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From the President

Antoinette Marsh,
President

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is well. The executive committee is attempting to accomplish several things this year including our summer meeting.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives are developing nicely with some specific programming in the 68th meeting schedule. Right now, the DEI committee is considered an ad hoc committee until 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting causes this ad hoc committee to be formally adopted as a standing committee within the AAVP Bylaws should the Constitution/By-Law Committee make this formal recommendation to the Executive Committee. More to come on this topic….

The AAVP Hookworm Task force continues to move forward with this important issue in companion animal parasitology. After I resigned from chairing this task force in Spring of 2022 due to my AAVP executive committee duties, Dr. Jeba Jesudoss Chelladurai stepped into the chair position with Dr. Pablo Jimenez Castro serving as an assistant chair. A session in the summer program will provide us updates.

I recently returned from the Educators conference (UGA, December 18-19, 2022). We discussed the significant relevance of Veterinary Parasitology in the four-year curriculum and covered the major overhaul in various schools and colleges to address the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Competency-Based Veterinary Education (CBVE) approach. These changes, while rapidly developing, will likely require adjustments into the future as we teach veterinary parasitology.

Finally, the Rees Group (association management company specializing in the business of nonprofits) is assisting with the organization's much needed administrative needs to allow Dr. Dean Dailey to take on more advanced components of the secretary/treasurer's role. Dr. Adriano Vatta did an amazing "job" (100% volunteer) for several years and continues to provide assistance to Dr. Dailey to ensure a seamless transition. As Dean continues to transition into this role, I suspect Adriano is not quite "retired" from this volunteer position. Thank you Adriano!

As President I am extremely grateful to all our members and student members who take on the various roles to make this association work. As you read this newsletter I encourage you to count the number of individuals involved in some aspect of running this association. With additional eyes on the association's inner-workings, discussions of how to proceed will provide us with additional updates for an even more transparent, inclusive, and impactful organization.

Lastly, I want to convey a tremendous thank you to our sponsors. Our summer meeting would not be possible without our loyal and generous sponsors, and I am so appreciative when they step up to support us.

I look forward to seeing everyone who will be coming to Lexington.
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Submitted by Antoinette Marsh, AAVP President

From the Secretary/Treasurer

2023 AAVP Membership Dues

Dean Dailey

I would like to thank those of you who have paid your 2023 membership dues! The renewal period for membership was from **October 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023**. If you have not renewed your membership at this time, then you will have lost your membership privileges. The good news is that you can easily regain those privileges by renewing online!

Annual dues for regular members are $75.00 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.

As noted by the AAVP President, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Dr. Adriano Vatta for all of the help and support he has provided as I have transitioned into the role of Secretary/Treasurer over the last 8 months. Working with the Rees Group professional association management company, we have implemented a few updates that we hope you find helpful, such as membership renewal reminder emails and an updated renewal process on the AAVP website. Over the coming months, we will continue evaluating other potential enhancements.

Thank you for continuing to support the AAVP!

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68th Annual Meeting of the AAVP – Conference Information

Message from the Program Committee

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold its 68th Annual Meeting on **June 10th – 13th** in Lexington, KY. The venue, the same as in 2021, is within walking distance of a variety of attractions, for those that wish to arrive early or stay a few days after. The 2023 Program Chair, Dr. Jennifer Ketzis, and the Program Committee, Drs. Antoinette Marsh, Martin Nielsen, Heather Walden, Dean Dailey, Leonor Sicalo, and William Johnson are currently assembling an outstanding scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "Building for the Future – The Future is Now."

Saturday's opening plenary session speakers will include Dr. David Bartley from the Moredun Research Institute and Dr. Lucienne Tritten from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, University of Basel and the Institute of Parasitology, University of Zurich. These presentations will be followed by the award winners, including the recipient of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, will be presenting. These individuals are outstanding in their areas of study.

Nominations for the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award, AAVP-William C. Campbell One-Health Award, and AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease are open. Please submit your nominations to Drs. Shelly Michalski (michalsk@uwosh.edu) and Molly Savadelis (molly.savadelis@zoetis.com) by March 31, 2022.

Monday's and Tuesday's plenary sessions will consist of a presentation from Dr. Lisa Greenhill, Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Director for Institutional Research, American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges and the President's symposium with short presentations addressing current challenges in the field of veterinary parasitology, followed by a panel discussion on how AAVP can address these challenges.

The 68th Annual Meeting will include, as at past meetings, student presentations and a student competition. Student papers will be integrated into the topical session that is most appropriate. The poster social event will start off with the fun and exciting "Poster-Pitch" session in which each poster presenter will have the opportunity to give a "1 slide / 1 minute" pitch describing their poster. In the planning, though not confirmed, is another silent auction to be held in conjunction with the poster session – keep an eye out for email updates.

As in the past, an excellent series of events is planned for the students to promote student interactions with established workers in different fields of parasitology and to enhance student-to-student interactions. On Saturday, prior to the opening session, there will be a student "Meet and Greet." On Tuesday, a student post-meeting activity is being planned. Departures for the attending students should be planned for Wednesday, June 14th. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be announced via email. For questions on student events and the post-meeting excursion contact Dr. Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu) or Dr. William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu).

Updates to the program will be shared on the AAVP web site (http://www.aavp.org/). Please note that the final program for the conference will be posted on the AAVP web site, and in the Summer Issue of the Newsletter.

The Program Committee now invites abstracts for oral presentations and posters with a submission deadline of April 3rd, 2023. The meeting of the AAVP is a very successful vehicle for the dissemination of the latest data and views on the biology and control of parasites of veterinary importance. It is also an excellent networking opportunity. We sincerely hope that you will consider presenting a paper, poster, or simply joining us in Lexington, Kentucky this summer.

Sincerely,

Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Ketzis, Program Chair and President-Elect (Email: jketzis@rossu.edu)

Abstract submissions open on 2/13/23 and close on 4/3/23.
Registration opens on 2/13/23.

Meeting Location

Lexington, Kentucky

The **American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 68th Annual Meeting** will be held June 10–13, 2023 in **Lexington, KY, USA**.

Lexington, Kentucky is located in the Bluegrass Region, which is often referred to as the horse capital of the world. Surrounded by horse farms and rolling green hills, this area has the largest concentration of horses in the world. With this comes also a high level of equine veterinary expertise and a track record of equine research excellence at the M.H. Gluck Equine Research Center. The area offers two historic race tracks and several horse farms offering guided tours. The Central Kentucky region is also bourbon country with several famous distilleries present, all offering guided tours with sample tasting.The meeting venue is the Downtown Hilton Hotel within a short walking distance from several cozy restaurants, cafes, bars etc.

Address

Hilton Lexington/Downtown

369 W. Vine St.

Lexington, KY 40507

USA

Telephone

859-231-9000 (Contact number only. Do not use this number to make reservations.)

Website

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lexdthf-hilton-lexington-downtown

Early arrival, staying after – links for local attractions

www.visitlex.com
https://www.visitlex.com/things-to-do/bourbon/

Conference Registration

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the 2023 meeting. **If you are submitting abstract(s), we require that you register for the meeting by the April 3rd deadline.** You can register by clicking on-line at www.aavp.org. On-line payments can be completed by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc.).

