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**AAVP Mission Statement**

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

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

## From the President

Antoinette Marsh,
President

Dear Colleagues,

This past year demonstrated our resilience and adaptability along with forward thinking of the immediate past and current Executive Committee to ensure that the AAVP remains a productive, active, and relevant organization for its members. Our in-person meeting in Snowbird provided a venue to reconnect, share new information and plan the next few years of activities. I am personally grateful for all our steadfast and generous sponsors who helped shape the meeting and social events.

As part of the 2022 meeting, I need to acknowledge Adriano Vatta's loyalty and diligence to the AAVP. In July, he officially passed the secretary-treasurer duties to Dean Dailey, yet Adriano remains present and responsive to questions and items that continue to arise. As of this date, we are still transferring items and Adriano's knowledge base to Dean as well as the professional management company, Rees Group, engaged to help the AAVP move forward with our mission. As David Granstrom noted in his talk, we need to be relevant and address the needs of our membership. This is where the Executive Committee anticipates the Rees Group will provide much needed administrative assistance. We also expect more information coming forth from the ad hoc committee of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Our 2023 meeting venue is Lexington, Kentucky and planning for the meeting is already underway by Jennifer Ketzis, the program chair. Likewise, the AAVP committees have responsibilities moving into this coming year. Both Shelly Michalski and Molly Savadelis, co-chairs of the awards committee agreed to remain in place for 2023 after doing an outstanding job recruiting judges and tabulating results for the students awards at Snowbird. I encourage everyone to read the student representatives, nominating committee, and other committee reports in this newsletter.

In December, the AAVP Educators' meeting will be in Athens, Georgia, lead by Andy Moorhead, chair of the Education Committee. I look forward to learning new information that can be utilized by all AAVP members.

Once again, I acknowledge our sponsors who help financially support this organization so we can continue our important mission.

I will close my report with scenes from the Snowbird Meeting: membership voting, the 1 minute student poster pitch, students enjoying the sponsored social and Wade Burton (serving as auctioneer).

*Submitted by Dr. Antoinette Marsh, AAVP President*

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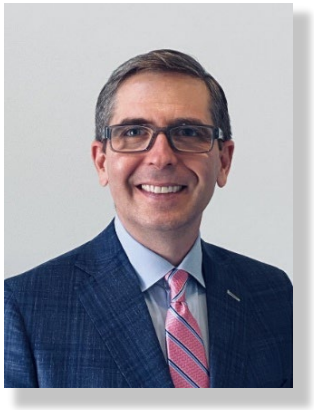
# From the Secretary/Treasurer

## 2023 AAVP Membership Dues



**Dean Dailey**

The renewal period for AAVP membership for calendar year 2023 has begun and extends through January 31, 2023.

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.

**Dues Reminder**
**Deadline for payment:**
**January 31, 2023**
**Pay online at:**
**http://www.aavp.org**

Members who are in good standing may purchase an online subscription to *Veterinary Parasitology* for an additional $50.00 per year. The subscription will be valid for the calendar year 2023, and the link for payment of the subscription is also to be found on the "Membership" tab of the AAVP website.

Thank you for continuing to support the AAVP!

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# 2022 Past-President's Report

**Martin Nielsen**
Past-President

**Presidential Term, June 2021–June 2022**

During this term, the Executive committee has consisted of Antoinette Marsh (President-Elect and Program Chair), Jennifer Ketzis (Vice-President), Adriano Vatta (Secretary/Treasurer), Doug Carithers (Immediate Past President), and Martin Nielsen (President). In addition, our two student representatives (Julie Thompson and Leonor Sicalo-Gianechini) have attended all meetings. Furthermore, Al Marchiondo has attended these meetings in his capacity of executive secretary. We held 27 Executive Committee meetings during the past year. Our schedule has been one or two meetings per month, but during the months of April, May and June, meetings occurred on a weekly basis. In addition to this, our mid-year meeting occurred on February 2nd, 2022. All meetings have been conducted via Zoom.

We unfortunately lost three prominent AAVP members in the past year: Bert Stromberg, David Lindsay, and Tom Klei. They were all former Presidents of the AAVP and were prominent figures in the veterinary parasitology community for so many years. Both David Lindsay and Tom Klei were recipients of the AAVP/Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award. We will remember them fondly and make sure we share the good memories we have of these excellent individuals. May they rest in peace.

