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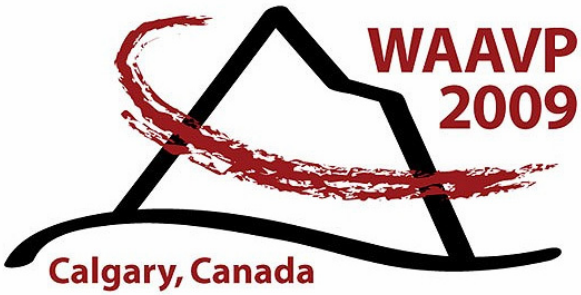
From the President

Calgary, August 8-13, 2009. The 54th meeting of the AAVP will be held in Calgary this August. Calgary is an outstanding venue, in the heart of the Canadian prairies and a short drive to breathtaking natural areas like Banff National Park, masterpiece of the Canadian Rockies, as well as Waterton Lakes National Park and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. We are delighted to be meeting jointly with the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) and the International Commission on Trichinellosis as it gives us the chance to interact with colleagues and friends from over 60 different countries. From the program materials it is clear that this meeting will be a phenomenal experience in all regards. I encourage everyone to attend, and also ask that you do everything possible to bring graduate students and other junior colleagues, allowing them to experience first hand the excitement and opportunities in veterinary parasitology around the globe.

The main theme of the joint Calgary meeting is "One World, One Health – Parasites in a Changing Landscape," and the Scientific Programme Committee has secured outstanding plenary speakers to present on various aspects of this central concept. AAVP Vice President and Program Chair, Karen Snowden, has been working with the WAAVP organizers to insure that our meeting is integrated into the larger WAAVP program. Full information about the meeting is available at www.waavp2009.com. The abstract submission deadline has been extended to March 9th, but is still earlier than usual, so be sure to plan



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accordingly. Registration for the WAAVP/AAVP joint meeting is more expensive than our stand alone meetings ($800 for full / $400 for students if by May 29), but the fees cover all meals, social events, and sessions at this truly international conference. In addition, AAVP has increased the student travel grant matching funds to $750 for AAVP member students sponsored by AAVP members (see awards information in this newsletter for details on how to apply) in hopes that we can support every member's efforts to bring students and others in training to Calgary.

As has become the custom, the AAVP executive board held a mid-year meeting in early February to aid planning and identify important initiatives. In addition to detailing the Calgary meeting, the board discussed the idea (proposed by Anne Zajac) of appointing AAVP liaisons with allied parasitology groups to facilitate interactions, reinvigorating a system AAVP has used historically with great success. In that same vein, the relative advantages and disadvantages of meeting jointly with allied groups were also considered. While joint meetings have great merit, there is also a sincere desire to continue our long-standing relationship with AVMA, albeit now unofficial, a position which constrains scheduling flexibility and thus can limit opportunities. We'll plan to present some ideas at the business meeting in Calgary to generate discussion and receive feedback from the membership on the best direction to take. We also are in the preliminary stages of planning a survey to roughly map parasite distribution through member feedback, an idea proposed by Ellis Greiner. Look for more information in the coming months.

Finally, please mark your calendars now for the 2010 AAVP meeting to be held in Atlanta July 31st – August 3rd. The 2010 meeting will find us once again in the same city and at the same time as the annual AVMA meeting. Preparations to secure our hotel (a brand-new Loews!) in Atlanta are already well underway, thanks to the forethought and efforts of Al Marchiondo, and I am confident that we will have another outstanding program in 2010.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Little

From the Secretary/Treasurer

2009 Meeting Program

The 54th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will be held in conjunction with the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP). The 22nd WAAVP Conference will host their international meeting in conjunction with AAVP and the International Commission on Trichinellois ison 8-13 August in Calgary, Canada. The theme for the 22nd WAAVP conference is One World One Health: Parasites in a changing environment that captures the dynamic and interactive world in which parasitologists find themselves immersed. This theme exemplifies the integrated nature of the interactions between humans, their domestic animals, wildlife and the environment. The joining together of these three important groups of parasitologists further supports the importance of the theme. The Scientific Program Committee, lead by Dr. Roger Pritchard, in conjunction with our major sponsors will bring together an outstanding group of plenary speakers who will address various aspects of the main theme, including an overview of human interactions with wildlife and the changing environment in the arctic as well as a detailed look at parasitic disease in horses. Program highlights will be online once the program has been finalized.