2023 Registration Fees

Members

- Early bird registration (deadline: April 10, 2023): US $350 (general) / US $150 (student)
- Late registration (after April 10, 2023) or on-site: US $675 (general) / US $375 (student)

Non-Members

- Early bird registration (deadline: April 10, 2023): US $675 (general) / US $375 (student)
- Late registration (after April 10, 2023) or on-site: US $775 (general) / US $ 475 (student)

Guest Social Events Only

- Guest registration (1 per standard scientific meeting registrant) are available (guest will not be allowed into the scientific session) US $250

The AAVP meeting registration fee supports the costs of running the meeting. Hotel reservations are separate and need to be booked directly with the hotel either online or by phone as outlined below in the "Hotel Reservations" section. Only members of the AAVP and fully-registered non-members will be allowed to attend the scientific sessions (guests can only attend sponsored sessions). Membership dues for 2023 must be paid in full to register at the "member" rate. AAVP annual membership dues are not included in the meeting registration fee but can be paid separately during the registration process; however, membership will only be good through the calendar year, 2023. A proceedings book with abstracts, meeting badge, and other information will be available for you onsite. These items will not be mailed in advance of the meeting even if you pre-register. Students must be AAVP members to apply for an AAVP student travel grant (Young Investigator Travel Grant) and compete in the AAVP student award competitions.

Hotel Reservations

*Reduced Rate until **May 9, 2023***

The negotiated room rate for attendees is $158/night plus local and state taxes. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Reservations canceled after 24 hours prior to day of arrival will be charged for the first night's room and tax.

Hotel

To make your hotel reservation you can:

1. Access the AAVP hotel link via the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) web site (www.aavp.org) and then follow the instructions.
2. Or, click on the following hyperlink: https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LEXDTHF&groupCode=AAVP23&arrivaldate=2023-06-08&departuredate=2023-06-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

   There you will be able to book and hold your reservation with a credit card. The **group code** is **AAVP23**. Note that bookings may only be done online for the period June 8-13, 2023. If you wish to book additional stays outside these dates, please call the hotel (see below).

3. Or, you can call **1-877-539-1648 or 1-859-231-9000.** Guests must identify themselves as members of the group using **Group Code: AAVP23.**

It is important for all meeting attendees to stay at this hotel in order to satisfy our room block commitment.

Make your room reservations by May 9, 2023. After that date, the unreserved room block will be released, and the special conference reduced rates will expire.

Of note: Book early, as the "Early Bird" rates are based upon availability only. A finite number of rooms have been contracted at that rate and are likely to be taken before the **May 9, 2023** deadline.

Travel

Airport

The airport for the meeting is Lexington Bluegrass Airport (airport code: LEX).

Airport Transportation

Travel between the airport and the hotel takes approximately 20 minutes. Complimentary airport shuttles are available. Guests should call the Hotel as they land (859-231-9000), and a shuttle will be dispatched.

Parking

Self-parking is available for free for overnight guests. Drive-in daily guests will receive a discounted $5 self-parking voucher.

Students

Roommates for Lexington: Students looking for room share should contact Dr. Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu) or Dr. William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu) and we will send the 'google doc' for roommate matching.

Scientific Program

General

The 2023 program continues with many of the previous approaches, which we believe will enhance an already fun and informative veterinary parasitology meeting. Special sessions on hookworms and education in parasitology are planned, dependent on abstract submissions.

Saturday afternoon starts with the President's opening remarks immediately followed by the plenary session.

Following the plenary session and ensuing coffee break, presentations will be made by this year's AAVP award recipients. The day's activities will culminate with the Elanco Symposium and Social.

Sunday morning begins with meetings of the AAVP committees; breakfast will be provided. The scientific sessions will begin mid-morning at the completion of the committee meetings. Lunch time will include box lunches and the IDEXX Symposium. The day will conclude with a Boehringer Ingelheim Symposium and Social.

Monday morning will begin with scientific presentations followed by the AAVP Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in the second half of the morning. Boxed lunches will be provided for a lunch time symposium from the AAVP DEI Committee with special speaker Dr. Lisa Greenhill. Thereafter, scientific presentations will continue for the rest of the day.

Tuesday morning starts with the President's Symposium which has the theme of "*Building for the Future – The Future is Now*". The morning will conclude with a session devoted to AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions.

Throughout the meeting there will be plenty of opportunities for you to share and to learn about results of research from a variety of veterinary parasitology laboratories.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

All oral presentations will be given a 15-minute time slot. Plan to deliver your presentation in 12-13 minutes to allow time for questions. Please remember to summarize and repeat questions before responding so that the audience can clearly hear and understand.

A speaker ready room will not be available. Use good judgement in the selection of colors, fonts and image size. If you must preface a slide with "…You probably can't see this…" or "…This may be hard to see …" then it should not be in your presentation. Expect that room lights will be on at least midway in the meeting room.

A "green…yellow…red" light system will be placed on each podium to provide speakers with notices of the time remaining for their talk. When the light turns red, the microphone and slides **will be turned off**. This may seem cruel, but it has been a remarkable asset to keeping the sessions on time.

Audiovisual Support

Electronic presentations on commonly used portable media (memory stick) must be used and PC based programs (PowerPoint) are strongly encouraged. Apple based software or files will not be supported and may not be compatible with the AV equipment. AAVP will provide equipment in each meeting room for projected computer presentations; personal laptops are not to be used.

Files must be labelled by presentation number and last name of presenter. An audiovisual technician will be onsite during the first hour before the day's sessions begin to check uploads. If last minute changes are required, new files can only be uploaded during the first hour of the day. To lessen the expenses of the meeting, we are not paying for a technician to sit throughout the day to load presentations. You will not be permitted to load your talk later or when you reach the podium to present. PC-based PowerPoint is the only software supported for electronic presentations. Other programs or the use of personal computers are at the discretion of the Program Chair. Slides (2 X 2) and overhead projectors will NOT be available.

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 10

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM:	AAVP Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:	Student Meet & Greet
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM:	Welcome and Plenary Session
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:	AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Elanco Symposium and Welcoming Reception

Sunday, June 11

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM:	AAVP Committee Meetings (with breakfast)
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:	IDEXX Symposium and Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:	Pitch & Poster Session / Tentative, Silent Auction
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Boehringer Ingelheim Symposium and Reception

Monday, June 12	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	On-site Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP Business Meeting / Awards Ceremony
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:	DEI Committee Presentation and Lunch
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM:	ACVM Diplomate meeting
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Antech Symposium and Reception

Tuesday June 13	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	AAVP President's Symposium
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions
1:00 PM – 12:00 PM:	Student excursion

Please note: the conference program is still in development. The final program will be posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org) by **May 22, 2023**.