Given the findings of multidrug resistant canine hookworms in recent years, Ray Kaplan suggested forming a taskforce at the 2021 AAVP Business Meeting. The purpose with the taskforce is to monitor and compile current and emerging evidence on the subject matter and communicate guidance to the scientific and veterinary communities. The Executive Committee formed the taskforce at its first meeting following the 2021 AAVP Meeting. Antoinette Marsh took the role as chair and appointed Pablo Jimenez Castro as co-chair. A summary of the taskforce's work was presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting, where Antoinette announced that she had handed over the reins to Jeba Jesudoss Chelladurai, who will be leading the taskforce going forward.

Early in the term, the Executive Committee discussed making AAVP Abstracts openly available through search databases such as CAB Abstracts. While the committee saw value in making information more widely available, the AAVP Meeting has traditionally been a venue, where preliminary data and work in progress could be presented for discussion and feedback from colleagues in attendance. Officially publishing abstracts in open search databases would disrupt this tradition and change the nature of work being presented, and the committee decided to not pursue this further at this point.

The post as secretary/treasurer is without comparison the most work-intensive on the Executive Committee. Adriano Vatta made the case that the current setup was not sustainable and that the AAVP should seek support from a professional service. We first explored membership management software packages and obtained quotes from three different companies. Then, with the assistance from Ann Donoghue, AAVP Archivist and member of the Electronic Media Committee, we solicited quotes from three Association Management Companies. In June 2022, we signed a contract with the Rees Group, who will be providing administrative support for the AAVP. This will include, but will not be limited to the following aspects: communication, planning calendar, maintenance of records, elections, maintaining committees and rosters, management of budget and finances, maintenance of membership records, negotiation of contracts with conference venues and A/V support, conference and registration, membership dues, etc. Most of this has been handled by the secretary/treasurer in the past, but we have been paying for the services from two outside entities handling some of these activities for several years (website, registration, membership, communications, activity calendar and planning of the annual AAVP meeting). That considered, we deem the decision to engage the Rees Group timely and necessary, and we look forward to improving our membership services without disproportionately relying on the secretary/treasurer for much of this work.

Following the 2021 Annual AAVP Meeting, the Executive Committee decided to establish an ad hoc committee exploring needs and opportunities for improving AAVP's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) profile. At the 2021 Annual Meeting, Dr. Andrew Peregrine received the Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and took the opportunity to reflect on his own DEI experiences. This sparked a vibrant and enthusiastic conversation among conference attendees and the Executive Committee found it timely to establish a committee to further explore meaningful DEI opportunities for the AAVP. A committee led by Meriam Saleh and Andrew Peregrine set out to survey the membership on matters related to DEI, and a report with a set of recommendations was presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting. This report included a list of recommendations for the Executive Committee, and the first of these was to make the DEI committee permanent. The Executive Committee is very supportive of the DEI committee and will consider these recommendations during the 2022-2023 term.

During the past year, another of our great AAVP members, Kathryn Duncan, took the initiative to explore how we can support and foster mental health and well-being in our association. Among many other things, the pandemic cast some light on concerns, stress, and anxiety among all of us, but perhaps more pronounced with our students and early career members. Kathryn has launched another membership survey to establish a starting point for this initiative and identify meaningful next steps. I envision this becoming a new standalone committee in due course, and I look forward to learning more about how we can support our members.

The 2022 Annual AAVP Meeting was held in Snowbird, Utah. Antoinette Marsh secured very good sponsorship support and put together an exciting and diverse program. We were originally supposed to have been in Snowbird for the 2020 Annual Meeting, but that year's meeting was converted to a virtual conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To avoid paying a sizeable cancellation fee, we offered to hold the 2022 meeting at this venue. Antoinette Marsh worked hard as program chair and was faced with several challenges, including the still-going-strong pandemic and the economic consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Attendance was on the good side of 180 people, and we had a very enjoyable conference.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee led by Lauren Camp proposed two sets of changes before the 2022 Annual Meeting. One set of proposed changes served to better define an AAVP member of good standing, which defines who is eligible to vote. The previous Constitution and Bylaws required payment of membership dues at least once within the last three years, whereas the new proposed text required the membership dues to be paid for the current year. The proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were passed at the 2022 AAVP Business Meeting with a near unanimous vote in favor.

