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From the President

Mason Reichard
Program Chair and
President-Elect

Dear AAVP members and colleagues,

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as President of AAVP. I can distinctly remember feeling humbled and overwhelmed when the realization set in that the AAVP membership had entrusted me as President. Those feelings have not faded but the fact that AAVP continues to thrive and succeed due to the dedication and service of each member has given me peace of mind and the encouragement to keep moving forward. I am indebted to Dr. John Gilleard and all other past presidents and officers of AAVP for their leadership in establishing the foundation upon which AAVP operates successfully to this day. Equally so, I am in awe of the passion and enthusiasm for veterinary parasitology that I see in our current membership. I am lucky to call you all colleagues and friends.

Based on the comments I heard and the feedback we have received, the conference this past summer in Madison, Wisconsin was a great success! This conference was a joint meeting of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP), AAVP, and the Livestock Insect Workers Conference (LIWC). In total, 751 people from 55 countries attended. Concurrent scientific sessions were comprised of 323 oral and 320 poster presentations. Participating in a joint conference as we did with WAAVP and LIWC offers AAVP members the unique opportunity to network and present their research to a large international audience. AAVP members and students were engaged in most every aspect of this joint meeting including plenary speakers, session chairs, presenters, and supportive colleagues.

Conference attendees enjoying the break between scientific sessions at WAAVP/AAVP/LIWC in Madison, WI

WAAVP was the main organizing association with Dr. Tom Kennedy (past AAVP President and longtime AAVP member) the Conference Chair. A conference of this size does not come to fruition without a few headaches along the way. Tom's tireless efforts made sure the conference went smoother than anyone could expect. Please give Tom a pat on the back the next time you see him, he has earned it. This joint meeting received excellent support from a variety of sponsors including, Boehringer Ingelheim, Zoetis, IDEXX, Bayer, Merck Animal Health, ParaTheraTech, Virbac, NCVP, Elanco, Eleven Bravo LLC, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Y•Tex, Cambrex, Con Vet, Elsevier, East Tennessee Clinical Research Inc., Farnam, Midamerica Ag Research, Sierra Research Laboratories, Inc., Stillmeadow, Vetoquinol, and Zomedica. We are grateful to all of them for supporting veterinary parasitologists across the world and AAVP in the future. In what is quickly becoming tradition, the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology at Oklahoma State University sponsored the last scientific session of the conference with the NCVP-AAVP Clinical Case Discussions (aka, "The Clicker Cases").

President-elect and Chair for the 2020 conference, Dr. Doug Carithers, has been hard at work and plans for AAVP's 65th Annual Meeting in Snowbird, Utah are well underway. Our venue will be the Snowbird Resort nestled in the Rocky Mountains just outside Salt Lake City. For all intents and purposes, the resort appears

to be a perfect fit for a conference of our size and the mountain views are stunning. The conference will take place June 20–23, 2020. Reserve these dates in your calendar now and make plans to join us in Utah. In fact, rooms at Snowbird can be booked now. The AAVP conference rate will include a standard room with 2 queen beds for $169 plus applicable taxes and fees. Hotel guests will receive 50% off spa access and 20% off spa treatments. Reservations can be made online at https://reservations.snowbird.com/ using group code **2CK06E**. Rooms will be held at the AAVP conference rate until May 27, 2020. Additional details for the 2020 meeting will be included in the Spring Newsletter. Note, the deadline for abstracts will be in mid-April, which is about 6 weeks earlier than has historically occurred for an AAVP stand-alone meeting. Please plan accordingly.

AAVP continues to be a dynamic organization that functions well due to the dedication and service of its members. If you are currently not serving on a committee and would like to, please sign up on our website (i.e., log in → AAVP Member Only → Join a Committee). It is that simple and we welcome your involvement! If you are serving on a committee, I thank you and hope that you will consider volunteering for another one.

The Executive Committee teleconferences regularly and will be holding its midyear business meeting in February 2020. It is during these meetings that we conduct the business and make plans for AAVP. An issue that has demanded a large part of our time and will do so for the months to come is fiscal sustainability of the association. AAVP has always been a cost-effective organization keeping membership dues and sponsorship levels at a minimum all the while keeping true to its mission. Subtle but consistently rising costs associated with holding our annual meetings have whittled away at the few reserves we had in our budget. What does all this mean? It means that AAVP is still financially sound; we just have to be more conscientious of our budget and judicious with our spending. In this regard and from comments voiced by the membership at the AAVP business meeting in Madison, an *ad hoc* committee has been reviewing how we determine who is awarded a Young Investigator Travel Grant. The aim is to award as many deserving students with grants as possible while preserving other funds to support other activities related to our mission, such as the Educators' Symposium.