Abstract Submission

*Abstract submission closes **April 3, 2023***

General

As in previous years, the word limit for abstract text (excluding author names and addresses) is **300**. Abstracts should be one paragraph and may not contain tables. Abstracts should not be hypothetical in nature and should contain reference to real data. The submission portal allows you to submit an abstract and make changes until **11:59 PM EST on April 3, 2023**, so no need to wait until the last second to upload your abstract! You will likely find it easiest to compose your abstract in a Word file then, once finalized, transfer (cut-and-paste) the title and abstract to the appropriate text boxes. Presenters will be notified by **May 4, 2023,** whether their abstracts have been accepted.

If you have any questions regarding program, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Chair, Dr. Jennifer Ketzis at jketzis@rossu.edu or via whats app +1-869-762-2931. Likewise, for technical issues regarding abstract submission click on the "***Support***" button, on the top right of the screen within the abstract submission web site, for assistance.

Please remember, final acceptance of your abstract is contingent upon confirmation of receipt of the registration fee by **April 3, 2023**.

CATALYST

We will be using the same "CATALYST" system for abstract submission as last year.

Instructions for creating a submission:
If you have an account in CATALYST, follow these instructions below.

1. Click on the following link to create a submission: https://catalyst.omnipress.com/aavp2023
2. Click **Sign In** at the bottom of the page.
3. Enter your email address and password, then click **Sign In**.
4. At the bottom of the Home page click **New Submission** to create a submission.
5. Complete all the required fields on all the tabs.
6. Click **Save** on the bottom right of your screen as necessary. *If required fields are missing data, you will see the missing data tabs indicated with a red triangle.
7. Click "**Submit**" on the bottom right of your screen when you are ready to submit your abstract.

If you do not have an account in CATALYST, follow these instructions below.

1. Click on the following link to create a submission: https://catalyst.omnipress.com/aavp2023
2. Click **Sign In / Create Account** at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the **Create New Account** to register an account.
4. Enter your email address, password and confirm password. Click **Create Account.** CATALYST will send you a "Confirm your account" email.
5. Click on the turquoise button in your email labeled, **Confirm Account**.
6. A pop-up will appear stating, "Thank you for confirming your email." Click on **Sign In**.
7. Once logged in, at the bottom of the Home page, click **New Submission** to create a submission.
8. Click **Save** on the bottom right of your screen as necessary. *If required fields are missing data, you will see the missing data tabs indicated with a red triangle.
9. Click **Submit** on the bottom right of your screen when you are ready to submit your abstract.

All emails come from noreply@omnipress.com. To ensure you receive all communication, please be sure "omnipress.com" is added as a safe sender or have your IT department white list "omnipress.com."

If you have any technical issues, please click on **Contact CATALYST Support** at the log in page or **Support** once logged in. For additional help, please use this **helpful guide.**

Students

If you wish to apply for an AAVP "Young Investigator Travel Grant", the required forms are posted on the AAVP web site and are also available when you enter your abstract information. If you wish to participate in the student paper competition, you must also identify that the presenting author is a student. Final submission of your abstract will require that you have uploaded the necessary forms on the abstract submission web site. If you have any questions, please contact Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu) & William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu)

Awards and Travel Grants

AAVP Achievement Awards

The awards committee is soliciting nominations for the following awards:

- AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award honoring contributions of a current or former member of the AAVP to veterinary parasitology that are widely recognized internationally as significant and important to the understanding and control of parasitic diseases of animals.

- AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award based on veterinary parasitology research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

- AAVP-William C. Campbell One-Health Award to recognize and celebrate remarkable veterinary parasitologists who have made extraordinary contributions to One Health, which is defined as the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines—working locally, nationally, and globally—to attain optimal health for people, animals, AND our environment.

- AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease - The award is made based on veterinary parasitology research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

AAVP Best Student Oral Presentation Award / AAVP-Elanco Poster Presentation Award

The awards are given to undergraduate/graduate students who compete successfully in the Student Presentation competition. Both presentations award three places. All students who submit applications for the AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants should indicate on the Annual Meeting web site if they wish to be part of the Student Presentation competition. Students who do not apply for a Young Investigator Travel Grant but wish to compete for the Best Student Presentation Awards should do likewise. At the time of abstract submission, all students should submit the Verification of Student Status form available on the Annual Meeting web site or during abstract submission. Judges at the meeting will use the checklist available below to help rate the presentations.

Oral Presentation Judge's Checklist **Poster Presentation Judge's Checklist**

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG)

The travel grants are competitive grants awarded to full-time DVM or undergraduate / graduate students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning and pursuing studies in veterinary parasitology, as well as post-doctoral associates in the first 3 years following their PhD. Students must be an AAVP member in good standing as of the abstract submission deadline. To receive a YITG award, recipients must be registered as an AAVP member, have an abstract accepted for presentation, provide a mentor letter verify student status at the time of application, and present at the AAVP meeting. Students applying for the travel grant are also eligible to compete for the Student Presentation Awards. However, the student who receives the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award will receive reimbursement of travel expenses and therefore will not receive a Young Investigator Travel Grant. The full guidelines for awarding YITGs may be viewed in this newsletter and on the website.

AAVP Verification of Student Status	Young Investigator Travel Grant Application Form

Summary of Important Dates

April 3: Deadline for submission of abstracts and registration for authors
April 10: Deadline for payment for early bird registration
May 9: Deadline for payment of early bird hotel room rate at the Hilton Hotel
May 22: Conference program posted on AAVP web site and June Newsletter
June 10-13: Conference in Lexington, Kentucky

Annual Meeting 2023 Important Dates

Abstract submission website closes April 3, 2023

Conference registration deadline for authors: April 3, 2023

Early bird meeting registration deadline is April 10, 2023

Hotel special room rate deadline is May 9, 2023

Guidelines for the Administration of Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITGs)

Guidelines for the Awarding of YITGs

1. *Eligibility for AAVP YITG funding*. Only AAVP members who are graduate students (MS or PhD), post-doctoral associates in the first 3 years of their training program, veterinary students, or undergraduate students should be eligible for a YITG award. Priority for awards should be graduate students and post-doctoral associates first, and veterinary students and undergraduate students second. To receive a YITG award, recipients must be registered as an AAVP member, have an abstract accepted for presentation, provide a mentor letter at the time of application (see #4 below), and present at the AAVP meeting.
2. *Not eligible for AAVP YITG funding*. Although everyone with relevant interest is encouraged to participate in the annual AAVP meeting, YITGs will **not** be awarded to post-doctoral associates more than 3 years out from their PhD, or any other individuals (faculty, post-DVM trainees not enrolled in a MS or PhD program (interns, residents), research scientists, MPH students, etc.) regardless of when they completed their graduate or professional degree.
3. *Addressing budget shortfalls*. If sufficient funds are not available to support all individuals in a given category in a particular year, then YITGs should be awarded first based on the quality of the abstract, and then by PI/mentor (each mentor only receives funding for 1–2 students depending on availability of funds) and by order of seniority (students in training longer receive priority). For example, if 5 veterinary students apply and funds are only available for 2, then the 5 will be ranked by quality of abstract and the two best abstracts will be awarded. If budget shortfalls continue or escalate, additional limitations to the program should be revisited in the future.
4. *YITG application process*. To verify student status (MS, PhD, veterinary, post-doc in first 3 years after receiving PhD, or undergraduate) and ensure eligibility for the YITG, a mentor (PI, principal investigator) letter should be included with each application. The letter should specifically state (1) student status at the time of presentation; (2) start date of student in current training program; (3) if a post-doctoral associate, the month and year the PhD was awarded; and (4) if matching funds will be provided by the mentor/PI or the home institution.
5. *Review of YITG applications*. The Executive Committee delegates the responsibility for the allocation of awards in accordance with these guidelines to the awards committee, with the student