The second set of Constitution and Bylaws changes aimed at giving the two student representatives status as elected officers and become voting members of the Executive Committee. The AAVP is very much for and about our student members, and it seems only fair to give the two student representatives the same status as the other members of the Executive Committee. After some edits to the proposed amendments, the membership present at the 2022 AAVP Business Meeting passed them with a near unanimous vote in favor.

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, Doug Carithers rotated off after a long and diligent tenure in service of the AAVP. Doug served on several committees, and was chair of the awards committee, before serving as secretary/treasurer for two terms. After this, he served another four-year term as a regular Executive Committee member and was AAVP President in 2020-2021. Doug is a true AAVP enthusiast, and we owe him big thanks for his devotion. He served as program chair in 2020, when the pandemic shut everything down and cancellation appeared to be the only choice. But due to Doug's perseverance and eternal optimism, the AAVP became one of very few organizations to organize a virtual conference within the first six months of the pandemic. The 2020 annual meeting was a great success, and it secured the continuity of our scientific discussions and exchange of information. We thank Doug for his service to the AAVP and look forward to seeing which AAVP committees he is going to serve on next. As mentioned, Adriano Vatta has served two terms as secretary/treasurer and rotated off as well. Adriano has worked incredibly hard in this capacity and identified several workflows in need of improvement, which led to the engagement with the Rees Group described above. Furthermore, Adriano has been instrumental to the success of our Annual Meetings, which have been especially demanding during the pandemic. We thank Adriano for his hard work and support of the AAVP and hope to see him serve again in some other capacity in the future. Julie Thompson has served as one of our student representatives for two years. Julie is very well organized and has proven an excellent

communicator. She is always very thoughtful and has contributed greatly to our discussions over the past two years. Julie has been a pleasure to work with and we hope that she will consider serving AAVP in other capacities going forward.

A few other servants of the AAVP are stepping down from their current roles this year. Al Marchiondo has diligently served the AAVP for well over two decades. He was secretary/treasurer for many years, served as AAVP President in 2012-2013, and for the past many years, he has supported the AAVP in the capacity of executive secretary helping us organize the Annual Meeting. Frank Hurtig has been our editor of the AAVP Newsletter for many years and has announced that he will be retiring before the 2023 Annual Meeting, making this year's Annual Meeting his last. Jessica Rodriguez has served as chair of the electronic media committee for the past several years and has worked diligently to grow the following on AAVP's social media platforms. Alice Lee and Miguel Suderman have served several years as chairs of the Nominations Committee and Publications, Outreach and Research (POR) Committee, respectively, and stepped down this year as well. We cannot thank these people enough for their hard work and commitment to the AAVP.

Our new Vice President is Heather Walden, who has joined our upcoming female power trifecta of AAVP Presidents, and we look forward to working with her. Our new secretary/treasurer is Dean Dailey, who, thanks to his predecessor, is faced with a less work-intensive task. We thank Dean for his willingness to serve and look forward to working with him as well. Will Johnson was elected as new student representative during the meeting in Snowbird, and we welcome him to the Executive Committee. As part of the transition to Student Officer status, Will will be on the ballot for a one-year term in the next election cycle.

In closing, the AAVP has proven very robust during the challenging years we have been facing. This robustness is due to our members. The people. The engagement. And our common passion for parasitology. But we should never rest on our laurels and over the past year, we have taken important steps to improve the AAVP, and the role that we play as an organization. Whether it is changing the Constitution and Bylaws, engaging professional help to better manage the association, or to listen to members reflecting upon DEI and mental wellness aspects, we do it to make us even better. The AAVP has a very bright future ahead, and it is because of our members and the community they help foster and nurture. I have said this many times -- AAVP is family!

Sincerely,

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Immediate-past AAVP President

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## 2022 – 2023 Committees

Here follow the lists of the committee members as October 2022. We would appreciate it if members and chairs would review the lists and provide any updates to the Secretary-Treasurer so that the lists may be brought up to date.

## Elected Committee

### Nominating

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## Student Commitee Report

Welcome to William Johnson who joins Leonor Sicalo Gianechini as Student Representative to AAVP!

From left to right:
Julie Thompson, Will Johnson, and Leonor Sicalo Gianechini

While William still calls Oklahoma his home, he is currently pursuing a PhD in Dr. Jeba Jesudoss Chelladurai's lab at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. His research focus is studying the parasites of bison and tracking anthelmintic resistance by using next generation sequence analysis and bioinformatics techniques on both conservation and commercial herds. He hopes to utilize these tools to help preserve the health and well-being of one of the most majestic mammals native to North America. When William isn't behind the bench or a screen, he is trying to make the perfect batch of cheese, attempting to figure out which fly the trout are biting, or zipping down backroads on his bicycle. We are very excited to have you Will. Under the new bylaws, Will is going to become the first Student Officer of the AAVP, ever. Congratulations! In addition, we would also like to thank Julie Thompson for all her hard work as she completed her term this year!