Dr. Karen Snowden (AAVP Program Chair), along with Dr. Doug Colwell, is working with the WAAVP organizing committee to incorporate the student presentation competition, AAVP student luncheon or dinner, AAVP Board Meeting, and AAVP Business & Awards Meeting into the WAAVP program.

A passport will be required for travel to Canada.

The call for abstract submissions for the WAAVP sessions is posted on the WAAVP meeting website at http://www.waavp2009.com/. This website is also posted to the AAVP website (www.aavp.org). Deadline for receipt of abstracts **is now March 9th!!!**

Registration

It is highly recommended that you pre-register for the meeting, especially student members. To do so, please follow the instructions below and submit your application directly to WAAVP.

Registration will be open shortly. Delegates will have two options to register for WAAVP 2009, through the online link or by downloading the Registration Form and forwarding to the conference secretariat. More information to follow shortly.

Meeting attendees who are not current members are encouraged to apply for membership at or before the meeting. Also, encourage your colleagues and students to become AAVP members as well. A new member application form is provided in the newsletter and on the AAVP website. AAVP members may pay their dues at the WAAVP meeting.

Registration Type	Early Registration	Regular Registration	Late/On-site Registration
	On or before May 29, 2009	On or before July 3, 2009	On or after July 4, 2009
Full Registration	**$800.00** CAD	**$900.00** CAD	**$1,100.00** CAD
Student Registration *	**$400.00** CAD	**$500.00** CAD	**$600.00** CAD
Single Day Registration	**$300.00** CAD	**$350.00** CAD	**$400.00** CAD
Accommpanying Persons	**$275.00** CAD	**$275.00** CAD	**$275.00** CAD

** All fees are in Canadian dollars.*
** Visit the WAAVP webpage to find out more about the student registration requirements.*

Registration includes:

- Name Badge
- Conference Bag
- On-Site Program
- Conference Handouts
- Welcome Reception
- Opening Ceremony
- Gala Dinner
- Scientific Program Sessions
- Access to Exhibit Hall
- Coffee Breaks and scheduled lunches

Single day access:

- Name Badge
- On-Site Program
- Conference Handouts
- Scientific Program Sessions on that day
- Access to Exhibit Hall on that day
- Coffee Breaks & lunch on that day
- Gala Dinner NOT included in Thursday's Single Day Registration fee. Tickets can be purchased for this event.

Conference secretariat

International Conference Services Ltd.,
Suite 2101 - 1177 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, BC Canada V6E 2K3
Phone: (604) 681 2153
Fax: (604) 681 1049
Email: WAAVP2009@meet-ics.com

Location

Calgary Telus Convention Centre
Framed by historical buildings in downtown Calgary, the Calgary Telus Convention Centre

offers a 20,000 square foot (1,856 square meter) ballroom, over 65,000 square feet (6,038 square meter) of exhibit space, five foyer areas and 27 breakout rooms, which are Meeting Matrix verified to make planning easier.
The North Building meeting rooms have unobstructed sightlines (with the exception of TELUS 107, 108, 109), soundproof walls, flexible room configurations and a spacious foyer area. The Terrace View provides an elegant setting and a spacious patio with a barbeque. Exhibition Hall CDE provides a free-span space with two partitions that can divide the hall into three multi-purpose halls. The abundant foyer space can be used for additional tradeshow booths, receptions or registration. The feature wall of windows has electronically controlled dimming or blackout blinds for ultimate lighting control.
The majority of the meetings will be housed in the North building with close and easy access from the plenary room, the exhibition hall and the breakout rooms.
Less than three minutes to most hotels.

Accommodation
Option 1: PREFERRED - Book your accommodation through our online registration process by clicking on the REGISTRATION link on the http://www.waavp2009.com website.
OR
Option #2: Fax or mail the completed Registration form with payment/credit card information, cheque or money order to: 604-681-1049 or to the address below.

