AAVP Newsletter

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From the President

Dear AAVP Member:

The 48th Annual Meeting of AAVP is set for July 19-22, 2003 in Denver, CO. Get the word out to members and colleagues! The abstract and awards applications deadline is May 2 (web link activation on March 1st). The #1 issue facing the AAVP is recruitment of new members and student involvement. Dr. Linda Mansfield (Program Chair) is putting together an excellent scientific program that includes the Merial Symposium, "What's the future for treatment of parasitic diseases?" the AAVP Symposium, "The threat of vectors and vector borne diseases," and the AAVP/AVMA Symposium on "Applications of molecular techniques to infectious disease problems in veterinary parasitology." What meeting provides such a diverse mix of scientists/practicing veterinarians from industry, government, and academia in an intimate and friendly venue with free access to post-session social events (thank you corporate sponsors)? Students can present their work for critical review and then interact with a spectrum of professionals during a program that is eclectic and diversified.

Cynthia Tate (2002 - Best Student Presentation Award) is the Student Representative for 2003. She and Alvin Gajadhar (Chair, Awards Committee) would like to remind everyone: 1) student travel awards are available (17 awards of up to $500 each given last year) via applications submitted by May 2; 2) please check the box for consideration in the best student paper presentation on the abstract submission form; and 3) be sure to apply for the Graduate Student Award ($1,000). There are about 35 student members of the AAVP within a total body of 475; it is critical that this number increases and mentors promulgate the benefits of AAVP.

The Nominations Committee (Chair, Dr. Phil Scholl) has assembled an excellent list of candidates for Vice President and for Nominating Committee. The biographical sketches of the candidates are enclosed; **however a pre-stamped hard copy postcard ballot will be mailed to the membership for voting; please promptly mark and return the ballot**. Applications for Distinguished Veterinary Parasitology and Service Award are also enclosed.

The hotel site for AAVP 2003 is the Westin Tabor Center, and the AVMA web site is http://www.avma.org/convention/default.asp. Kudos to Dr. Dan Snyder (Secretary-Treasurer) for the interface with AVMA and countless efforts related to AAVP business. Make note that AAVP will sponsor a symposium (Dr. Louis Gasbarre – Past Presidents' Committee) at the WAAVP in New Orleans, LA (August 10-14, 2003) http://www.ccc-nola.com/waavp2003/, and that

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AAVP 2004 will meet with the American Society of Parasitologists and the American Heartworm Society (Dr. Tom Kennedy, AAVP ad hoc representative). Thank you to Dr. Anne Zajac for her leadership of AAVP in 2001-2002, and the strong effort of Dr. Craig Reinemeyer as Program Chair for last year's 47th Annual Meeting of AAVP (>175 participants). *Joseph Urban, President, AAVP.*

From the Secretary/Treasurer

2003 Meeting: Preparations are well underway for the 2003 meeting in Denver, Colorado 19-22 July, so mark your calendar. Linda Mansfield (Program Chair) and President Joe Urban are working on putting in place a very exciting program. The AVMA has selected the Westin Hotel for all of our AAVP meetings, so be sure to request this venue on the housing form that you return to the AVMA housing bureau. Try to get your room reservation confirmed as early as possible to help to ensure that you get into this hotel. AVMA has suggested that we submit our lodging forms by May 15. All meeting related information is posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org). For all the AAVP awards, including Young Investigator (student) travel grants, please get these nominations submitted to the Awards Chairperson promptly.

2003 Dues. Please remember to pay your 2003 dues. Remember that dues for regular members increased to $30.00 for this new dues year. There are a number of members who owe for past years and several are in jeopardy of being deleted from the membership list. As you send in your 2003 dues, also please pay any past years dues as well. If you are unsure of your dues status, a quick email to me will clear up any questions. Thanks for the great response and timely payment by most members. If I have made a mistake for requests for past dues or if you have any questions, as always please call (317/277-4439) or send me an email (snyder_daniel_e@Lilly.com).