We were so thrilled to see everyone at the conference and be able to share so much information while having fun in the process. Students got started with a meet and greet Trivia that had an exciting participation from the History Committee, in charge of Dr. Katheryn Duncan. We then got a bit serious and discussed what it takes to do a critical review of manuscripts and how to improve ours. For that, we want to thank Dr. Martin Nielsen for taking the time to join us as a guest speaker and providing the students with so many useful tips. Included on the "student trip" for this year, students were able to enjoy the amazing landscape along with so many fun activities at the resort. Hope you start planning your way to Kentucky. We'll be delighted to see you there and share some great moments again.

*Respectfully submitted by*: Leonor Sicalo Gianechini

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## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is charged with developing the ballot for the annual election of officers and two new members of the committee itself. In the upcoming Spring 2023 election, we will have 3 positions to vote on: Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Nominating Committee. As the committee begins the process of developing the ballot this fall, we invite AAVP members to submit names of colleagues that they believe will serve the organization well in the above-mentioned roles. We ask that, prior to submission, members first discuss their nomination with the potential nominee to be sure that they are willing and able to serve in the position(s), which may entail a considerable time commitment. Please feel free to reach out to the Nominating Committee chair at the email address below with any questions.

To keep the list of nominees manageable, we ask that each AAVP member submit no more than 2 names for each position to the committee chair, Gui Verocai at gverocai@cvm.tamu.edu by November 14th. The

committee will consider all recommendations and present the top-ranked candidates for the spring ballot. We thank you for your engagement and look forward to your input!

*Respectfully submitted by*: Gui Verocai, Chair

Email: gverocai@cvm.tamu.edu

## Education Committee Report

The main goal of the education committee for the forthcoming year is to host the AAVP-CAPC Educators' Symposium. I am excited, along with the education committee vice-chair, Dr. Grace VanHoy, that this symposium will be in-person. I also want to thank CAPC for their continued support of this symposium.

Thanks to those who have already registered. If you wish to attend please complete the following reservation form: https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_54EF3s2pZEpiEMC. **PLEASE REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 1**. Arrival is Sunday the 18th with a reception, followed by an all-day program on Monday the 19th, and departure on Tuesday the 20th.

The topic of the symposium will be incorporation of parasitology with Competency-Based Veterinary Education (CBVE). The framework for the CBVE can be viewed at: https://www.aavmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CBVE-Publication-1-Framework.pdf. The program is still being developed, but will include both informative lectures and workshop components.

All AAVP members in good-standing who currently teach veterinary parasitology can attend. However, one hotel room will be provided per school for the nights of the 18th and 19th. **If more than one person is coming from a school and they need a separate room, they will need to book it at their own costs**. There will be a reception on Sunday the 18th. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on the 19th. Breakfast will be provided on the 20th.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the UGA Center for Continuing Education and Hotel (https://www.hotel.uga.edu/). Here is your lodging link: Georgia Center Hotel Reservations - Group Code (**Group Code is 95048).** Please enter the code when making an online reservation or mention the code to the reservationist if making a phone reservation.

If traveling by air, you will fly to Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson airport (code: ATL). You can then rent a car or take a shuttle (https://groometransportation.com/athens/?&sd_client_id=c5635199-a780-4636-b018-6c1905d9927b). The shuttle will take you directly to the UGA Georgia Center. It is approximately 80 miles from the airport to Athens.

If you are one of AAVP/CAPC industry partners and would like to send a representative, please contact Andy Moorhead (amoorhed@uga.edu), the conference organizer.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Athens!

*Submitted by:* Andy Moorhead, Education Committee Chair

# 2022 AAVP Awards Committee Report

## Nominated AAVP Awards

A huge thanks to those who nominated and provided letters of support for all the nominees. Also, thanks to the members of the 2022 AAVP awards committee for the time and effort devoted toward reviewing and selecting the award winners. The committee members were the following: Joe Camp, Christian Epe, Peter Thompson, Dean Dailey, Lora Ballweber, Meriam Saleh, Javier Garza, Kelly Allen, Lisa Young, Rachel Imai, Lindsay Starkey, Alice Lee, Shelly Michalski (co-chair) and Molly Savadelis (co-chair).

### AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award

**Drs. Shelly Michalski, Douglas Carrithers, and Richard Martin.**

**Dr. Richard Martin**, of the University of Iowa, was selected as the 2022 Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist. This prestigious award recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions of an AAVP member to the advancement of veterinary parasitology. Dr. Martin's full biography was featured in the annual meeting's proceedings. His presentation entitled, "*Vile Worm: Anthelmintics and Ion-Channels*," was enjoyed by many during the Saturday award session at the meeting in Park City, UT. In addition to the honor this award brings, Dr. Martin 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. Martin** on receiving this award!

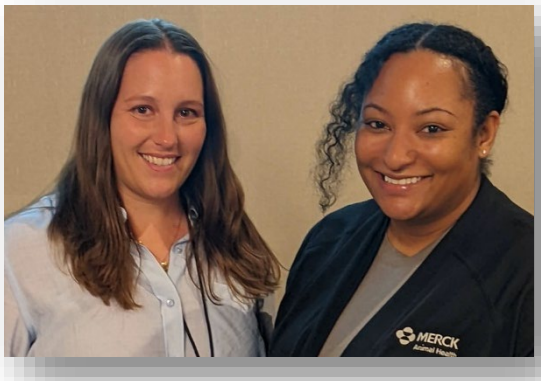
## 2022 AAVP William C. Campbell One Health Award

**Dr. Patricia Conrad,** Distinguished Professor Emerita in the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, was selected as the recipient of the 2022 AAVP-William C. Campbell One Health Award. This prestigious award recognizes 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. Dr. Conrad's full biography was featured in the annual meeting's proceedings. Her presentation entitled "*Veterinary Parasitologists: Are we 'natural' One Health Practitioners*?" was enjoyed by many during the Saturday award session in Park City, UT.

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

**Drs. David Granstrom, Patricia Conrad, and Antoinette Marsh**

## AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award




**Drs. Jennifer Cain and Dominique Sims**

**Dr. Jennifer Cain,** of the University of Kentucky, was selected as the recipient of the 2022 AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Under the supervision of Dr. Martin Nielsen, Jennifer's Ph.D. work involved the microbiome of *Parascaris* spp. Jennifer's presentation took place Saturday during the awards session at the annual meeting in Park City, UT and was entitled, "*From dealing with crap to playing with it: My journey to parasitology*.". She received reimbursement of travel expenses by the AAVP, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of $1,000 provided by Merck Animal Health (presented by Dr. Dominique Sims).

Congratulations to **Dr. Cain**!

## AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

**Dr. Megan Lineberry,** of Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Medicine was selected as the recipient of the 2022 AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease. Her presentation “Evaluation of brown dog ticks from across the United States for pathogens important to veterinary and public health” was enjoyed by many on Monday during the Acari-Epidemiology session.

Congratulations to **Dr. Lineberry**!

**Drs. Dwight Bowman and Megan Lineberry**

## Young Investigator Travel Grant Recipients

In lieu of awarding Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG) to selected student applicants, the Executive Committee provided the hotel accommodations to all YITG applicants. These accommodations were provided to a total 44 YITG applicants for the 2022 meeting in Park City, UT.

## Best Student Paper and Poster Competitions

The student competition involved 50 students (40 in the platform competition and 10 in the poster competition)! The Best Student Paper competition and the Best Student Poster competition was sponsored by Elanco. There were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards given in each category with $500, $300, and $150 honoraria, respectively, as well as one Honorable Mention that awards free registration to AAVP 2023 in Lexington, KY.

| | **Best Student Paper Sponsored by Elanco** (awards presented by Dr. Bradley Hayes) | **Best Student Poster Sponsored by Elanco** (awards presented by Dr. Bradley Hayes) |
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| **1st Place** | Megan Lineberry<br>Oklahoma State University | Joseph Wray<br>University of Arkansas |
| **2nd Place** | Abhinaya Venkatesan<br>University of Calgary | Tiana Sanders<br>Oklahoma State University |
| **3rd Place** | Elizabeth Kass<br>The University of Rhode Island | Katie Izenour<br>Auburn University |
| **Honorable Mention** | Nicole Szafranski<br>University of Tennessee Knoxville | |