WAAVP 2009 – Registration Desk
Registration Manager
International Conference Services
2101 – 1177 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6E 2K3

There are four hotels to choose from which are listed below.
The Hyatt Regency and the Calgary Marriott are connected to the Calgary Telus Convention Center. The Fairmont Palliser is connected to the Calgary Telus Convention Center via a pedway and the Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire is within walking distance to the Convention Centre. Rooms are subject to availability. Book early to ensure you get a room.
All Calgary hotels have a smoke-free policy. Smoking is only permitted outside.

The rates and information on student or shared accommodation options can be found at http://www.waavp2009.com. All prices are quoted in Canadian Funds and are exclusive of applicable federal, provincial, local taxes and fees (which are currently 11.10%).

2009 AAVP Dues

The 2009 dues and new member application forms are attached to this issue of the Newsletter and are also available on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org). AAVP members may also pay their dues at the WAAVP meeting.
Members can now pay on-line by credit card (Visa or MasterCard). Delinquent dues reminders will be sent to members by email or included in the February mailing for those members without email access. Members who owe for past years are in jeopardy of being deleted from the membership list. If you have any questions about your dues status, you can contact the Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to those members who have paid their dues. Dues and all correspondence to the Secretary/Treasurer should be addressed to:

Dr. Alan A. Marchiondo
Pfizer Animal Health
7000 Portage Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Email: alan.marchiondo@pfizer.com

The AAVP dues renewal and new member application forms also offer AAVP members the opportunity to subscript to Veterinary Parasitology on-line. The subscription is a bargain at $35.00 per year.

AAVP Directory

Many members' contact information is outdated. Please go to the AAVP website (www.aavp.org), Member Login, Edit Profile section to update your address and contact information. In this section, you may include your area(s) of research/teaching interest. Your information from the website directory will be included in the membership directory, so it is your responsibility to make sure it is correct.

Submitted by Dr. Alan Marchiondo, Secretary/Treasurer AAVP

2009 Meeting of the AAVP

Message from the Program Chair

Dear AAVP Colleagues:

The 54th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will be held in conjunction with the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology and the International Commission on Trichinelloisis. This exciting international event will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on August 8-13, 2009. The theme of the conference is: One World, One Health: Parasites in a Changing Environment.

For detailed information on this conference, go to the website: http://www.waavp2009.com , or follow the link to that website from the main page of the AAVP website, http://www.aavp.org. Information concerning the scientific venue,

registration, hotels, transportation etc. are included at that website.

Details concerning the scheduling of the AAVP business and awards meeting and student presentation competition, are being organized. Further details about the AAVP activities at this conference will be included in this AAVP newsletter. Student travel grants of $750 will be available to students who make ORAL presentations (no poster judging will take place for the student competition) at the conference. Instructions and forms are included in the February newsletter.

The "call for papers" deadline is March 9th, 2009 and the notification of acceptance of abstracts is scheduled for April 5. That date gives everyone time to make their travel plans and arrangements before the early registration deadline of May 29, 2009.

If you have questions regarding this summer's conference please contact:

Dr. Karen Snowden
ksnowden@cvm.tamu.edu ,
phone: 979 862-4999.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snowden, Program Chair / Vice President

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee

Many thanks to committee members Thomas Craig, George Conder, Tim Geary, Ellis Greiner, and Peter Schantz for their speedy efforts to generate the excellent slate of nominees. The nomination process involved each committee member suggesting nominees for open positions of Vice President and two new members of the Nomination Committee. This list was then ranked by the committee and the final ballot was completed. Nominees were contacted and biographies collected.

Electronic ballots will be emailed to all AAVP members with active email addresses by March 23, 2009. The electronic balloting will be open from March 23 through May 25, 2009. However, once you have surrendered your voting token, your ballot will be sent and repeat access to the 2009 election ballot will be denied. Biographies of the candidates will be available electronically as well as in this newsletter and on the AAVP website. Voting instructions will be provided in the email. AAVP members without email access will receive a pre-addressed, pre-stamped, postcard format to cast their vote and return to:

Dr. Dwight Bowman, Chair, Nomination Committee
Cornell University
College of Veterinary Medicine
C4-119 VMC/Microbiology & Immunology
Ithaca, NY 14853
Phone: 607-253-3406.