Addresses and Contact Information: Please send me any changes in your address, telephone, email or fax number to me. You can make these changes on the annual dues renewal form or send me an email or Fax with this information at other times of the year. We will continue to put the most up-to-date membership listing in each year's annual proceedings book so please help me keep the directory up to date and accurate. We are relying on emails as a means to communicate information to the membership, so please send me your current email address. *Submitted by Daniel E Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer, AAVP.*

Committee Reports

Nominations for AAVP Awards Solicited

The AAVP Awards Committee is responsible for soliciting nominations for the 2003 awards. The title and a brief description of each of the AAVP awards are provided below. Guidelines and instructions for nominations are outlined later in this newsletter. The Awards Committee will also administer the Travel Grant and the Student Presentation Competition. Members of the AAVP are encouraged to nominate a fellow colleague or a student for one of our society's awards. All nominations/applications and supporting documents should reach the Chair of the Awards Committee by **May 2, 2003**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. The recipients of some awards will be announced prior to the meeting, and all awards will be presented at the annual meeting in Denver.

The **AAVP Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award** is the society's most prestigious award. This is where we recognize outstanding contributions of an AAVP member to the advancement of veterinary parasitology. The names of past recipients in this category were listed in last year's program proceedings, and it is an impressive list.

The **AAVP Distinguished Service Award** is given to recognize long terms of extraordinary service and commitment to the society. When given (not annually) this award includes a plaque

and reimbursement of travel expenses to attend the annual meeting.

The **AAVP-Intervet Graduate Student Award** is provided to honor a graduate student or a recent graduate for outstanding performance in graduate study in veterinary parasitology. The award consists of reimbursement of travel expenses, a plaque, and an honorarium. Many past recipients are now active AAVP members and contribute greatly to the success of our society. This award was not presented last year, as there were no nominations.

The **AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant** is a competitive grant awarded to full-time DVM or undergraduate/graduate students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher leaning and pursuing studies in veterinary parasitology. Deserving Post-docs who are within 5 years of their degree are also eligible for this award. Supporting documents, commitment of additional or matching funds from a sponsoring AAVP member, and submission of an abstract are needed for this award. Students applying for the travel grant are also eligible to compete for the Student Presentation Awards. Last year, 17 students were supported through this award to attend the annual meeting.

The **AAVP Best Student Paper Presentation Awards** are given to two undergraduate/graduate students who compete successfully in the Student Presentation competition. All students who submit applications for the AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant will be scheduled for the competition, unless there is a specific request to be excluded. Students who do not apply for the Young Investigator Travel Grant, but wish to compete for the Best Student Presentation Awards, should complete and submit the Verification of Student Status form. Judges at the meeting will use the checklist included in this newsletter to help rate the presentations. The awards include cash prizes. *Submitted by Alvin Gajadhar, Chair, AAVP Awards Committee, Centre for Animal Parasitology, CFIA Saskatoon Laboratory, 116 Veterinary Road, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 2R3, Canada.*

Future Meetings

IWOP-8/ICAP
The 8th International Workshops on Opportunistic Protists and the International Conference on Anaerobic Protists (IWOP-8/ICAP) will be held **July 25th-29th, 2003**, at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel in Hilo, Hawaii, USA. Meeting information can be found on the web page of the Society of Protozoologists at http://www.uga.edu/protozoa/#VIII.

Society of Protozoologists
The 55th annual meeting of the Society of Protozoologists will be a joint meeting with the Phycological Society of America and is scheduled for **June 15th-20th, 2003** at the Salishan Resort on the Oregon coast, USA. Meeting information will be posted at http://www.uga.edu/protozoa when available.

American Society of Parasitologists
The 78th meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held **August 1st-5th, 2003** in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Detailed meeting information can be found on the ASP web page at http://asp.unl.edu/meetings/#halifax.

19th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology
The 19th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology: Old Dreams - New Visions: Veterinary Parasitology in the 21st Century, will be held at the Conference Hotel, the Sheraton, New Orleans, USA from **August 10th-14th, 2003**. Twenty topics for symposia, workshops and plenary sessions are proposed. Information on the scientific program, call for abstracts, and registration are all available on the meeting web page at http://www.ccc-nola.com/waavp2003.

