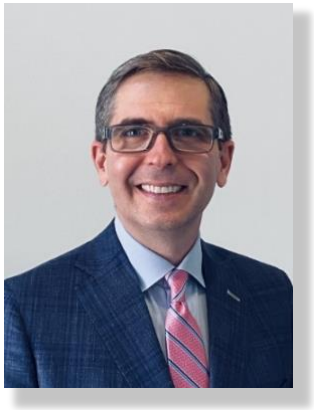
From the Secretary/Treasurer

2024 AAVP Membership Dues



Dean Dailey
Secretary-Treasurer

The renewal period for AAVP membership for calendar year 2024 has begun and extends through January 31, 2024.

Annual dues for regular members are $100.00 per year and $30.00 per year for students.

Dues should be paid online by clicking on the "Membership" tab at the top of the AAVP web page (http://www.aavp.org) and then clicking "Join / Renew Online". If you login to the site before clicking "Join / Renew Online", your personal information will be prepopulated on the renewal form. Once you have made your payment, you should receive an e-mail from the AAVP confirming that your account has been updated. If you require a formal receipt for payment, or if you are experiencing any problems with the payment of your dues online, please contact the AAVP Membership Coordinator, Nan Knuteson via email (nknuteson@reesgroupinc.com) or contact me.

Dues Reminder
Deadline for payment:
January 31, 2024
Pay online at:
http://www.aavp.org

Members who are in good standing may purchase an online subscription to *Veterinary Parasitology* for an additional $50.00 per year. The subscription will be valid for the calendar year 2024, and the link for payment of the subscription is also to be found on the "Membership" tab of the AAVP website.

Thank you for continuing to support the AAVP!

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Submitted by: Dean Dailey, Secretary/Treasurer, AAVP

2023 Past-President's Report

Antoinette Marsh,
Past President

Presidential Term, June 2022 – June 2023

Gratitude—is the basis of my report.

I would like to thank my colleagues whose contributions make this organization function. I would also like to thank our industry sponsors who provide vital financial support to sustain our organization and for the students who bring excitement, curiosity and will be the future professionals in this field. I encourage students to carve out time to participate in the AAVP. Your connections to this organization will serve you well. Lastly, I am grateful to all the members who share their amazing knowledge and discoveries in Veterinary Parasitology. See you in Georgia!

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2023 – 2024 Committees

Here follow the lists of the committee members as October 2023. We would appreciate it if members and chairs would review the lists and provide any updates to the Secretary-Treasurer so that the lists may be brought up to date.

Elected Committee

Nominating

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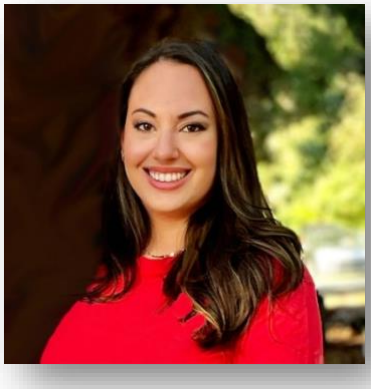
Student Commitee Report

Welcome to Elyssa Campbell who joins and William Johnson as Student Officer to AAVP!

Will Johnson

Elyssa Campbell is a Comparative Biomedical Sciences doctoral candidate in the College of Veterinary Medicine with Dr. Andy Moorhead serving as her major advisor. Elyssa is also the laboratory manager for the NIH-funded Filariasis Research Reagent Resource Center, which produces and provides filarial reagents to researchers in North America. Elyssa's research focuses on the immune response of nonpermissive hosts to filarial parasites and the mechanisms of the host that determine the establishment of *Dirofilaria immitis* and *Brugia malayi*. When Elyssa is not in the lab, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter, and two dogs. She also enjoys renovating her home one small DIY project at a time. We would also like to re-introduce William Johnson, a DVM student at Kansas State University, and his area of emphasis is food animal medicine. In his spare time, he enjoys gravel biking, fly fishing, and cheese making. We extend our greatest appreciation to Leonor Sicalo Gianechini for her service to AAVP and the Student Committee these past two years and we thank her for her guidance during this officer transition.