Should you wish not to vote electronically, please request a postcard ballot from the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Nomination Committee generated the following slate of nominees for this year:

Vice President: Doug Carithers and Patrick Meeus.

Nomination Committee: Tammi Krecek, Tom Klei, Sarah Marley, Debra Woods and Andy De Rosa.

These members have graciously agreed to participate in this electron process. Now it is up to your vote!

Respectfully submitted
Dwight D. Bowman

Awards Committee

The AAVP Awards Committee is responsible for soliciting nominations for the 2009 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 1 May 2009. 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 joint AAVP and WAAVP meeting held in Calgary, Canada.

A complete description of the awards, criteria for selection, and nomination procedures are outlined below. Please submit nominations to:

Dr. Jenifer Edmonds
Johnson Research
24007 Highway 20/26
Parma, ID 83660
Phone: (208) 722-5829
E-mail: jedmonds@johnsonresearchllc.com

The AAVP Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award
This is the society's most prestigious award. This is where we honor the 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
The AAVP Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize long terms of extraordinary service and commitment to the society. When given (not annually) the award includes a plaque and travel expenses to attend the annual meeting.

AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease
The AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease is provided to honor a graduate student or a recent graduate for outstanding performance in graduate study in zoonotic disease. The student must be an AAVP member at the time of nomination to be considered for this award. The award consists of Young Investigator Travel Grant, a plaque, and an honorarium.

The AAVP-Intervet / Shering-Plough Graduate Student Award
This award is provided to honor a graduate student or a recent graduate for outstanding performance in graduate study in veterinary parasitology. The student must be an AAVP member at the time of nomination to be considered for this award. The recipient will get center stage at the annual meeting and be given 30 minutes to present the highlights of his/ her research. 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.

The AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant
The travel grants are 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. Students must be an AAVP member in good standing as of the early registration deadline. 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. However, the student who receives the AAVP- Intervet / Shering-Plough Graduate Student Award will receive reimbursement of travel expenses and therefore will not receive a YIT grant.

The AAVP Best Student Paper Presentation Awards
The 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 entered into 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 Dr. Jenifer Edmonds, Chair, AAVP Awards Committee

AAVP Awards: Guidelines and Application Forms

Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award

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 1 May 2009 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

Criteria for Nomination - The nominee shall be a member in good standing of the AAVP. 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 by 1 May 2009.

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 / Shering-Plough Graduate Student Award

Criteria for Nomination - Nominations are limited to graduate students enrolled in or those who have completed their MS or PhD degree within the previous 12 months.

The award is made based only on research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

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.

The student's graduate program must be in veterinary parasitology.

The nominee must be a member of AAVP at the time of nomination.

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.

Only 3 letters of support in addition to the letter of nomination will be considered by the Awards Committee. 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 1 May 2009 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 / Schering-Plough Animal Health.

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant

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

Only a student/post-doc presenting a paper (abstract) at the annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) is eligible.

The applicant must be a member of AAVP at the time of application. Membership applications may be submitted with the Young Investigator Travel Grant application.

Funds must be applied to travel to the AAVP meeting held during the year of application. The applicant must be sponsored by an active, full member of the AAVP. The sponsor's signature is required on the application.

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.

The total amount of funds requested by an applicant in a single year will be matched by the AAVP up to a maximum of $750.00.

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

The total number of awards each year will depend on the availability of funds, number of applicants, and location of the meeting.

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. A notice of acceptance of abstracts will be sent by the WAAVP by Apr 5, so please send a copy of that confirmation of abstract acceptance document.

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.

AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

Criteria for Nomination - Nominations are limited to graduate students enrolled in or those who have completed their MS or PhD degree within the previous 12 months.

The award is made based only on research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

Nominees must be a member of AAVP at the time of nomination.

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.

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.

Only 3 letters of support in addition to the letter of nomination will be considered by the Awards Committee. 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 1 May 2009 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.