Future Meetings of the AAVP

48th Annual Meeting of AAVP

Preparations are underway for the 48th annual meeting of the AAVP in Denver, CO from July 19-22. Denver is on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains in the western US. It is a scenic area of the country and easily accessible by air through a variety of airlines, and by car from the West and Midwest. We encourage you all to participate and we hope that graduate students and veterinary students will join us. As travel expenses are always a concern for students, we want you to know that **travel grants are available**. Also, information is available in this AAVP Newsletter issue and on the AAVP website that gives detailed procedures for application for these grants. If you have questions about these instructions, or your eligibility, please contact the Awards Committee Chairman, Dr. Alvin Gajadhar (agajadhar@inspection.gc.ca). We want you all to participate!

Our AAVP meeting will be a joint meeting with the AVMA with many stimulating scientific sessions aimed at a broad variety of topics in parasitology. This year's program will include the Merial Symposium, "What's the future for treatment of parasitic diseases?" the AAVP Symposium on "The threat of vectors and vector borne diseases," and the joint AAVP/AVMA symposium on "Applications of molecular techniques to infectious disease problems in veterinary parasitology." The meeting will also showcase student presentations to show our enthusiasm for young people entering our association. Once again, we welcome the strong support of our corporate sponsors that will bring us together for sponsored corporate sessions, social events, and stimulating symposia with invited speakers. As is a hallmark of AAVP meetings, we look forward to the many opportunities for meeting informally with colleagues old and new.

Instructions for abstract submissions are included with this February 2003 AAVP Newsletter (page 17). Electronic submission of abstracts is required in 2003 except for the rare circumstance where these facilities are not available. To submit an abstract, please go to the AAVP website (www.aavp.org) and follow the links to "Annual Meeting" and then to "Abstract Submission Instructions."

Please note that the abstract submissions link will be activated on March 1, and this year's deadline for abstracts will be May 2, 2003.

Once again, this will be a late deadline compared to previous years. We ask that the procrastinators among you respect this deadline to allow for appropriate review and organization of the program. So, **abstracts must be received by May 2**. If you are unable to submit an abstract electronically, or have any other problems or questions, please contact the program chair prior to the deadline: Dr. Linda S. Mansfield, B43 Food Safety Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824, Phone: 517-432-6309; Fax: 517-432-2310, email: mansfie4@cvm.msu.edu

Once again, we especially want to encourage the participation of graduate students this year, and applications for Travel Grants have been included in this issue of the Newsletter. See you in Denver! *Submitted by Linda S. Mansfield, Program Chair*.

Future AAVP meetings:

49th meeting in 2004 - Philadelphia
50th meeting in 2005 - Minneapolis
51st meeting in 2006 – Honolulu
52nd meeting in 2007 - Washington, D.C.

AAVP AWARDS APPLICATION FORMS AND DIRECTIONS

Awards Committee

The AAVP Awards Committee invites nominations for the following awards **by May 2, 2003**:

1. Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award.
2. AAVP Distinguished Service Award.
3. AAVP-Intervet Graduate Student Award.
4. AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant.
5. AAVP Best Student Paper Presentation Awards.

A complete description of the awards, criteria for selection, and nomination procedures are outlined in this Newsletter. Please submit nominations to Dr. Alvin Gajadhar, Chair, AAVP Awards Committee, Centre for Animal Parasitology, CFIA Saskatoon Laboratory, 116 Veterinary Road, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, S7N 2R3, PH:306-975-5344, Fax:306-975-6832, email: agajadhar@inspection.gc.ca.

Awards application forms, guidelines, and directions appear below. Please send all AWARDS MATERIAL to the Awards Committee Chair.

Guidelines for AAVP Awards

Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award

Origin - This award was established to recognize outstanding contribution of an AAVP member to the advancement of Veterinary Parasitology.