I look forward to being of service and seeing you in Utah next June. If there are concerns or suggestions the AAVP Executive Committee or I can address for you, please let me know.

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Submitted by Mason V. Reichard, AAVP President

From the Secretary/Treasurer

2020 AAVP Membership Dues

Adriano Vatta
Secretary/Treasurer

AAVP membership has been on a calendar-year basis for a number of years now, and the renewal period for AAVP membership for calendar year 2020 is from October 1, 2019 to January 31, 2021. This means that dues now need to be paid. Any members who have not renewed their memberships by January 31, 2020 will lose their membership privileges.

Please note that even if the website indicates that your membership expires sometime after January 31, 2020, if you are not specifically paid-up for 2020, the official record will indicate that your membership has expired.

Annual dues for regular members are $75.00 per year and $30.00 per year for students.

Dues may 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, please contact me. If you are experiencing any problems with the payment of your dues online, please contact me and I will assist you.

If you prefer to pay your dues by check, please mail a check payable to AAVP to me at the address below. A hard copy of the renewal form may be downloaded from the website (select "Join / Renew by Mail").

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 2020, and the link for payment of the subscription is also to be found on the "Membership" tab of the AAVP website.

Dues Reminder
Deadline for payment:
January 31, 2020
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Thank you for continuing to support the AAVP!

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2019 Annual Meeting Report

Adriano Vatta
Secretary/Treasurer

The 64th annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists was held from July 7–11, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin. This conference lived up to its billing as an exciting, stimulating, and diverse meeting in conjunction with the 27th Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology and the Livestock Insect Workers Conference (LIWC; 63rd Annual Meeting). Veterinary parasitologists and others from around the world gathered at the Monona Terrace Convention Center, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, with a 68,000 square-foot rooftop garden overlooking Lake Monona in the heart of Madison. The theme of the meeting was "Sifting and Winnowing the Evidence in Veterinary Parasitology". Details of the attendance and the great success of the meeting have been summarized in the report "From the President" in this newsletter.

AAVP Sunday Board Meeting:

The AAVP Board Meeting was held Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The minutes of the 2018 Board Meeting in Denver, CO and the 2019 Mid-year Meeting in Snowbird, Utah were approved. The reports from the Committee Chairs were previously published in the Summer Newsletter 2019. With regard to the financial status of the organization, it was reported that the total amount available to the organization in the association's bank accounts has declined from $238,000 at the end of 2014 to $170,000 at the end of 2018. Expenditure has increased while income has not matched the expenditure. Recommendations on ways to limit a further decline in the organization's reserves were discussed (and put to all members for consideration and discussion at the Business Meeting).

AAVP Business Meeting and Awards:

The AAVP Business Meeting was held Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 10:30–11:30 AM which was followed by the WAAVP Business Meeting and a joint awards session from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM. The minutes of the Business Meeting have been posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org). The AAVP Business Meeting was presided over by the AAVP President, John Gilleard. Mason Reichard advanced from President Elect and Program Chair to the presidency, with Doug Carithers advancing from Vice President to President Elect and Program Chair. Martin Nielsen was elected Vice President. Alice Lee and Andrew Moorhead were elected to the Nominating Committee. During a separately convened Student Meeting, Kathryn Duncan, of Oklahoma State University, was elected as the 2019–2021 AAVP Student Representative on the AAVP Executive Committee to co-serve with Grace VanHoy (2018-2020), of Ohio State University.

Amendments to the By-laws and Constitution were voted on and the proposed changes were passed. The amended versions of these documents have been posted at www.aavp.org.

The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the changes to the budget proposed by the Executive Committee for 2020 and comments were solicited. Some of the comments concerned better vetting of the Young Investigator Travel Grants. As discussed by the current President, subsequent to the meeting an *ad hoc* committee was convened to provide recommendations to the Executive Committee on this matter.

Dwight Bowman made a presentation in response to the decision by the Executive Committee not to support the Educators' Symposium financially, except for re-imbursement of the attending members' annual dues for those members in good standing. Subsequent discussions by the Executive Committee have led to a decision to set aside $3,500 of AAVP funds per year towards the Educators' Symposium. At the time of writing, the Educators' Symposium is due to take place on December 19, 2019 at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

John Gilleard handed over the presidency to Mason Reichard who then recognized John Gilleard for his efforts and contributions as AAVP President for the past year. He was presented a plaque.