Elyssa Campbell

We enjoyed connecting with everyone at the 2023 AAVP Meeting in Lexington and we welcome all of our continued and new Student Committee members. We are looking forward to the 2024 AAVP Meeting in 2024 this year and are happy to announce that the Student Trip will occur on the last day of the Meeting (July 30th) and will be open to 36 students for a behind-the-scenes tour at the Georgia Aquarium. An email will follow in the coming months with details for the trip. If you have not received emails from the Student Committee, please email aavpstudentcommittee@gmail.com to be added to the list.

AAVP student committee is now active on social media. You can stay up to date on all AAVP student committee activities on X (formerly twitter) @AAVPstudents, on Instagram @aavpstudents, and our Facebook group: AAVP Students.

We would like to thank Dr. Kaplan for his webinar this semester titled “Drug resistance in nematode parasites: biology, genetics and epidemiology.” Be sure to follow our social media pages to stay up to date with future webinar announcements!

Can’t wait to see everyone in Atlanta next summer!

Respectfully submitted by: Will Johnson

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is charged with developing the ballot for the annual election of officers and two new members of the committee itself. In the upcoming Spring 2024 election, we will have 3 positions to vote on: Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Nominating Committee. As the committee begins the process of developing the ballot this fall, we invite AAVP members to submit names of colleagues that they believe will serve the organization well in the above-mentioned roles. We ask that, prior to submission, members first discuss their nomination with the potential nominee to be sure that they are willing and able to serve in the position(s), which may entail a considerable time commitment. Please feel free to reach out to the Nominating Committee chair at the email address below with any questions.

To keep the list of nominees manageable, we ask that each AAVP member submit no more than 2 names for each position to the committee chair, Gui Verocai at gverocai@cvm.tamu.edu by December 14th. The committee will consider all recommendations and present the top-ranked candidates for the spring ballot. We thank you for your engagement and look forward to your input!

Respectfully submitted by: Gui Verocai, Chair

Email: gverocai@cvm.tamu.edu

Education Committee Report

Dr. Grace VanHoy was elected by the committee as the new chair at the 2023 annual meeting and preliminary planning for the 2024 symposium has begun with a tentative location of UC-Davis.

The Education Committee will be hosting a virtual ½ day symposium on December 20th, 2023 for parasitology educators. Topics of discussion and breakout sessions will include integration of clinical parasitology into clinical reasoning and crossover curriculum, a presentation from a guest speaker, and discussion of Phase 1 of the Competency Standards project. For more information regarding the virtual symposium, please email Grace VanHoy at gvanhoy@ucdavis.edu.

One of the main projects of the committee over the next year is an update of the AAVP Competency Standards, with a goal of publication of this set of recommendations in the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education. The Competency Standards Working Group will be updating and mapping each of the AAVP Competency Standards to the Competency-Based Veterinary Education framework. The goal is to write an updated review on how parasitology fits into this new framework. While this is currently a work in progress, a preliminary draft will be presented at the 2024 annual meeting in Atlanta.

Submitted by Grace VanHoy, Education Committee Chair

2022 AAVP Awards Committee Report

Nominated AAVP Awards

A huge thanks to those who nominated and provided letters of support for all the nominees. Also, thanks to the members of the 2023 AAVP awards committee for the time and effort devoted toward reviewing and selecting the award winners. The committee members were the following: Joe Camp, Peter Thompson, Kelly Allen, Lisa Young, Lindsay Starkey, Alice Lee, Ashraful Bhuiya, Lauren Camp, Elliot Zieman, Shelly Michalski (co-chair) and Molly Savadelis (co-chair).

AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award

Drs. John Gilleard and Dean Daily

Dr. John Gilleard, of the University of Calgary, was selected as the 2023 Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist. This prestigious award recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions of an AAVP member to the advancement of veterinary parasitology. Dr. Gilleard's full biography was featured in the annual meeting's proceedings. His presentation entitled, "Anthelmintic resistance molecular diagnostics, epidemiology and management: a journey back to move forward," was enjoyed by many during the Saturday award session at the meeting in Lexington, KY. In addition to the honor this award brings, Dr. Gilleard received an engraved plaque, a $1,500 monetary award provided by Boehringer Ingelheim (presented by Dr. Doug Carithers), and assistance with the reimbursement of travel expenses provided by AAVP.

Congratulations to **Dr. Gilleard** on receiving this award!

2023 AAVP Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Frank Hurtig of Virbac has been selected as the 2023 Distinguished Service Award recipient. This is an award that recognizes and celebrates extraordinary contributions and service to the AAVP. Dr. Hurtig's full biography was featured in the annual meeting's proceedings and AAVP contributed toward the reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Society's annual meeting in Lexington, KY.

Congratulations to **Dr. Hurtig** on receiving this award!

Drs. Frank Hurtig and Heather Walden

AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Drs. Kathryn Duncan and Megan Lineberry

Dr. Megan Lineberry, from Oklahoma State University, was selected as the recipient of the 2023 AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Under the supervision of Dr. Kelly Allen, Megan's Ph.D. work focused on the prevalence of *Cercopithifilaria* in dogs in Oklahoma as well as the prevalence and geographic distribution of *Cercopithifilaria* and other pathogens in brown dog ticks throughout the US. Megana's presentation took place Saturday during the awards session at the annual meeting in Lexington, KY and was entitled, "Emerging parasitic infections detected in dogs and brown dog ticks in the United States." She received reimbursement of travel expenses by the AAVP, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of $1,000 provided by Merck Animal Health (presented by Dr. Kathryn Duncan).

Congratulations to **Dr. Lineberry**!

AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

Dr. Kamilyah Miller, of Kansas State University, was selected as the recipient of the 2023 AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease. Under the supervision of Dr. Brian Herrin, Kamilyah's Ph.D. work focuses on the prevalence, potential health risk and improved diagnostic identification of *Echinococcus* spp. Her presentation "Detection of *Echinococcus* spp. In coyotes in the Midwestern United States" was enjoyed by many on Sunday during the Wildlife session.

Congratulations to **Dr. Miller**!

Drs. Heather Walden and Kamilyah Miller

Young Investigator Travel Grant Recipients

Thanks to the AAVP for providing travel funding for the following students to attend the meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. In total, there were 37 students who applied for travel grants.

Student (Institution)	Student (Institution)	Student (Institution)
Daniel Felipe Barrantes Murillo (Auburn University)	Rachel Smith (Auburn University)	Ranju Manoj (Cornell University)
Timothy Wu (Cornell University)	Katy Martin (Iowa State University)	William Johnson (Kansas State University)
Theresa Quintana (Kansas State University)	Kamilyah Miller (Kansas State University)	Cameron Sutherland (Kansas State University)
James Collins (Northwestern University)	Morgan Simpson (Lincoln Memorial University)	Stacie Williams (Lincoln Memorial University)
Stefan Struble (Oklahoma State University)	Sarah Myers (Oklahoma State University)	Annapoorani Jegatheesan (Purdue University)
Vishnu Manikantan (Purdue University)	Marianne Rivers (Ross University)	Cora Garcia (TAMU)
Kaylee Kipp (TAMU)	Matthew Kulpa (TAMU)	Ian Daniel (TAMU)
Marueen Kelly (TAMU)	Shridula Hegde (Ohio State University)	Muhammad Bilal (University of Calgary)
Venkateswara Rao Parimisetti (University of Calgary)	Romy van Halderen (University of Calgary)	Shahbaz Khan (University of Illinois)
Elizabeth Kass (University of Rhode Island)	Nicole Szafranski (University of Tennessee)	Kaetlyn Ryan (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Pedro Cachu Cuevas (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh)	Md Ashraful Islam Bhuiya (University of Wyoming)	Jenna Balk (Virginia Tech)
Hannah Teddleton (West Virginia University)		

Young investigator travel grant recipients.