Criteria for Nomination - This is an award that honors contributions to veterinary parasitology that are widely recognized internationally as significant and important to the understanding and control of parasitic diseases of animals.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a candidate by forwarding a letter of nomination describing the candidate's worthiness for the award and a copy of their CV to the Chair of the Awards Committee. The nominator should arrange for **3** letters to be written in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP and sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee. Only **3** letters of support plus the letter of nomination will be considered by the Awards Committee. To expedite the process and to ensure that all of the letters of support arrive prior to the May 2nd deadline, it is recommended that the nominator assemble the entire package of information in support of the nominee, including the **3** letters, and send everything in one mailing to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of the candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of the nominee's contribution to the advancement of veterinary parasitology.

The Award - The recipient will be honored at the annual meeting of the AAVP and will receive a plaque and a $1500 monetary award provided by Merial. The AAVP will provide reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Association's annual meeting.

Distinguished Service Award

Origin - This award was established to recognize long terms of clearly extraordinary service and commitment to the AAVP.

Criteria for Nomination -

1. The nominee shall be a member in good standing of the AAVP.
2. Nomination of candidates for whom service to the AAVP is conducted normally or routinely, such as those involved in holding an office in the Association, will not be accepted.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a member by forwarding a letter of nomination to the Chair of the Awards Committee describing the candidate's service to the Association. The nominator should arrange for **3** letters to be written in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP and sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of the candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of the nominee's level of service and long-term commitment to the AAVP.

The Award - The award consists of an engraved plaque specifically recognizing the awardee for their extraordinary service to the AAVP. The AAVP will provide reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Society's annual meeting.

AAVP-Intervet Graduate Student Award

Origin - The award is intended to provide recognition of outstanding performance in graduate study in veterinary parasitology.

Criteria for Nomination -

1. Nominations are limited to graduate students enrolled in or those who have completed their M.S. or Ph.D. degree within the previous 12 months.
2. The award is made based only on research carried out during a student's graduate (M.S. or Ph.D.) program.
3. Preference will be given to nominees that are enrolled in or have received their degree from a North American Institute at the time the award is given; however, students from universities outside of North America are eligible for nomination and receipt of this award.
4. The student's graduate program **must be** in veterinary parasitology.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a student by forwarding a letter of nomination to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

1. A letter of nomination from an AAVP member in good standing describing the candidate's excellence in graduate studies and research.
2. A copy of the student's curriculum vitae.
3. Reprints of pertinent publications as a result of the student's graduate research.
4. Arrange for **3** letters to be written in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP.
5. Only **3** letters of support in addition to the letter of nomination will be considered by the Awards Committee.

Please Note: In the case where the nominator is not the candidate's graduate supervisor, one of the letters of support must be obtained from the candidate's graduate supervisor. To expedite the process and to ensure that all of the letters of support arrive prior to the May 2nd deadline, it is recommended that the nominator assemble the entire packet of information in support of the nominee, including the **3** letters, and send everything in one mailing to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of each candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. Preference will be given to graduate students from North American institutes; however, students from universities outside of North America are eligible for nomination and receipt of this award. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of excellence in graduate course work, graduate research, and graduate research publications.

The Award - The award consists of reimbursement by the AAVP of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the annual meeting of the AAVP, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of $1000 provided by Intervet.

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant

Instructions for application

1. Applicant must be a full-time DVM or undergraduate/graduate student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning or a Post-doc who is within 5 years of their terminal degree (Ph.D. or DVM).

2. Only a student/Post-Doc presenting a paper (abstract) at the annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) is eligible to apply for a Young Investigator Travel Grant (YITG).

3. YITG funds must be applied to travel to the AAVP meeting held during the year of application.

4. The applicant must be sponsored by an active, full member of the AAVP. The sponsor's signature is required on the application.

5. A YITG will be awarded only when funds equal to the amount requested from the AAVP are available from another source(s) for support of applicant's travel. The source(s) of matching funds and the signature of the person authorized to commit funds are required on the YITG application.

6. The total amount of YITG funds requested by an applicant in a single year will be **matched** by the AAVP **up to** a maximum of and may not exceed $500.00.