representatives of the Executive Committee designated as advisors to the awards committee chair. In the case that the review of abstracts is required, the Program Chair will be responsible for assigning reviewers. Prior to awarding any funds, the awards committee chair or their designee should evaluate the applications and confirm each student: (1) is an AAVP member in good standing; (2) has an accepted abstract at the upcoming AAVP meeting; and (3) is eligible to receive a YITG based on their trainee status at presentation. Incomplete applications that do not include a mentor/PI letter validating student status should be considered invalid and funds not awarded. It is not the responsibility of the awards committee chair, the student representatives, or the AAVP Secretary/Treasurer to solicit letters or request dues payments be made to ensure applications are complete.

6. *Amount to be awarded*. The maximum spend on AAVP YITGs each year is $20,000, but this figure will be reviewed from time to time and may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the AAVP Executive Committee. Further, the maximum amount to be paid each student will be $700 in matching funds. In years when more students apply than funds are available to support; the AAVP will prioritize students who are funded rather than reducing the amount awarded to each individual student (see #3 above).
7. *Process for receiving funds*. To be reimbursed, each student must submit scanned receipts for all usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR) travel expenses to the AAVP Secretary/Treasurer within 2 weeks following the meeting. Travel expenses include transportation, hotel, meals, taxi or ride share, airport parking, registration, and similar expenditures associated with attending the meeting. *Per diem* will not be considered; actual receipts (scanned) for food purchased while in transit or while attending the meeting are required. To avoid confusion, each receipt should be explained in brief, e.g. “lunch in transit 19 June 2020”. Each student may receive up to $700 matching funds so long as receipts are provided for UCR travel expenses justifying that amount (i.e. at least $1,400 in total expenses must be documented to receive the maximum $700).
8. *Matching funds*. Matching funds from the mentor or home institution should be expected but not required. If matching funds are not available, the mentor must provide a letter certifying that matching funds are not available (see mentor/PI letter above). So long as otherwise qualified, students without matching funds would still be eligible for the lesser amount of 50% the cost of attending the meeting or $700. However, no YITG recipient will receive more than the maximum amount allowed (50% expenses up to $700).
9. *Cap on the amount of money spent or the number of grants awarded each year*. No more than $20,000 will be spent on the YITG program each year, unless this amount is modified by the Executive Committee, and each recipient will receive only up to $700 per year in matching funds. If all students request the maximum, then only ~ 28 awards could be made each year. However, usually ~50% of students request the maximum amount. Accordingly, up to 32 YITGs may be approved to qualified applicants. In addition, the YITG program will be re-evaluated on a yearly basis by the Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting to ensure the aims of the grants are met by the $20,000 budget cap while also ensuring that the funding fits within the overall budget or the AAVP.

Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws

Charge: Review the Constitution and Bylaws each year and suggest changes to these documents to the Executive Committee.

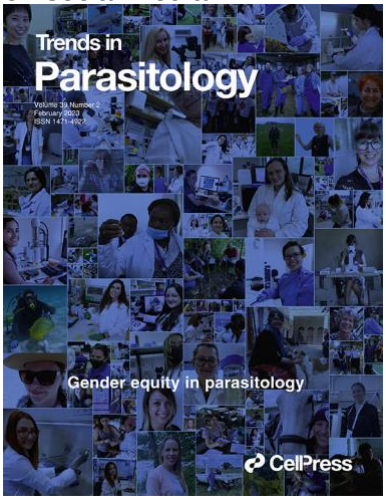
Chair: Lauren Camp

Current members, all of whom are new as of 2022 and have three year terms:

Bill Ryan, Andy Moorhead, Wade Burton, and Kim Bates

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The AAVP Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee wanted to share this recent article from Trends in Parasitology – "***Her***minthology: promoting gender equity in science and parasitology." Dr. Nichola Calvani created the ***Her***minthology initiative to promote parasitology to women and girls considering careers in STEM. ***Her***minthology profiles women parasitologists, irrespective of their career stage, across their various social media platforms on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. ***Her***minthology has already been featured on the international stage with a symposium at the International Congress of parasitology (ICOPA XV) in August 2022. Talks focused on gender equality in parasitology, the disproportionate impact of parasites on women and girls living in the tropics, and using science outreach to inspire and retain female students. Check out the full article here, and if you'd like to see the ***Her***minthology profiles be sure to check them out on social media.



Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Meriam Saleh, Chair, DEI Committee
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Educator's Corner

On Monday December 19, 2022, we were able to hold our first in-person AAVP-CAPC Educator's Symposium in three years in Athens, GA at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine. We hosted 26 participants from 19 different institutions from across North America and the Caribbean. For the first, time, we were also able to have two industry participants, IDEXX and Merck Animal Health, so that they could observe the symposium.

We held a reception on the evening of December 18th, which was followed by an all-day workshop on the 19th. The symposium was a mixture of lectures and discussion-based break-out exercises. Participants were introduced to the principles of Competency-Based Veterinary Education (CBVE) by Dr. Sherry Clouser, Director of Curricular Innovation at the UGA-CVM. This lecture would form the basis for the day along with a lecture on "Backward Course Design" by Dr. Grace VanHoy from UC-Davis. Participants used these lectures as a basis for two hour-long breakout sessions. In the first breakout session, attendees mapped the learning objectives (LOs) of their current courses to the CBVE. This was followed by a second session where participants generated new LOs for their courses that incorporate new aspects of the CBVE framework. There was enthusiasm for this exercise, and it allowed participants to take something back their home institutions that they could then incorporate into their current curriculum.

Also, during the day, we were delighted to have Dr. Craig Prior from the Companion Animal Parasite Council give a lecture titled "CAPC: Delivering Innovation and Engagement." Dr. Meriam Saleh discussed the advantages of incorporating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with parasitology in the classroom. Drs. Kathryn Duncan and Kaori Sakamoto updated us on the results of the AAVP well-being survey, as well as ongoing well-being efforts at the UGA-CVM.

This symposium would have not happened without the generous support of the AAVP and CAPC. We appreciate their continued support of this important meeting.

Preliminary planning for the 2024 symposium has begun with a tentative location of UC-Davis. We also hope to hold a virtual workshop this summer (2023) on writing LOs, which will be facilitated by the UGA-CVM's, Dr. Sherry Clouser.