Exclusion – Students receiving the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Diseases may not also be a recipient of the AAVP- Intervet / Shering-Plough Graduate Student Award in Parasitology in the same year. Students would be eligible to receive the AAVP-CAPC award if they had already also won the AAVP- Intervet / Shering-Plough award.

The Award - The award consists of $750 Young Investigator Travel Grant, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of $1000 provided by CAPC.

Commonly asked questions and answers

Q: How many papers can a student submit for the Best Student Competition?
A: One. However, a student may submit more than one abstract (as the presenter) and the second one will be placed into an appropriate session by the Program Chair as a general research presentation. If the student submits more than one abstract, they must designate which abstract they want to present in the Best Student Paper Competition.

Q: Are Post-Doctoral Students eligible to participate in the Best Student Paper competition?
A: Yes; if a deserving Post-docs who is within 5 years of receipt of their degree and receives an AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant, they are eligible to participate in the Best Student Presentation competition. If they do not apply for a Travel Grant, it is recommended that the Post-doc present their abstract during one of the general research sessions.

Q: Are Post-Doctoral Students eligible for an AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant?
A: Yes; as outlined in the description of the travel grant, Deserving Post-docs who are within 5 years of receipt of their terminal degree are also eligible for the travel grant. Supporting documents, commitment of additional or matching funds from a sponsoring AAVP member, and submission of an abstract are required to receive a travel grant.

Q: Are Post-Doctoral Students eligible for the Intervet / Shering-Plough -AAVP Outstanding Graduate Student award.
A: Yes, <u>but</u> they must be a recent graduate (≤12 months from published date of deadline for receipt of award nomination by the awards committee chair) and must meet the criteria demonstrating outstanding performance in their just completed graduate studies in veterinary parasitology. The Graduate Student award is based only on research carried out during a student's graduate (M.S. or Ph.D.) program and not their Post-doctoral research program.

Q: Is it required that the recipient of an AAVP Young Investigator Travel grant present their abstract as part of the Best Student Paper Competition?
A: No. It is at their discretion. However, it will be assumed by the Awards Committee Chair and the Program Chair that they wish to be part of the Best Student Paper Competition unless they request that their abstract be placed into and presented as a general research presentation.

Q: Can a student who attends the annual meeting and does not apply for or receive a Young Investigator Travel grant still participate and compete in the Best Student Paper Competition?
A: Yes. It is important that the student notify the Program Chair and Awards Committee Chair to indicate they want their abstract placed into the session where the Best Student Paper abstracts are judged. The student as well must complete and submit the Verification of Student Status form to the Awards Committee Chair.

Q: Is the recipient of the Intervet / Shering-Plough - AAVP Outstanding Graduate Student Award eligible to enter and compete in the Best student Paper competition?
A: It is at the discretion of the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. However, it should be highlighted that the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award is expected to give an approximate 30 minute overview of their research program at the start of the Best Student Paper competition. The abstract they have previously submitted can be placed into the Best Student Paper competition **<u>or</u>** into one of the general research presentation sessions. The graduate student should notify the Program Chair and the Awards Chair of their decision as soon as they are notified they have been selected to receive the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Q: Is the recipient of the Intervet / Shering-Plough - AAVP Outstanding Graduate Student Award eligible to apply for and then to receive a Young Investigator Travel Grant?
A: Yes (apply for) and No (receive). A student can apply for a Travel Grant and at the same time be nominated to receive the Graduate student award. Since the recipient of the Graduate Student award has all of their travel expenses paid by AAVP, they additionally can not receive matching travel grant funds.

Q: Is a previous years' recipient of the Intervet / Shering-Plough - AAVP Outstanding Graduate Student Award eligible to be part of the Best Student Paper competition at a subsequent meeting?
A: Yes, if the student wishes to compete in the Best Student Paper Competition.

Q: Is a previous years' recipient of the Intervet / Shering-Plough - AAVP Outstanding Graduate Student Award or AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Diseases eligible to apply again for the same award?
A: No. They have won it once and are not eligible to repeat.

Q: Can a student who receives a Young Investigator Travel grant in one year apply for and receive a Young Investigator Travel grant at a subsequent meeting?
A: Yes. As long as they meet all of the requirements listed for a Travel Grant.