7. An estimate of the total cost of travel to and from the AAVP meeting must be provided on the YITG application.

8. The total number of YITGs to be awarded each year will depend on the availability of funds, number of applicants, and location of the meeting.

9. The completed application form with all necessary signatures, the one page letter of support from the AAVP member sponsoring the student/Post-doc, and a copy of the abstract to be presented at the meeting must be sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

10. Selection of awardees from applicants fulfilling all of the above-mentioned requirements will be judged primarily on two criteria: (1) the written and apparent scientific quality of the abstract; and (2) the one-page supporting letter explaining and documenting the significance of the research to be reported by the student/Post-doc and indicating why the student/Post-doc is deserving of this award.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

(please type)

Applicant's Name:

Department:

University or Affiliation:

Address:

E-mail Address:

Telephone:

Name of Applicant's Sponsor:

Title of paper to be presented at the AAVP meeting:

Estimated cost to attend meeting: $

Amount requested from AAVP: $

Amount of matching funds: $

Total from both sources: $

Source of matching funds:

Signature and title of person authorized to commit matching funds:

Signature: Title:

Applicant's Signature:

Sponsor's Signature:

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY (1) A SUPPORTING LETTER FROM AN AAVP MEMBER WHO IS SPONSORING THE APPLICANT AND (2) A COPY OF THE ABSTRACT OF THE PAPER. BOTH SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CHAIR OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE.

American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
Verification of Student Status

Title_____

Authors_____

Presentor_____

Institution_____

Certification of Student Status

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Name Title

_____

Signature Date

_____

Institution

The Awards Committee will offer two awards for a student's presentation of their own research at the annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists. The awards in 2003 will be $500 and $300. Judging will be based on the criteria listed on the AAVP Student Presentation Check List.

THIS FORM SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CHAIR OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE.

AAVP STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARD CHECK LIST

NAME_____ ABSTRACT NO._____

	Max.pts.	Score
SUBJECT:	**20**	**_____**
◆Does the literature review adequately focus on the problem?		
◆Is the problem/hypothesis clearly stated and pursued?		
◆Is the problem of scientific importance?		
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IMPACT:	**20**	**_____**
◆Is the experimental design appropriate?		
◆Are the controls adequate?		
◆Are the techniques well adapted to the problem?		
◆Are the data generated adequate?		
◆Is maximum use made of the experimental unit?		
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METHOD:	**40**	**_____**
◆Is the analysis appropriate?		
◆Are the results well presented?		
◆Are the results interpreted correctly?		
◆Are the conclusions logical?		
◆Are there novel applications for the results?		
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DELIVERY:	**20**	**_____**
◆Is there eye contact, clear delivery, lack of mannerisms?		
◆Are the slides legible with appropriate use of fonts and color?		
◆Is the time limit observed?		
◆Are questions adequately answered?		
TOTAL	**100**	**_____**

COMMENTS:

AAVP Election Ballot

New balloting process.

With the conversion of the newsletter to all-electronic distribution, the ballot is no longer included here, but rather will be sent as a separate hard-copy mailing to each member of AAVP. Please review the biographies included below to assist you in making your selection on the ballot. Watch for the ballot (scheduled to arrive in your mailboxes by mid-February) and return them to Dr. Phil Scholl, Chair, Nominating Committee, as soon as possible. The ballots will be a pre-addressed, pre-stamped, postcard format to make casting your vote as easy as possible. So please, don't forget to vote! *Submitted by Susan Little and Phil Scholl, Nominating Committee.*

Biographies

Candidates For Vice-President/Program Chair

Ann R Donoghue

Education: Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, BS (Animal Science), 1983; Michigan State University, DVM, 1987; Michigan State University, MS (Parasitology), 1992.