Best Student Paper and Poster Competitions

The student competition involved 50 students (39 in the platform competition and 11 in the poster competition)! The Best Student Paper competition and the Best Student Poster competition was sponsored by Elanco. There were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards given in each category with $500, $300, and $150 honoraria, respectively, as well as two Honorable Mentions that award free registration to AAVP 2024 in Atlanta, GA.

	Best Student Paper Sponsored by Elanco (awards presented by Dr. Bradley Hayes)	**Best Student Poster Sponsored by Elanco** (awards presented by Dr. Bradley Hayes)
1st Place	Annapoorani Jegatheesan Purdue University	Shaelin Warner University of Kentucky
2nd Place	Maureen Kelly Texas A&M	Hannah Danks Texas A&M
3rd Place	Cora Garcia Texas A&M	Jenna Balk Virgina Tech
Honorable Mention	Sarah Myers Oklahoma State University	
Honorable Mention	JB Collins Northwestern University	

Student paper award winners pictured from left to right: Cora Garcia, Annapoorani Jegatheesan, Sarah Myers, Maureen Kelly, Dr. Bradley Hayes, and JB Collins.

AAVP sends thanks to all the judges who took valuable time from their schedules to attend student presentations and provide written feedback to the students: Drs. Elliott Zieman, Lindsay Starkey, Joe Camp,

Alice Lee, Lisa Young, Shelly Michalski, Wade Burton, Kathryn Duncan, Molly Savadelis, Pablo Jimenez Castro, Amira Ahmed and Jeff Gruntmeir.

Looking Ahead To 2024 AAVP Awards

Nominations are now open for the named AAVP awards for 2024. Check out the nomination and eligibility requirements posted on the AAVP website (https://www.aavp.org/aavp-annual-awards/). Nomination packets will be due early in April 2024. Check your listserv emails for reminders and official deadlines. Completed packets can be turned in via email at any time up until the deadline to either of the awards committee co-chairs: Molly Savadelis (molly.savadelis@zoetis.com) or Megan Lineberry (megan.lineberry@zoetis.com).

If you missed the opportunity to sign up to join the awards committee, please contact either co-chair to join on for the next three years.

Megan Lineberry

Molly Savadelis

Respectfully submitted by: Drs. Molly Savadelis and Megan Lineberry, Co-Chairs, AAVP Awards Committee

History Committee Report

Regarding the passing of fellow parasitologists, no formal information has been brought to our attention since the previous newsletter. If you are aware of a parasitologist whose recent passing can be honored and acknowledged by our group, please let us know (Ashley.mcgrew@colostate.edu; Kathryn.duncan@okstate.edu).

At the annual meeting this past summer, a drawing for a historical prize was initiated. We are excited to announce that **Dr. Katy Martin** was the winner. Katy, please contact us to receive your prize!

We had a successful history booth at the summer meeting, and we plan to continue mapping our 'family tree'. We would also like to thank **Dr. Ann Donoghue** for her contributions to the history booth. We greatly appreciated your assistance!

In the upcoming year, the history committee will collaborate across the organization to raise awareness of our rich history. If you have any **historical articles or pictures** that you'd like to contribute to our collection, please contact us. We hope to feature this collection on the website.

Respectfully submitted by: Drs. Ashley McGrew and Kathryn Duncan, Co-Chairs, AAVP History (ad hoc) Committee

AAVP 69th Annual Meeting 2024 – Atlanta, GA

Make plans to attend the 69th AAVP Annual Meeting, July 27 – 30, 2024, in Atlanta, GA!