Q: Can a student receive both the Intervet / Shering-Plough - AAVP Outstanding Graduate Student Award or AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Diseases in the same year?

A: No. Students receiving the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Diseases may not also be a recipient of the AAVP- Intervet / Shering-Plough Graduate Student Award in Parasitology in the same year. Students would be eligible to receive the AAVP-CAPC award if they had already also won the AAVP - Intervet / Shering-Plough award

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Submitted by Dr. Jenifer Edmonds, Chair, AAVP Awards Committee

Announcements

New AAVP members

AAVP continues to grow in 2009!

Welcome to all our new members:
New AAVP Regular Members:

- Venkata Boppana, TX
- Rajshekhar Gaji, MI
- Sandra Dixon, GA
- Anne McKee, Canada
- Azhahianambi Palavesam, MD
- Patricia Wilkins, GA
- Erich Zinser, MI

New Student Members

- Alessia Guthrie, Canada
- Bryanne Hoar, Canada
- America Mederos, Canada
- Rolando Landin, FL

Martin Krarup Nielsen recognized

The Danish scientist Martin Krarup Nielsen has been awarded one of the most prestigious awards of his country. The Young Elite Scientist Award is being delivered by the Danish Minister of Science Helge Sander and Her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Denmark at a ceremony in Copenhagen later this month. The award comes with a $50,000 grant.

"Unreal", say Martin Nielsen, presently stationed at the Gluck Equine Research Center at University of Kentucky as a part of his research program. "I knew of this award, but did not expect to be anywhere near a nomination". The award is given across all scientific disciplines, and has never before been given to an equine scientist.

Martin Nielsen therefore sees the award as a major encouragement for equine research. "In a hard competition with the beef, dairy, pork and poultry industries it is often extremely difficult to get funding for horse studies. With this award, we have now received the highest recognition possible".

Dr. Nielsen´s research project is focused on equine worm control programs and development of diagnostic tools. He is particularly focused on the most pathogenic of all horse parasites, the blood worm *Strongylus vulgaris*.

The horse parasites are really challenging us these days, and we need more research to develop control programs that are both sustainable and efficacious, says Martin Nielsen.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Meeus, Newsletter editor.

Board certification in parasitology

Progress on board certification in veterinary parasitology through the ACVM (American College of Veterinary Microbiology) is slow, but steady. We circulated an email via the AAVP list serve last year looking for volunteers for the organizing committee. The response has been great and we now have a diverse and active group of 14 willing to put some / lots of energy into this initiative. They are listed here below in a neutral, alphabetical order:

- Lora Ballweber
- Tom Craig
- Dave Granstrom
- Prayag Juyal
- Thomas Letonja
- Susan Little
- Linda Mansfield
- Patrick Meeus
- Pat Payne
- David Pugh

- Craig Reinemeyer
- Karen Snowden
- Dan Snyder
- Andrea Valera-Stokes

The committee has since officially requested and obtained enthusiastic support from the ACVM board and membership to develop a board certification program in parasitology within their college. This allowed us to officially declare our intent with the AVMA - American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), upon which they assigned Dr. Chris Hayhow to our committee as the ABVS liaison. In this capacity Dr. Hayhow will assist your organizing committee as it prepares its petition for recognition in accordance with ABVS policies and report to the ABVS on the parasitology organizing committee's progress.

While in theory we have now four years to submit our petition, we are at this point shooting for November 1st, 2009! We hope to have the full petition drafted by the end of July 2009, so that the committee can review and discuss it in person at the (W)AAVP meeting this summer.

In parallel we are developing the criteria and process by which charter / de facto diplomates will be elected to the college. We hope to role this process out to the AAVP membership in the June AAVP Newsletter and hold the selection later this summer. A complete list of charter diplomates needs to be in place by the time we submit our petition prior to November 1st.

We will attempt to keep the AAVP membership in the loop as much as possible, but do not hesitate to contact me or anyone else on the organizing committee if you have any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Meeus, Chair, parasitology board certification organizing committee.