Submitted by Andy Moorhead, Education Committee Chair

History Committee

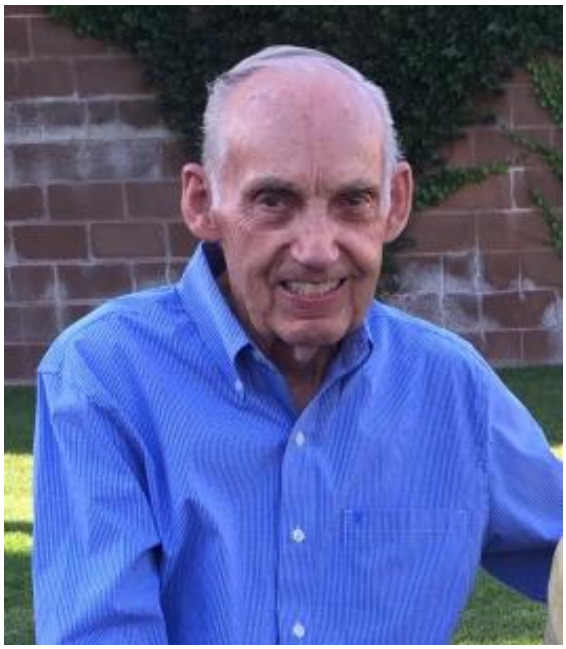
On behalf of the AAVP History Committee, we wanted to acknowledge the loss of two parasitologists, whose lives and contributions have had a profound impact on many of us, both within this organization, and in the field of veterinary medicine. Drs. Ferron L. Andersen and Peter Schantz will be deeply missed.

Dr. Andersen made numerous contributions in the field of parasitology and mentored countless MS and PhD students, many of whom are long-time members of the AAVP. Dr. Schantz was a DVP awardee; and, also served as a previous president of the AAVP. His dedication in the areas of public health and zoonoses will be long remembered.

The AAVP History Committee has included information on the lives of these two individuals below. We hope that you will take time to read about the impact they had in the field of Parasitology and reflect on their mentorship and care, which was such a gift to us over the decades.

In Memoriam

Ferron L. Andersen MS, PhD



FERRON L. ANDERSEN
1931 – 2022

Ferron Lee Andersen was born on July 10, 1931, in Howell, Utah to Jean Pickett and William Lee Andersen. He passed away at the age of 90 on February 27, 2022, in Orem Utah. He married Stenna Turley on August 29, 1958, in the Idaho Falls, Idaho, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) Temple. He is survived by his wife, Stenna, and their six children: Lynnette Larsen (Michael), Stan (Jacque), David, Darv (Pamela), Linda McCoy (Dave) and Denise Critchfield (Troy). He is also survived by one sister, Jeanine Mickelsen, 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers, 1 sister, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ferron attended Bear River High School in Blackfoot, Idaho. He attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho but later transferred his undergraduate program to Utah State University (USU) in Logan, Utah after completing a 2½ year LDS mission to Germany. He received a B.S. degree in Zoology in 1957 and an M.S. degree in Zoology in 1960 from USU. He completed an M.S. degree in Veterinary Research in 1962 at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (UICVM), Urbana under Dr. Norman D. Levine. He returned to USU where he received his Ph.D. in 1963 under Dr. Datus M. Hammond. After completing his Ph.D. program, he accepted an Assistant Professor position at the UICVM where he taught for 4 years. In 1966 he joined the faculty of the Department of Zoology at Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah where he taught and conducted parasitology research for 30 years.

Dr. Andersen's research focused on the epidemiology, chemotherapy, public health, and education on the transmission, prevention, and control of cystic echinococcosis in central Utah, China, Morocco, Africa and some middle eastern countries. He was awarded a National Institutes of Health grant to study hydatid disease from 1971-1974 that included a collaboration with Dr. Peter M. Schantz at the Center of Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Andersen mentored 6 Ph.D. and 18 M.S. graduate students.

Dr. Andersen published 70 peer-reviewed research articles in regional, national, or international journals along with 50 Abstracts for scientific meetings. He also published 2 books "Compendium on Cystic Hydatid Disease in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region" and "Compendium on Cystic Echinococcosis in Africa and some Middle Eastern Countries". He was a member of the American Society of Parasitologists, Society of Protozoologists, and an honorary life member of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists.

At BYU, Dr. Andersen served as Department Chair of Zoology (1981-1984), Graduate Coordinator for Zoology (1984-1996), and Graduate Coordinator for the College of Biology and Agriculture (1986-1996). He taught Basic Biology, Basic Physiology, Histology, Medical Parasitology, Veterinary Parasitology, Graduate Orientation and Research Methodology. He received 6 teaching / recognition awards, an Honorary Professorship from the Beijing Research Institute of Tropical Medicine and named an Honorary Research Fellow of the Xinjiang Academy of Science.

He served 6 months active duty in the US Army and then 8 years as a Captain in the Army Reserve. He was passionate about establishing the Andersen Diabetes Fund at BYU in memory of his sister, Linda, who died of the disease. After retiring in 1999, Ferron and Stenna served full-time missions for the LDS church to Toronto, Canada, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, March 4,2022, at 11:00 AM in the LDS Chapel located at 762 East 1200 North, Orem. Burial was at the Orem City Cemetery, Orem, Utah.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan A. Marchiondo, M.S., Ph.D.
AAVP President 2012-2013
AAVP Secretary Treasurer 2004-2010

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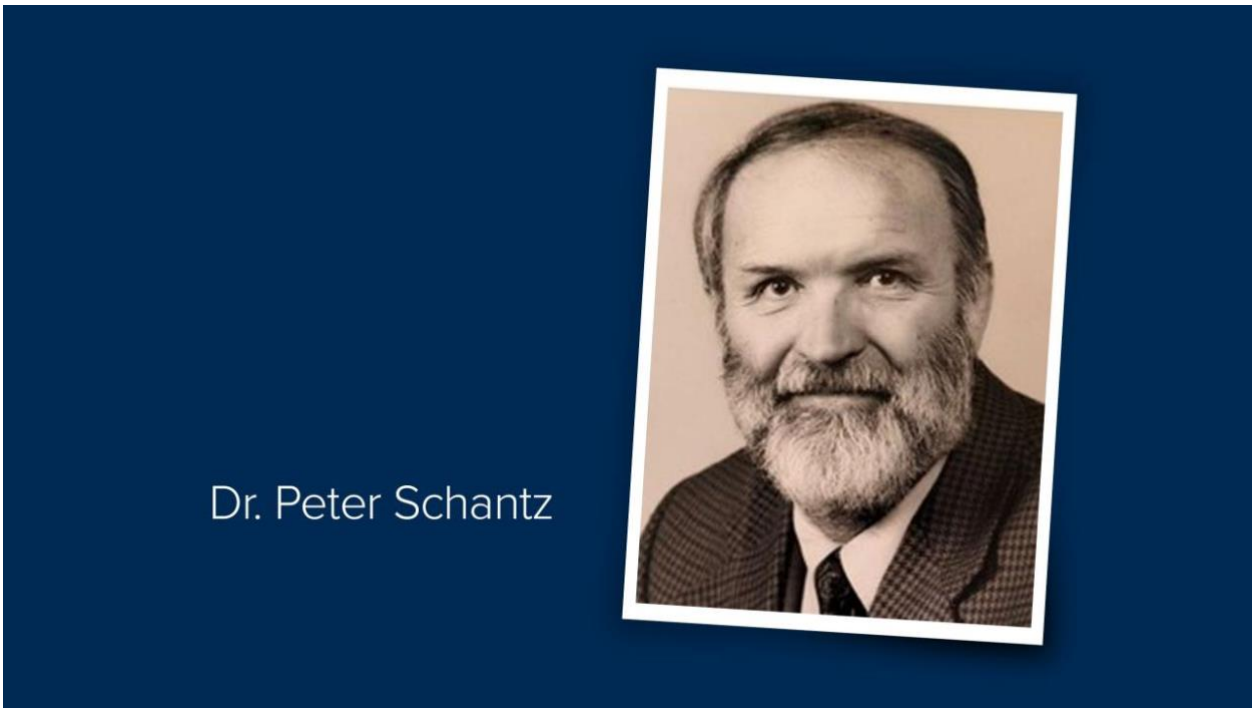
George A. Conder, M.S., Ph.D.
AAVP President 1993-1994