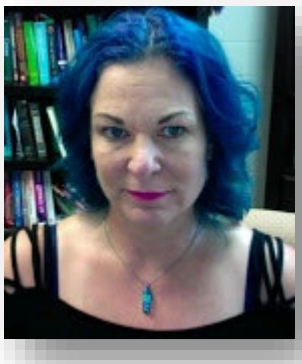
AAVP sends thanks to all the judges who took valuable time from their schedules to attend student presentations and provide written feedback to the students: Drs. Lauren Camp, Ashley Steuer, Grace VanHoy, Elliott Zieman, Dean Dailey, Andy Moorhead, Kim Bates, Lindsay Starkey, Joe Camp, John Gilleard, Alice Lee, Brad Ryan, Sara Myers, Mostafa Zamanian, and Ashraful Bhuiya.

**Student award winners pictured from left to right: Nicole Szafranski, Elizabeth Kass, Joseph Wray, Megan Lineberry, Tiana Sanders, Katie Izenour, and Abhinaya Venkatesan**

## Looking Ahead To 2023 AAVP Awards

Nominations are now open for the named AAVP awards for 2023. Check out the nomination and eligibility requirements posted on the AAVP website (https://www.aavp.org/aavp-annual-awards/). Nomination packets will be due early in April 2023. Check your listserv emails for reminders and official deadlines. Completed packets can be turned in via email at any time up until the deadline to either of the awards committee co-chairs: Molly Savadelis (molly.savadelis@zoetis.com) or Shelly Michalski (michalsk@uwosh.edu).

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



**Shelly Michalski**

**Molly Savadelis**

*Respectfully submitted by*: **Drs. Molly Savadelis** and **Shelly Michalski**, Co-Chairs, AAVP Awards Committee

# History Committee Report

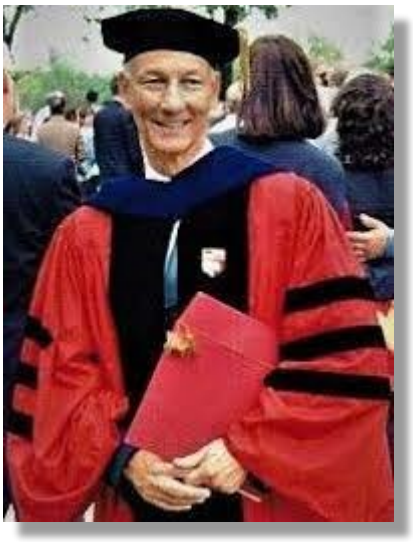
On behalf of the AAVP History Committee, we wanted to formally acknowledge the passing of Dr. Owen Slocombe. Information on his rich life is included below and is a testament to the prominent impact he had on all those around him. As you read of his numerous contributions to the field of parasitology and of the immeasureable impact he had on students, be sure to heed the advice noted at the end:

"*In memory of Owen, sing a song, dance with passion, crack a joke, play cards with family and friends, playfully and lovingly interact with all children, listen deeply, respect everyone around you, be open to other ideas, approach the world as a inquisitive scientist, engage always in Beginner's mind, take pride in your accomplishments, do the best you can in everything, exercise, stretch, sing again...and tend a garden.*"

# In Memorium – Dr. Owen Slocombe

**Dr. Joseph Owen Douglas Slocombe, DICTA West Indies, DVM Toronto, PhD Cornell**

**July 27, 1931 - September 19, 2022**



Husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, friend, teacher, dancer, barbershop singer, jokester, and gardener. Owen passed away on a beautiful autumn day, in the garden he loved to tend.

Beloved husband of Justina (Dales) for 59 years and cherished father of son David and partner Audrey Robinson and daughter Arlene and partner Christopher Green and son Duane and fiancee Nancy Metallano. Owen adored his grandchildren Mikayla, Mya and Dezmond Slocombe, Karissa and Marah Laforge, Meadow Wilder, Ivry Green and Aleena Brassard and great grandson Myles Boily. We mourn the loss of a loving, wise, and gentle man and celebrate a life well-lived, blessed with a caring and supportive family, wonderful neighbours and many loyal friends.

Owen was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies on July 27, 1931. He was the oldest son of Stanley and Edith (Webb). He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Agnes and is survived by his sister Audrey Varga (St. Catharines, ON), and brother Wellington (Richmond, BC) and In-laws Frank Dales, Moira O'Donoghue, Sheila and Rolph de Gannes, Mary Dales and Anne Dales.