Upcoming Parasitology Meetings

Future AAVP Meetings

2010 ATLANTA, GA, 31 JULY - 3 AUG
2011 ST. LOUIS, MO, 16-19 JULY
2012 SAN DIEGO, CA, 4-7 AUG

Equine Parasite Symposium

Gluck Equine Research Center, University of Kentucky, March 24-25, 2009
Registrations will be possible through the Gluck Center Website:http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/
For further information, contact Dr. Martin K. Nielsen: martin.nielsen@uky.edu

International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets (ISEP) 2009

The 10th ISEP will be held at the National Veterinary School, Toulouse, France on June 3-5, 2009. For information, contact m.franc@envt.fr.

Livestock Insect Workers Conference (LIWC) 2009

The 53rd annual meeting of the Livestock Insect Workers Conference will be held in French Lick, Indiana, on June 21-24, 2009. For more information on the content of this conference, please contact Ralph Williams, phone: 765-494-4560, e-mail: rew@purdue.edu.

Consortium on Anthelmintic Resistance and SNPs (CARS) 2009

The 3rd meeting of CARS will be held on August 8, 2009 in Calgary, Canada. For more information, http://wikisites.mcgill.ca/CARS/ .

The American Society of Parasitologists (ASP) 2009

The 84th Annual Meeting of ASP will be held at the Crowne Plaza Knoxville, Knoxville, TN, on August 14-17, 2009. More information at https://asp.unl.edu.

58th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) 2009

The annual meeting of ASTMH will be held on November 18-22, 2009 at the Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC. Information about the annual meeting can be obtained by contacting ASTMH Headquarters at http://www.astmh.org .

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2009

The annual meeting of CRWAD will be held December 6-8, 2009 at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile. Scientific program and registration information can be obtained at http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/index.htm.

Biographies

Nominees for Vice President

Doug Carithers

Education:
DVM, Iowa State University (1984); Executive Veterinary Program (certificate degree), University of Illinois (2000).

Professional Experience:
10 years of private practice, Technical Field Veterinarian, Merck (1993-1998) Technical Field Veterinarian, Merial (1998-2000), Director of Field Veterinary Services (2000-2003), Director of post-approval trials and veterinary publications for U.S. operations (2003 – Present).

Research Interests:
Small animal parasitology. Heartworm disease.

Memberships/Committees/Service:
Member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, and American Heartworm Society. Ex-Officio Board Member of the American Heartworm Society (2006-2007),Vice President of the American Heartworm Society (2007-Present), Sponsor Board for the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues (NCVEI) (2001-Present), Companion Animal Parasite Council Sponsor Board of Directors (2005- Present), and the Advisory Board of Happy Tails Pet Therapy (2006 - Present).

Awards / honors:
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Patrick Meeus

Education:
BVSc, University of Gent, Belgium (1990); DVM, University of Gent, Belgium (1993); PhD (Infectious diseases and experimental pathology) (2002); Diplomate European Veterinary Parasitology College (2006).

Professional Experience:
- Research Assistant, University of Gent, Department of Parasitology (1993-1994)
- Lecturer (Internal medicine and parasitology), University of Zambia, Department of Clinical Sciences (1994-1997)
- Project Veterinarian, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp Belgium, Assistance to the Veterinary Services of Zambia (1997-1998)
- Research / Teaching assistant (Molecular Biology, Parasitology), University of Florida, Department of Pathobiology (1998-2002)
- Visiting Assistant Scientist – Research Assistant Professor (Molecular Biology, Parasitology), University of Florida, Department of Pathobiology (2003-2004)
- Manager, Pfizer Animal Health, Veterinary Medicine Research and Development (Parasitology) (2004-current)

Research Interests:
Vector borne diseases, with an emphasis on tick borne diseases. Antiparasitic pharmaceutical and vaccine product discovery and development.

Memberships/Committees/Service:
Memberships:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, American Veterinary Medical Association, World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology, European Veterinary Parasitology College
Committees/Services
Member, Faculty council, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Gent, Belgium (1992-1993); Member, Animal accommodation Committee, School of Veterinary Medicine, UNZA (1995-1997); Chairperson, Publication Committee, School of Veterinary Medicine, UNZA (1995-1997); Editor, “The Zambian Journal of Veterinary Science” (1995-1997); Country Project Manager, Ruminant Helminth Research Project Zambia. DANIDA Project (1996-1997); Member,

Implementation Committee, Department of Animal Production and Health. Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry. Government of Zambia (1998); AAVP Newsletter Committee member / Editor (2005-2009).