Peter Schantz VMD, PhD



October 22, 1939 - July 26, 2022

Peter Mullineaux Schantz, 82, of Atlanta, GA died July 26, 2022, of Alzheimer's disease. A veterinarian and epidemiologist, Peter devoted his professional life to the control and eradication of animal-to-human (zoonotic) diseases.

Peter was born in Camden, NJ to David Hartranft Schantz and Ada Catherine Schantz on October 22, 1939. He is survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen Bartlett; daughters Aimee Marie Schantz, Seattle; Erica Schantz Wise (Scott), Tampa; son Brendan Guinan Schantz, Incline Village, NV; stepsons Cody Bartlett Smith (Claire), Zachary Adams Smith; grandchildren Tanner Wise and Piper Wise, Tampa, and Reid Smith and Maddox Smith; his brother David Schantz, Cleveland, OH, and sister Susan Schantz (Donna), Vorhees, NJ.

Peter received two degrees from the University of Pennsylvania: the AB in Anthropology in 1961 and the VMD Summa Cum Laude in Veterinary Medicine in 1965. At the University of California, Davis, under the mentorship of Calvin Schwabe, DVM, PhD, widely known as the father of veterinary epidemiology, Peter was awarded a PhD in Comparative Pathology: Epidemiology, Parasitology, and Immunology.

Peter's medical research in parasitic zoonoses took him all over the world. His research interests were the epidemiology, diagnosis, and control of helminthic disease with emphasis on helminthic zoonoses; epidemiology, diagnosis, and chemotherapy of echinococcosis, cysticercosis, toxocariasis, trichinellosis, and environmental and behavioral determinants of disease transmission.

He was an NIH Trainee in the Departmento de Parasitologia y Microbiologia, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.

He served as Chief of the Laboratory of Parasitology for the Pan American Zoonoses Center/World Health Organization in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 1970-1974. He trained postdoctoral fellows throughout Latin America, and was a consultant on hydatid disease control to public health authorities in Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil.

In 1974 Peter joined the elite Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) as a Commissioned Officer in the Division of Parasitic Diseases, US Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta.

In 1980 for 3 months he was a Visiting Lecturer in Medical Parasitology, Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, American University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Peter enjoyed the many years of mentorship and friendship with James H. Steele, DVM, considered one of the key "fathers of veterinary public health." Dr. Steele was instrumental in creating the Veterinary Branch in the US Public Health Service.

Peter served the Division of Parasitic Diseases as epidemiologist until his retirement in 2008. Afterwards he served as an Adjunct Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Emory University School of Public Health.

Dr. Schantz was the recipient of numerous professional honors and awards during his career, most notable the US Public Health Service Commissioned Officer of the Year awarded in 1997 to "CAPT Peter Schantz for outstanding contributions leading to the advancement of public health and veterinary medicine." Dr. Schantz received the prestigious Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award from the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologist (AAVP) in 1994 and served as President of the AAVP from 1996-1997.

Peter was a member and leader in veterinary parasitology fields, publishing more than 350 scientific articles and academic book chapters. He mentored numerous students, particularly veterinary students with an interest in public health.

In his personal life, Peter was also an elite athlete. He helped his Haddonfield (NJ) Memorial High School Football team reach an undefeated season his senior year, and also played varsity football for the University of Pennsylvania Quakers, which in 1959 won its first-ever Ivy League Football Championship.

Additionally, Peter was an outstanding member of both the Haddonfield HS and UPenn Wrestling teams. He was given the Lewis J. Servais Memorial Trophy in 1961 as the Wrestler Most Valuable to the University of Pennsylvania Wrestling Team.

Also in 1961, Peter was awarded the University of Pennsylvania Annual Undergraduate Varsity Club Award to the Outstanding All-Around Athlete in the Senior Class.

He was an avid alpine skier, ran the New York City Marathon, earned his Black Belt in karate, was a pilot, loved his cats, dogs, birds, tropical fish, and his garden. He adored his grandchildren and in the last 10 years of his life, was a faithful attendee of Atlanta Friends Meeting (Quakers).

His family and friends will all miss his warm and vibrant embrace of the world.

A memorial service for Peter will be held on his 83rd birthday, October 22, 2022 at 2 pm, Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse, 701 West Howard Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Special Olympics, Atlanta Humane Society, or Georgia Audubon.

Students

Hi fellow students! Will and I, along with the student committee have been helping plan this year's conference and are thrilled to share the following information with you:

Student activities: We will kick off our events on Saturday, June 10th with a meet-and-greet lunch. We will make sure to have some exciting activities for our traditional lunch, like last year's Parasitology trivia. So, double-check you bring your fun facts about parasites when packing for Kentucky! This year we will not have our usual student elections on Monday. For the first-time, student elections will be held in conjunction with the annual ballot of officers. We have proposed two students for this position, so please check their bio-sketches, and choose our next student officer with the electronic ballot! Further details will be shared and finalized with you as the conference gets closer.

Student trip: If you didn't have the chance to take a pic with the ponies in the 2021 student trip, or are in need of updating it, we have great news for you! We will be touring the historic Maine Chance Farm and the two Parasitology horse herds under the direction of Dr. Martin Nielsen, following the NCVP Clicker Case Session on June 13th. We have additional fun events we are looking to add to the day, so stay tuned! We will make hotel arrangements for that night for all attendees. Departures for those attending the student trip should be planned for Wednesday, June 14th. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be emailed after the deadline for abstract submissions.

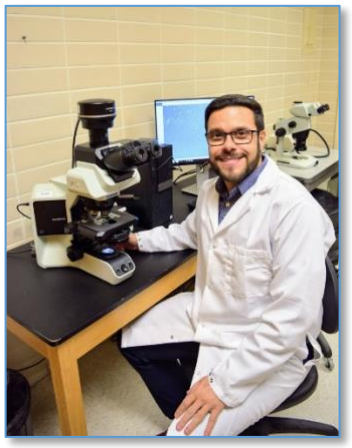
Young Investigator Travel Grants: Please refer to the information provided in the Awards and Travel Grants section of this newsletter. For your convenience, here is the link to the YIGT.