The WAAVP Business Meeting followed immediately on from the AAVP Business Meeting and included the presentation of the AAVP annual awards. Support for named awards at $5400.00 was provided by Boehringer Ingelheim ($1500 for the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award), $1000.00 by CAPC (AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease), $1000 by Merck Animal Health (AAVP-Merck Animal Health Graduate Student Research Award), $950 by Bayer (Student Oral Presentation Awards—3 places), and $950 by Elanco (Student Poster Winners—3 places). Details of these awards can be found in the Awards section of this newsletter.

Future Meetings:

2020—June 20-23, 2020, Snowbird, Utah

2021—June 18-22, 2021, Lexington, Kentucky

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Here follow the lists of the committee members as of June 6, 2019, with some minor updates. 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.

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Thanks to **John Gilleard**, our outgoing AAVP President! John was presented with a plaque by **Mason Reichard** in recognition of his service as Association President, and Mason was presented with the session bell!

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Welcome to Kathryn Duncan who joins Grace VanHoy as Student Representative to AAVP. Our thanks to Ashley Steuer who completed her term this year!

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2019 AAVP Awards Committee Report

Nominated AAVP Awards

A huge thanks to those who nominated and provided letters of support for all of the nominees in this year's pool for the following awards. Also, thanks to the members of the 2019 AAVP awards committee for the time and effort devoted toward reviewing and selecting from the field of nominees: Kelly Allen, Lora Ballweber, Scott Bowdridge, Joe Camp, Christian Epe, Javier Garza, Frank Guerino, Rachel Imai, Jesica Jacobs, Alice Lee, Mani Lejeune, Susan Little, Janice Liotta, Jim Miller, Molly Savadelis, Peter Thompson, Gui Verocai, Lisa Young, and Anne Zajac.

AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award

Dr. Carlos E. Lanusse, of the Universidad Nacional del Centro (Tandil, Argentina), was selected as the 2019 Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist. This prestigious award recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions of an AAVP member to the advancement of veterinary parasitology. Dr. Lanusse's full biography was featured in the annual meeting's proceedings on page 20. His presentation entitled, "Pharmaco-Parasitology contribution to sustainable anthelmintic therapy in livestock," was enjoyed by many during the Thursday morning award session at the meeting in Madison. In addition to the honor this award brings, Dr. Lanusse 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. Lanusse** on receiving this award!

Doug Carithers presenting award to Carlos Lanusse

AAVP Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Dorothy Normile and Frank Guerino presenting award to Jeba Jesudoss Chelladurai

Dr. Jeba Jesudoss Chelladurai, of Iowa State University, was selected as the recipient of the 2019 AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Under the supervision of Dr. Matt Brewer, Jeba's Ph.D. work has focused on the ABC-B transporters of Ascarid worms, specifically the molecular characterization of the ABC-B gene family in *Toxocara canis* and on understanding the mechanisms of susceptibility and resistance in helminths of veterinary importance. Jeba is also currently a resident finishing her training through the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology and successfully completed her board certification exams in November 2018, becoming the newest diplomate of the ACVM-Parasitology. Jeba's presentation took place Thursday during the awards session at the annual meeting in Madison and was titled, "The beginning of a career in Parasitology: Challenges in studying anthelmintic susceptibility." She received reimbursement of travel expenses by the AAVP, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of $1000 provided by Merck Animal Health (presented by Drs. Frank Geurino and Dorothy Normile). Congratulations to **Dr. Chelladurai**!

AAVP CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

Byron Blagburn and Dwight Bowman presenting award to Cassan Pulaski

Dr. Cassan N. Pulaski was selected as the recipient of the 2019 AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease for her work on *Dirofilaria immitis* and other filarial infections. She is currently a postdoctoral research and teaching associate at the University of Georgia while she is finishing up her Ph.D. and veterinary clinical parasitology residency program through Louisiana State University, funded by the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology. Her doctoral research has focused on modeling and the epidemiology of macrocyclic lactone resistance in *Dirofilaria immitis*. She also has interests in delusional parasitosis and zoonotic filarial infections. She presented during the plenary session: genes and genomics in parasite control on Monday morning; her talk was titled, "A multimodal approach to understanding macrocyclic lactone resistance in *Dirofilaria immitis*." She received an engraved plaque and a monetary award of $1000 provided by CAPC (presented by Drs. Blagburn and Bowman). Congratulations to **Dr. Pulaski**!

Best Student Paper and Poster Competitions

Lindsay Starkey and Joe Hostetler presenting awards to Best Student Paper Award winners

The student competition for the 2019 joint meeting was robust to say the least. In total, 127 students participated in the competition (77 in the platform competition and 50 in the poster competition)! The Best Student Paper competition was sponsored by Bayer 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.