Owen grew up and attended K-12 in Port of Spain Trinidad. In June 1955 he graduated with a Diploma in the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture. He then earned a scholarship to attend the Ontario Veterinary College of the University of Toronto, in Guelph. He maintained life-long friendships with his classmates of the class of 1961.

A commitment of his scholarship was that he return and serve in his beloved home country of Trinidad and Tobago, and in 1962 met his wife who was visiting in Trinidad and Tobago and they were married in 1963. He then attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York where he received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1969. From there, he became a professor at the Veterinary College of the University of Guelph, where he researched and taught until his retirement in 1997.

Owen was a passionate teacher and researcher, and as a professor, he was much loved by his students. His professional achievements were numerous. He is world renowned as "Doctor Heartworm" for his research and advancement of Heartworm pathology and medicine. He was the President of the American Association of the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology in 1991-1992. He was then President of the World Association of the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology from 1991-1995. In 1997 he was conferred an Honorary Membership to the World Association for the Advancement of Parasitology for his distinguished contributions in the field.

In addition to his career responsibilities, Owen had a passion for singing and for supporting the (SPEBSQSA-Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet) Barbershop Singers of Guelph. He participated as a singer within this community for much of his adult life and took on various roles in the organization for which he won great recognition. Including being the first Canadian Chapter bulletin editor to win the award of International Editor of the Year for the Ambassador's Notes.

A part of his career was his contribution to the design and professionalization of new or emerging Veterinary Colleges. In 1986, Owen received recognition for his involvement with the design of the Atlantic College in PEI. Owen achieved Professor Emeritus in 1998 and continued to mentor students and faculty well into his retirement. But retirement did not suit him when he still had so much to offer. His later life career involved coming out of retirement to follow many requests to establish and professionalize new Veterinary programs into world class institutions: first at Ross University of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts; then at The University of West Indies, School of Veterinary Medicine, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago; and then at the American University of Antigua Veterinary School. Owen would go on to teach until he was eighty years old and was a favourite among students.

In memory of Owen, sing a song, dance with passion, crack a joke, play cards with family and friends, playfully and lovingly interact with all children, listen deeply, respect everyone around you, be open to other ideas, approach the world as a inquisitive scientist, engage always in Beginner's mind, take pride in your accomplishments, do the best you can in everything, exercise, stretch, sing again...and tend a garden.

The family is grateful for the support of neighbours and first responders and for the loving support received from countless family and friends.

A Celebration of Life took place at Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home- Hart Chapel, 1099 Gordon Street, Guelph. Visitations will be on Friday, September 30, 2022 from 4:00pm-7:00pm and again on Saturday, October 1, 9:30am-10:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration service which will occur on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:00 am. and the service will also be livestreamed via ZOOM. A reception will take place in the Hart Fellowship Lounge immediately following the service. Guests are encouraged to bring and share stories of Owen at the visitation and reception.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Guelph Outdoor School, Next Child in the Woods Bursaries and the Water Watchers, Water for Life, Not Profit project.

## AAVP 68th Annual Meeting 2023 – Lexington, KY

**Make plans to attend the 68th AAVP Annual Meeting, June 10-13, 2023, in Lexington, KY!**

The 68th Annual Meeting of the AAVP will be in the heart of Lexington, Kentucky at the Downtown Hilton Hotel. In addition to having a packed scientific program, there will be an AAVP history booth. Come prepared to share stories of your experiences at meetings.

Make plans to arrive early on the 9th to catch up with colleagues and friends and tour a bourbon distillery. Options and fees for tours will be posted during the early bird registration. Student members, plan to stay until the 14th to attend the after conference student tour.

Deadlines for registration, young investigator travel grant applications and abstract submissions will be posted on the AAVP web site and shared via e-mails in January and listed in the Spring newsletter.

**The 69th Annual Meeting of the AAVP:** Dates (2024) and location in the southeast US will be announced later. Stay tuned!

# Future Parasitology Meetings

## Future meetings of the AAVP

68th Annual Meeting: June 10–13, 2023 – Lexington, KY
69th Annual Meeting: to be communicated later

## 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

The 72nd annual meeting of ASTMH will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL, 18 – 23 October, 2023. ASTMH.

## 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/

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| February 2023 | January 15, 2023 |
| May 2023 | April 15, 2023 |
| October 2023 | September 15, 2023 |

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