Roommates for Lexington: We know hotels can be expensive for student budgets! Anyone looking for room share should contact Leonor Sicalo Gianechini and William Johnson at aavpstudentcommittee@gmail.com We will share a 'Google Doc' to facilitate roommate matching!
We are looking forward to seeing everyone! As you prepare for this year's meeting, please let us know if there is anything we can help you with.
Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu) & William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu)

Leonor Sicalo Gianechini, 2023

William Johnson, 2024

Nominating Committee



Gui Verocai, Chair of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is made up of 6 members with 3-year staggered memberships. The current committee consists of:

Term Ends	
2023	Brian Herrin Jessica Rodriguez
2024	Gui Verocai John Gilleard
2025	Pablo Jimenez Castro Meriam Saleh

The committee is charged with developing the ballot for election of officers and members of the Nominating Committee.

Each year a new Vice President and 2 new Nominating Committee members are elected, and every 2 years a new Secretary/Treasurer is elected.

Committee members proposed several people for each position, and then the list was ranked by the committee. The top ranked nominees for each position were contacted and asked to serve. This year there are 2 nominees for Vice President and, as required by the by-laws, 5 nominees for the Nominating Committee.

New to this year, we will be voting on our student officers as they officially join the executive committee! For this election, William Johnson will be running unopposed for the 1-year student executive position, as he is already the first year student officer. We also have two candidates for the new 2-year student executive committee. In future years, we will only have to vote on the new 2-year position.

Their biographies are in this issue of the Newsletter. Electronic voting will begin **March 1st and end April 1st**. Good luck to all the nominees!

Vice President
Araceli Lucio-Forster
Andy Moorhead

Nominating Committee
Camila Queiroz
Caroline Sobotyk
Grace VanHoy
Kathryn Duncan
Roger Ramirez-Barrios

1-year Student Officer
William Johnson

2- year Student Officer
Elizabeth Kass
Elyssa Campbell

Nominee Biographies

Nominees for Vice President

Araceli Lucio-Forster, BS, PhD

Lecturer (CVM) and Assistant Director and Lecturer (MPS in Veterinary Parasitology), Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Lucio-Forster earned her PhD in Microbiology from Cornell University in 2007, where she studied zoonotic waterborne and soil-transmitted parasites under the tutelage of Dr. Dwight Bowman. After graduation, she accepted a position in Cornell's Department of Microbiology and Immunology, where her main focus remains teaching Clinical Diagnostic Parasitology to 4th year veterinary students, tutoring in the Problem Based Learning curriculum, and providing teaching support in the 2nd year Veterinary Parasitology course. Additionally, she serves as the Assistant Director, and instructor for a number of courses, in the Masters in Professional Studies in Veterinary Parasitology program launched in 2017. She is a current member of the of the College's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, serves on the Domain Oversight Group for the Competency Based Veterinary Education (CBVE) Framework competencies relating to Wellness and DEI, and is a past member of the Curriculum Domain Working Group that developed subcompetencies for Competencies 5 and 6 (Communication and Collaboration).

Dr. Lucio-Forster has authored a number of manuscripts on parasite detection and identification in collaboration with clinicians, students, alumni, and industry partners. She has recently also co-authored chapters for the new editions of *Georgis' Parasitology for Veterinarians*, *Infectious Disease Management in Animal Shelters*, and *Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat*. A member of the AAVP since she was a graduate student, she has been an active member of the Educators Committee for many years, and more recently became a founding member of the AAVP's DEI Committee.

Andy Moorhead, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)

Dr. Andy Moorhead is a small animal parasitologist and Associate Professor at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Moorhead received the DVM degree from North Carolina State University, followed by a MS in Veterinary Parasitology from Purdue University. He then received his Ph.D. degree from Cornell University. Dr. Moorhead's main research interests are the role of host-specific cues in development of filarial worms, specifically *Dirofilaria immitis* and *Brugia malayi*, and heartworm treatment. He has been Director for the past decade of the NIH-funded Filariasis Research Reagent Resource Center, which provides filarial reagents across North America.

Dr. Moorhead became a Diplomate of ACVM (Parasitology) in 2015. He is also an at-large member of the executive board of the American Heartworm Society since 2016. He is currently the Symposium Chair for the 2025 symposium.

Dr. Moorhead has been an active member of AAVP since 2009. He served as Chair of the Finance Committee from 2012-2019. He has also served on the Nominations Committee from 2019-2022. He is currently a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, as well as the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Finally, he is currently chair of the Education Committee and organized the 2021 virtual Educators' Symposium, and the in-person 2022 Educators' Symposium.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Camila Queiroz DVM, MS, PhD

Dr. Camila Queiroz is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, passionate about Parasitology, Public Health, and Food safety. She completed a master's degree in Medical Sciences before joining her dream job at the Inspection Agency of Fortaleza (Brazil) as a Food Safety Veterinarian. She was responsible for making sure places that produce, transport and sell food of animal origin were in compliance with the regulations. It was also part of her job to educate people on food safety, adapting the technical knowledge to different audiences. She was the author of the first regulation in sushi production in Brazil, currently in effect city-wide. She then had the opportunity in 2016 to pursue a PhD in Veterinary Medicine at University of Calgary, under the supervision of Dr John Gilleard. She applied DNA metabarcoding and molecular epidemiology to diagnose and investigate the arise and spread of anthelmintic resistance in sheep GI nematodes. She has presented her results at AAVP every year since 2016, being awarded four times for her presentations, including the best poster presentation in 2018. She is part of the Publications, Outreach and Research committee of AAVP since 2018. She defended her PhD in 2020 and is currently a Post-doctoral fellow at Saint George's University, in partnership with University of Calgary. Dr. Queiroz intends to pursue a career in Parasitology either at the government or at the Industry. She enjoys working with and for people, feeling that her job is having a positive impact in society.

Caroline Sobotyk DVM, MSc, PhD

Dr. Sobotyk is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Parasitology at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn). Dr. Sobotyk completed her DVM in 2013 at Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM) in Santa Maria, RS, Brazil and earned a MSc (2015) and PhD (2019) degree in Veterinary Parasitology in the same institution. In 2019, Dr. Sobotyk accepted a postdoctoral position at Texas A&M University (TAMU), while also undertaking her veterinary clinical parasitology training. Her research focuses on the improvement and development of conventional and molecular diagnostic techniques for detecting parasitic infections with the aim to improve the general health and well-being of domestic and wild animals and better understand treatment and prevention strategies.