Professional Experience: Michigan State University, Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Parasitology Section Chief, 1989-1990; Hoechst-Roussel Agri-Vet Company, Somerville, NJ, Clinical Veterinarian, Product Development and Registration, 1990-1996; Heska Corporation, Fort Collins, CO, Associate Director, Product Development and Regulatory Affairs, 1996-2000; PR Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Fort Collins, CO, Director, Clinical Development, 2000-present

Research Interest: Anthelmintic development and registration, Parasite diagnostic test development and registration, Project management.

Memberships/Committees/Service: *Societies*: AAVP (Nominations 93 – 95, 99 – 01, Outreach/Research 90 - 93, chairperson, 1993; Program 97 – 98; Student Awards (ad hoc) 97 – 99; Am Soc Parasit **(**Industrial Relations 92 - 95, 97 – 00; Student Travel Awards 92 – 95; Priorities 95 – 97; Nominating 99 – 00); World Assoc Adv Vet Parasit (Executive Board, Secr/Treas 99 – 09); NJ Soc Parasit (Secr/Treas 94 – 96); Internat Symp Ectoparasit Pets (Organizing Comm 96 – 01, chairperson 98 – 99); Amer Assoc Industrial Vet (Executive Board 91 – 95; *Newsline* editor 92 – 02); Entom Soc Amer;

Awards/Honors: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship 1988-1989; Ideal Veterinarian Award, Michigan Vet Med Assoc 1987; Distinguished Service Award, Assoc Women Vet 1994.

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David S. Lindsay

Education: Albany Jr. College, Albany, GA 1973-1976 A.A, Troy State University, Troy AL, 1975-1977 B.S. (Biology), Auburn University, Auburn, AL 1980-1984 Ph.D. (Parasitology)

Professional Experience**:** Professor, Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, (2002-present) Associate Professor, Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, (1997-2002) Senior Research Fellow (1995 - 1997); Research Fellow (1990 - 1995); Research Associate; (1989 - 1990); Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University, AL. GS-12, Post - Doctoral Research Associate; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Livestock and Poultry Sciences Institute Zoonotic Diseases Laboratory, BARC-East, Beltsville, MD. (1987 - 1989). Post-Doctoral Fellow Department of Pathology and Parasitology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University, AL.

Research Interests: Apicomplexan protozoa (*Toxoplasma*, *Sarcocystis*, *Eimeria*, *Isospora* and *Cryptosporidium*), canine leishmaniasis (*Leishmania infantum*), wildlife parasites, and ectoparasites of small animals.

Memberships/Committees/Service:*Associate Editor:* - Journal of Parasitology (2002-present)**,** Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology 1998-present), Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine (2000-present); *Editorial Boards*- Veterinary Parasitology (1998-present), American Journal of Veterinary Research (1999-2001) Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian (1999-present); *Editorial other*- Guest Editor-1999. *Special issue on Neospora caninum and neosporosis* International Journal for Parasitology, Volume 29: 1483-1732.Guest Editor-2001 *Special issue on Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis* Veterinary Parasitology, Volume 95: 87-356. Grant Panels: NIH TMP Study Sec 2000, 2001; *Societies***:** Am Assoc Vet Parasitol (2001 Chair Awards Comm; 1995-1997,1999-2000 Awards Comm; 1997-2000 Nom Comm; 1994-present, Liaison, AAVP/Southeastern Society of Parasitologists; 1992-1994, Chair Finance Comm, 1988-1991 Pub Comm). Am Soc Parasitol (2002, Chair and Program Organizer, 36th Annual Coccidiosis Conference; 1999-2003, Council Member-at-Large; 1993-present, Nomenclature and Terminology Comm; 1995 Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant Comm; 1991 Chair and Program Organizer, 27th Annual Coccidiosis Conference) Southeastern Soc. Parasitol. (2002, Chair Meritorious Service Comm; 2000 Chair Nom Comm; 1998 President; 1995 Vice President, 1995 Chair Site Selection Comm; 1992 Chair Resolutions Comm, 1986 Nom Comm) International Workshops on Opportunistic Protists (2003, Chair and program organizer *Toxoplasma* section, 8th meeting; 2001Chair and program organizer *Toxoplasma* section, 7th meeting; 1999, Chair and program organizer *Toxoplasma* section, 6th meeting; 1997, Chair and program organizer *Toxoplasma* section, 5th meeting; 1993; Mem *Toxoplasma* Program Com) Anim Dis Res Workers Southern States (1998 President; 1997 Vice President) Wildl Dis Assoc, Soc Protozool, Helmin Soc of Wash, Am Soc Microbiol., *Other:* Advisory Board Protistology section, American Type Culture Collection (2002-present)