	Best Student Paper **Sponsored by Bayer** (awards presented by Joe Hostetler)	**Best Student Poster** **Sponsored by Elanco** (awards presented by Tony Rumschlag)
1st Place	Nicolas Lamassiaude *INRA, France* 	Camila de Queiroz *University of Calgary, Canada*
2nd Place	Samantha Nixon *University of Queensland, Australia* 	Bethan John *Institute of Infection and Global Health, U.K*.
3rd Place	Jerald Yam *University of Technology Sydney, Australia* 	Victoria Pickens *Oklahoma State University, U.S.A.*

Endless thanks go out to members from ALL of the participating organizations who were willing to devote their time toward judging and put forth the effort to provide written feedback to the students:

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Roxanne Burrus	Christian Epe	Alice Lee	Yoko Nagamori	Justin Talley
Joe Camp	Frank Guerino	Mani Lejeune	Kateryn Rochon	Gui Verocai
Katie Clow	Brian Herrin	Janice Liotta	Molly Savadelis	Anne Zajac
Luisa Domingues	Chris Holderman	Susan Little	Brandon Smythe	Sarah Zohdy

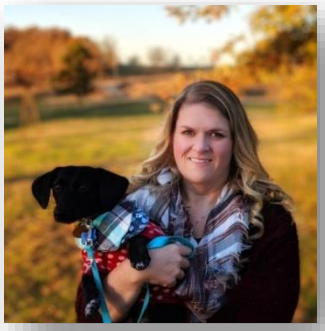
So many students have reached out to me following the meeting to thank all of you for the constructive comments provided.

Student Travel Grants

Thanks to the WAAVP for providing travel funding for students from all organizations to attend the joint meeting in Madison, Wisconsin! In total, the WAAVP is processing $53,000 worth in reimbursements toward students for travel related expenses. In total, there were 106 students who applied for travel grants with 43 of those going toward the following AAVP student members:

Student (institution)	**Student (institution)**	**Student (institution)**
Sawsan Ammar (University of Tennessee)	Jeff Gruntmeir (University of Florida)	Evelin Rejman (University of Guelph)
Haley Anderson (University of Kentucky)	Rebecca Howell (St. George's University)	William Robbins (University of Prince Edward Island)
Mariam Bakshi (USDA)	Michelle Ientile (Oklahoma State University)	Jessica Rotolo (University of Guelph)
Emily Bencosme-Cuevas (Texas A&M University)	Rachel Imai (University of Guelph)	Meriam Saleh (Oklahoma State University)
Jennifer Bellaw (University of Kentucky)	Pablo David Jimenez Castro (University of Georgia)	John Sanders (Virginia Tech)
Emma Borkowski (University of Guelph)	Shannon Kitchen (University of Pennsylvania)	Jessica Scare Kenealy (University of Kentucky)
Jennifer Cain (University of Kentucky)	Jonathon Kotwa (University of Guelph)	Ruth Scimeca (Oklahoma State University)
Candela Canton (CIVETAN)	Bhagya Kulasooriya (Oklahoma State University)	Alec Thompson (University of Georgia)
Bailey Chalut (University of Rhode Island)	Sidney Long (Ohio State University)	Grace VanHoy (Ohio State University)
Shivani Choudhary (Iowa State University)	Haifaa Mahjoub (University of Prince Edward Island)	Polly Weldon (Ross University)
James Collins (University of Georgia)	Katy Martin (Iowa State University)	Emily Werdal (Cornell University)
Camila De Queiroz (University of Calgary)	Mark McHugh (Iowa State University)	Megan Wohltjen (Oklahoma State University)
Eranga De Seram (University of Saskatchewan)	Jamie Norris (University of Kentucky)	Beth Zeldenrust (University of Guelph)
Kathryn Duncan (Oklahoma State University)	Kelsey Paras (University of Georgia)	Haley Zynda (University of Kentucky)
Parna Ghosh (Oklahoma State University		

Looking Ahead To 2020 AAVP Awards


Lindsay Starkey

Nominations by any member of the AAVP are now open for the named AAVP awards for 2020. Check out the nomination and eligibility requirements posted on the AAVP website (https://www.aavp.org/documents/2013/02/aavp-award-guidelines.pdf/). Due to the meeting being held in June, applications for the following awards will be accepted until **11:59 pm (central time) March 30, 2020.**

- AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award
- AAVP Distinguished Service Award
- AAVP William C. Campbell One Health Award
- AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

Check your listserv emails for reminders. Completed packets can be turned in via email at any time up until the deadline to the awards committee chair (Lindsay.Starkey@auburn.edu).