Grace VanHoy DVM, MS, DACVIM (Large Animal)

Dr. Grace VanHoy is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and Epidemiology at University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She has a clinical appointment in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital providing medical and surgical care for livestock cases as well as supervision of house officers and instruction of senior veterinary students. In addition, she teaches veterinary parasitology and livestock medicine in the pre-clinical curriculum. Dr. VanHoy earned her BS in Animal Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2011 and her DVM in 2015 from Ohio State University. She completed an internship then residency in Farm Animal Medicine and Surgery, as well as her MS (Comparative Veterinary Medicine) in 2019 from Ohio State University. Dr. VanHoy stayed on as a clinical faculty at OSU with a dual appointment in Veterinary Clinical Sciences and Veterinary Preventative Medicine until 2022 before joining UC Davis as a clinical assistant professor.

Her clinical and research interests are focused on gastrointestinal nematodes in livestock, especially integrated parasite management of small ruminant and camelid herds. In addition, Dr. VanHoy is passionate about and committed to developing teaching techniques for clinical parasitology in the veterinary curriculum.

Dr. VanHoy has been an active member of the AAVP since 2016, serving as a Student Representative and on several committees including the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Awards Committee, and the Education Committee.

Kathryn Duncan DVM, PhD

Dr. Kathryn Duncan is a senior professional service veterinarian field specialist (Parasitology) for Merck Animal Health and an adjunct assistant professor in the Veterinary Pathobiology department at Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She graduated from University of Tennessee's College of Veterinary Medicine, completed a residency in veterinary parasitology through the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology (NCVP), and obtained a PhD in biomedical sciences at Oklahoma State University. Her graduate research work focused on vector-borne diseases of domestic animals and her most recent publications discuss ticks of importance to dogs, cats, and horses as well as intestinal parasites detected from dogs attending dog parks. She has been a member of AAVP since 2017 and served as the student representative from 2019-2021.

Roger Ramirez-Barrios DVM, MS, PhD

Dr. Roger Ramirez-Barrios is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM), Virginia Tech, and the Parasitology Section Head at the Virginia Tech Animal Laboratory Services. Originally from Venezuela, he received his DVM from the University of Zulia and his MS in Teaching from the University Simon Rodriguez, both in Venezuela, and his PhD in Veterinary Parasitology from the University of Cordoba, Spain. Dr. Ramirez-Barrios' duties at the VMCVM include teaching parasitology in the veterinary curriculum and parasitology to undergraduate students. Previously to his current tenure, Dr. Ramirez-Barrios taught veterinary parasitology in the vet school at the Universidad del Zulia, Venezuela for 18 years. His research focuses on vector-borne pathogens (especially trypanosomes) and echinococcosis.

Candidate for the 1-year Student Officer

William Johnson BS, PhD student

Will Johnson received his BS in agronomy from Kansas State University in 2020. While completing his undergraduate studies and after graduation, Will managed his own dairy herd and cheese processing facility. In fall of 2021 he joined Dr. Jeba Jesudoss Chelladurai's lab at Kansas State University and is currently studying gastrointestinal nematode diversity in bison. He will be starting his DVM curriculum in the fall of 2023, while continuing with his PhD research.

Will's first interest in parasitology was a result of hanging out at the local vet clinic as a child and watching fecal egg counts being performed. Will enjoys taking an active role in mentoring undergraduate students and communicating science to animal producers

Candidate for the 2-year Student Officer

Elizabeth Kass BS, PhD student

Elizabeth Kass is a second-year doctoral student at the University of Rhode Island with a strong interest in livestock and One Health. Elizabeth received her Bachelor's degree in Animal Science and Technology at the University of Rhode Island in 2020. Her current research focuses on identifying alternative anti-parasitic therapies to control gastrointestinal nematodes, specifically *Haemonchus contortus,* in small ruminants. She has presented her work both regionally and internationally and plans to attend veterinary school, once her PhD is complete. She intends to continue her career in academia, promoting and creating an inclusive environment as a veterinary parasitologist. She plans to focus her research on the management of helminth infections and hopefully will inspire a few future parasitologists along the way! In addition to her research, Elizabeth is a member of the AAVP student committee, and is highly involved in her University, serving as the Student Representative for her specialization and a Graduate Student Ambassador for the department. Elizabeth is grateful to be part of the AAVP and excited to continue her career in the field of veterinary parasitology.

Elyssa Campbell BA, PhD student

Elyssa Campbell is a Comparative Biomedical Sciences doctoral student at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine with Dr. Andy Moorhead serving as her major advisor. 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*. Elyssa found the Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Association at the University of Georgia and served as president for the '22-'23 academic year. She has served as a teaching assistant for Veterinary Parasitology in the College of Veterinary Medicine teaching curriculum. Elyssa is a provider for the peer-support Bulldawg Support Network within the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine and has completed QPR: Suicide Prevention training. Elyssa has been a member of AAVP since 2020 and serves on the electronic media committee and student committee. She is also a member of the American Heartworm Society and has presented her research at both AHS and AAVP. Elyssa is the laboratory manager for Dr. Andy Moorhead and the laboratory manager for the NIH-funded Filariasis Research Reagent Resource Center, which produces and provides filarial reagents to researchers in North America. Campbell has supervised several industry and sponsored studies. Campbell has been a reviewer for *Parasitology Research* since 2020. Outside of veterinary parasitology, Campbell loves raising her two-year old daughter, attending high school football games and track meets that her husband coaches, and renovating her home one small project at a time.

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.

Craig R. Reinemeyer DVM, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)

When I was about 9 or 10 years old, I was on the back porch of my best friend’s house on East 9th St. in Delphos, OH, and we had just caught a common field cricket. Being mean young boys, we dropped the cricket into a bucket of water “just because” (decades before IACUC, mind you). After watching some 6-legged free style for a minute or so, I was dumbfounded to see a 6” worm emerge from the cricket’s body and start to wriggle on the surface of the water like a twerker being tazed. I had just observed REAL MAGIC 40 years before Harry Potter hit the bookstores, and I never forgot it. Now, I had previously seen “horse hair worms” in water troughs and small ponds, but had no idea how they got there. It was many years later before I learned about gordiid worms (Nematomorpha) and their orthopteran hosts, but I had never dreamed of such elegant complexity in nature. Of course, it only reinforced my interest when our German grandmother regaled me with stories of the 30 ft. tapeworm that some neighbor had passed in their nocturnal “thunder mug”. A parasitology course in undergrad (taught by Dr. O. Heck, I kid you not) sealed the deal, and in my vet school years I could be found reading Soulsby like a Marvel comic.

I still feel the magic (and romance) every day, and it has been such a privilege to spend my professional career surrounded by amazing miracles and people who share my fascination.

Sincere apologies but profound gratitude to Mr. Jiminy; that noble hexapod changed my life.

Craig R Reinemeyer
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Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

68th Annual Meeting: June 10–13, 2023 – Lexington, KY
69th Annual Meeting: 2024 - Southeast United States – To be announced later

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2023

The 29th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held at the ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, India, 20 – 24 August, 2023. https://waavp2023.com/

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2023

The 2023 CRWAD meeting will be 20-24 January, 2023, 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 2023

The 98th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held at The Intercontinental Kansas City at the Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, MO, USA, 13-16 July,2023. ASP

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2023

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