Awards/Honors**:** 2000, Henry Baldwin Ward Metal. American Society of Parasitologists. 1996, Pfizer Award for Research Excellence. 1989 (Auburn) and 2002 (Virginia Tech). 1989, United States Department of Agriculture, Certificate of Merit.

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Candidates For Nominating Committee

Dwight D. Bowman

Education: Hiram College, Hiram, OH, BA (Honors Biology), 1974; Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, Department of Parasitology, MS, 1976, PhD, 1983.

Professional Experience: Tulane University, Medical Research Specialist, Tropical Medicine Clinical Laboratory, 1983-1984; Lecturer/Research Associate, Department of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison 1984-1987; Cornell University, Assistant Professor of Parasitology 1987-1993; Associate Professor 1993 to present.

Research Interests: Die-hard generalist, special interests in soil-transmitted parasites, soil-parasite interactions, nematodes, especially ascaridoids, apicomplexan protozoa, and zoonotic diseases, parasites of wildlife.

Memberships/Committees/Service: Am Assoc Vet Parasitol (1987-1988 Publications Committee, 1989-1991 Ad-hoc Committee for a National Teaching Consensus, 1992-1995 Chair, Education Committee); Water Environment Federation (1998-present Disinfection Steering Committee; 2000 Liaison to Watershed Committee); Series Editor, Parasites of Small Animals, 1990-1994, The Compendium of Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian; Editorial Boards, 1987-1993, Journal of the Helminthological Society of Washington.; 1993-1998, Veterinary Technician; 1990-1991, Cornell Animal Health Newsletter; Associate Editor, 1992-1997, Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine.

Awards/Honors: 1998 Faculty Fellow in Service Award; 1999 honorary member Delta Omega, national public health fraternity

Current Address: Department of Microbiology and Immunology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 14853-6401; Tel: 607-253-3406; FAX: 607-253-4077; e-mail: ddb3@cornell.edu

Gary A. Conboy

Education: University of Minnesota, B.Sc. 1975 (Microbiology/Zoology); University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, DVM, 1980; PhD, 1990.

Professional Experience: Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island, Department of Pathology and Microbiology, Assistant Professor 1991-1996; Associate Professor 1996 - present.

Research Interests: Metastrongylid Lungworms of Wild and Domestic Canids; Helminth Parasites of Wildlife; Ruminant Trichostrongylosis.

Memberships/Committees: Am Assoc Vet Parasitol, 1983-present (Education Committee 1999-present); American Veterinary Medical Association, 1980–present; American Society of Parasitologists, 1988–present; Atlantic Canada Association of Parasitologists, 1991–present; Helmintholog Soc of Washington, 1992-present; Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, 1995–present

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Memberships/Committees/Service: *Memberships*- Editorial Board, Veterinary Parasitology, 1998-present; American Society of Parasitologists, 1982-present; American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 1990-present (Outreach Committee, 1998-2002; Student Presentation Committee,1999-2002; Awards Committee, 2000-present); American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostician, 1998-present; International Commission on Trichinellosis; Wildlife Diseases Association, 1999-present; World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology, 1996-present; *Expert Scientist*- National Import Risk Assessment Committee, 1993-1997; OIE Reference Lab for Trichinellosis, 2000-present; OIE Collaborating Centre for Food-borne Zoonotic Parasites. 2002-present; Standards Council of Canada, 1997-2002;

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Memberships/Committees/Service: Northern California Parasitologists (1993-97); American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (1995-present); American Society of Parasitologists (1996-present); Sigma Xi, Scientific Research Society (1999-present); American Veterinary Medical Law Association, (2002-

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