Nomination packet needs to include:

- a letter of nomination
- 3 additional letters in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP
- CV of the nominee
- (for student awards only) reprints of pertinent publications as a result of the student's graduate research

If you missed the opportunity to sign up to join the awards committee, please contact Lindsay Starkey (Lindsay.Starkey@auburn.edu) to join on for the next three years.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay A. Starkey, Chair, AAVP Awards Committee

AAVP Student Award for Parasitology at CRWAD 2019

The AAVP again presented a Student Research Award for the best student presentation in parasitology at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD), held at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois, November 2–5, 2019. The award is made to an attendee enrolled in a graduate program or post-doctoral training program at the time of their presentation. Eligible presentations include those on topics related to vector-borne and parasitic diseases spanning from endoparasites to ectoparasites and the impact of parasites on animal or human health. The winner of the 2019 award was Megan Wright from the University of Tennessee. The title of her presentation was: "Clinical trial to test efficacy of COWP in lowering GIN egg numbers in adult alpacas." The award was a check for $100.00.

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Adriano Vatta, Secretary-Treasurer

Educators Corner: Rethinking Graduate Education in Parasitology

McKay et al (2019) provides an example of a trainee program on Host-Parasite Interactions (HPI) with a focus on preparing trainees for the future and potentially a variety of workplaces. The authors are all at the University of Calgary, Alberta. The HPI program involves both MS and PhD students and has been in place for seven years. The main target of the program is the professional development opportunities the students gain, and the program is almost entirely trainee-led. The program is not a university administrative unit. Essentially parasitology is a bridging discipline to provide community and a support network for the students. There are 15 faculty members and a program manager. About 150 trainees have been through the program. Within the paper, it lists the student engagement activities (community outreach, bootcamps, seminar series, etc) and an assessment of the students' attitude toward the program.

Published in Trends in Parasitology, September 35:9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Antoinette E. Marsh

AAVP 65th Annual Meeting 2020 – Snowbird, Utah

Make plans to attend the 2020 AAVP Annual Meeting, June 20-23, 2020, at Snowbird, Utah!

The 65th Annual Meeting of the AAVP is shaping up to be one of the biggest and best, and in a gorgeous, easy-access location! The Snowbird Resort, just outside of Salt Lake City, offers an ideal venue with a meeting room design perfect for our AAVP sessions. A wide variety of options for sleeping accommodations will also be available, with single rooms, suites or condos, sleeping up to 10. All of this and beautiful scenery and summer activities too! Mountain roller coaster, Alpine slide, tram rides, mountain biking, hiking, etc. Make plans to attend!

Room rates are active and available for you to start booking!

We have made a block booking which is contracted from June 18-24, 2020. The rooms we have block-booked are standard hotel bedrooms with 2 queen beds at $169 plus applicable taxes and fees.

Guests at Snowbird will be eligible to receive 50% off spa access and 20% off spa treatments.

All rooms reserved under the block booking will be held until May 27, 2020, after which the unsold rooms will go back into availability.

Bookings may be made online at https://reservations.snowbird.com/ using group code 2CK06E.

Snowbird will offer the group rate three days before and three days after the main conference dates. However, when booking online with the code you will only be able to book the contracted dates (June 18-24). If you are trying to book with the group rate outside of those dates, you will have to call central reservations directly. Please call Snowbird Central Reservations at 800-453-3000 and mention that you are with the AAVP group and use the group code 2CK06E.

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

66th Meeting: 18-22 June 2021 – Lexington, Kentucky

Make plans to attend the 2021 AAVP Annual Meeting, in Lexington, Kentucky and the dates will be June 18-22. The conference venue will be the downtown Hilton Hotel, which offers nice meeting facilities for us and a nice and convenient location. We look forward to welcome AAVP members to bourbon and horse country in 2021!

Respectfully submitted,
Martin K. Nielsen (2021 program chair)

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2020

The 2020 CRWAD meeting will be December 5 – 8, 2020 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. http://crwad.org/

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2021

The 28th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held at the Convention Centre, Dublin,Ireland, 18 – 22 July, 2021. http://www.waavp2021.com/

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2020

The 69th annual meeting of ASTMH will be held 15 – 19 November, 2020 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. http://www.astmh.org.

International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife (ICPOW) 2020

The 4th meeting of ICPOW will be held 6 – 9 September, 2020 at the Kruger National Park, South Africa. ICPOW.

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AAVP Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

Newsletter	Deadline
February 2020	January 15, 2020
May 2020	April 15, 2020
October 2020	September 15, 2020

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.