The 69th Annual Meeting of the AAVP will be in the Buckhead area of Atlanta, Georgia at the Westin Hotel. Make plans to arrive early on the 26th to catch up with colleagues and friends. We will be only a few miles from Centennial Olympic Park and surrounded by shopping, restaurants and museums. Student members, plan to stay until the 31st to attend the conference student tour to the Georgia Aquarium.

Deadlines for registration, young investigators travel grant applications and abstract submissions will be posted on the AAVP website and shared via emails in January and listed in the Spring newsletter.

Announcements

Parasitology Provenance

At the AAVP meeting in Snowbird 2022, Dr. Pat Conrad encouraged the membership to share their “Origin Story.” Each are unique, fascinating, and often involve a mentor who profoundly changed the trajectory of one’s career. With that, we would like to start up a place for AAVP to share that story! If you feel compelled, please send your “origin story” to the AAVP Newsletter (aavpnewsletter@gmail.com) to be included in future newsletters.

Tom Kennedy PhD

Growing up on a dairy/poultry/swine farm in Wisconsin before “modern” anthelmintics, I remember the smell of hygromycin powder for poultry nematodes and the wriggling masses of ascarids after using piperazine in pastured (aka “free range”) pigs. Phenothiazine was used on slow growing dairy heifers on summer grass, the pink urine stains indicators of successful delivery if not efficacy! Did you know Paul Ehrlich used phenothiazine as a histology stain for *Plasmodium*?

Veterinary parasitology came alive in my second year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison while studying for a BS in Dairy Science. The class was Vet Sci 130, taught by Professor Arlie C. Todd, a spellbinding Socratic style lecturer who made me ”see” parasitology. Dairy cows, the foster mothers of the human race, have worms? The Professor gave me a job to sort through hundreds of jars of abomasal contents of African ungulates collected by Fritz Bilkovich, a first exposure to bursate nematode anatomy. Textbooks by the UW’s Banner Bill Morgan and Glasgow’s Angus Dunn provided descriptions of parasite epidemiology as a great career starting point.

Dr. Todd sent letters of encouragement while I was avoiding various projectiles and southeast Asian parasites, then invited me to interview for graduate school after my Army tour. Despite my year-old son thoroughly wetting The Professor in the interview, he supported me with a RA through a Master’s and a Ph.D. in veterinary science-parasitology. Professor Todd and his wife Bobbi were gregarious hosts and many of the heroes of veterinary parasitology passed through Arlie’s lab and home, affording his students the chance to meet the people upon which the discipline was built. While my professional interests are not exclusively parasitology, it remains my fascination and a glorious ride, so far.

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Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

69th Annual Meeting: July 27 – 30, 2024 in Atlanta, GA

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2024

The 2024 CRWAD meeting will be 21-23 January, 2024, at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois, USA. AAVP continues to support the best student competition in the parasitology section of the CRWAD meeting. CRWAD

American Society of Parasitologists 2024

The 99th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held at Westin Denver Downtown in Denver, CO, USA, 13-16 June, 2024. ASP

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2024

The 73rd annual meeting of ASTMH will be held at the New Orleans Ernest M. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA, 23 – 27 October, 2024. ASTMH.

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2025

The 30th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held in Brazil. More information to come. WAAVP

Receiving AAVP Listserv Messages

The AAVP listserv is our primary means of contacting the membership. These emails are sent from "support@aavp.org." To ensure you receive these messages, please whitelist "support@aavp.org" by adding it to your approved senders list. All you need to do is open an email message and verify the sender can be trusted. However, the exact procedure to whitelist a sender will depend on your email client. In addition to adding the AAVP address to your "Approved Senders List", other commonly used options among email clients are "Add Contact, Add to VIPs, Add Sender to Safe Senders List, or add to Primary," among others. If you are not receiving messages from support@aavp.org at all, contact your IT department for assistance.

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AAVP Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

Newsletter	Deadline
February 2024	January 15, 2024
June 2024	May 15, 2024
October 2024	September 15, 2024

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.