Awards/Honors:
Grinter fellowship, 1998-2001.
Charles F. Simpson Memorial Scholarship for Demonstrating Outstanding Graduate Student Research, 2002.
IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) Award of Excellence in Graduate Research, Ph.D., 2003.
College of Veterinary Medicine, Auxiliary Achievement Award in Graduate Studies, 2003
Phi-Zeta, Excellence in Basic Science Research Award, 2003.
Phi-Zeta, Best Basic Science Publication, 2003.
NIH K08 award, $360,304, 2003-2006.
Pfizer Animal Health, Individual Performance Award, 2009.

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Candidates for the Nomination Committee

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Professional Experience:
- Graduate Research/Teaching Assistants, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA (1975 – 1978)
- Research Assistant - Researcher, Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Veterinary Science (FVS), UP (1979 – 1988)
- Senior Lecturer - Associate Professor - Full Professor, Department of Parasitology and Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases, FVS, UP (1989 – 2002)
- Community Development Programme, UP and DFID/FAO/DANIDA/USAID (1994 – 2005)
- Extraordinary Professor, Department of Zoology and Entomology, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, UP (2003 – 2005)
- Professor, Parasitology, Ross University, School of Veterinary Medicine (2005)
- Associate Dean for Research and Professor for Parasitology, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (2005-2013)
- Part-time Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Johannesburg (UJ), South Africa (2006-2007)
- Visiting Professor, Department of Zoology, UJ, Auckland Park, South Africa (2007-2010)

Research Interests:
Epidemiology of zoonotic helminths in rural developing communities; helminth parasites of equids, domestic animals and wildlife; improving the use and management of draught (traction), production and other domestic animals in South Africa through novel interventions and management practices with emphasis on resource-limited and developing communities.

Memberships/Committees/Service:
Member AAVP Educational Committee; Cysticercosis Working Group of Eastern and Southern Africa (CWGESA) (South Africa Country Coordinator 2002- present), European Veterinary Parasitology College (Associate Member 2006 – present); Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) (Elsdon-Dew Medal awarded in 2001 and life-long membership; Elected President 1994-1997; Vice-President 1991-1994; Newsletter Editor 1988-1991); Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa (FRSSAF); South African Network for Animal Traction (SANAT) (Steering committee 1994-2001; member 1994-present); South African Veterinary Association (Honorary Member 1998-present); WAAVP Past President (2003-2007), President (1999-2003), Executive Committee Member (1997-2007), Chair of Honorary Member Committee (2003-2007); Chair WAAVP African Foundation Committee

Awards / honors:
Fritz Visser Agricultural Bursary, South Africa (1983)
Olthaver Fund, Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP, South Africa (1985)

Foundation for Research Development (FRD) Sabbatical Support Grants, South Africa (1986, 1995)
Comprehensive Research funding from the National Research Foundation (Formerly the FRD), South Africa (1986 – 2002)
Dean's Award for Best Poster received on six Faculty Days by self and team members (1987 – 2001)
President of the Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) (1993-1996)
Smith-Kline Beecham Lecturer of the Year, Faculty of Veterinary Science, UP, South Africa (1994)
Listed in the Femina/Old Mutual Women's Directories (1994, 1995)
Agricultural Science and Technology Woman of the Year Award Winner (1998)
Awarded Best Syndicate of MAP 40 (1999)
Elsdon-Dew Medal for Service to Parasitology in Africa, PARSA (2001)
National Project Coordinator for Food and Agriculture Organization Technical Cooperation Programme, and nominated for the Edouard Saouma Award (2002-2003)
MTN Award for the Best Achievement in Entrepreneurship, MBA (2003)
Business Women's Association MBA Bursary, Gauteng (2003)
DeVry Ross University Ron Taylor Award(2008)
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BS (Biology), Northern Michigan University (1965); PhD (Parasitology) Wayne State University (1971); Post-Doc, University of Georgia (1973)

Professional Experience:
- NIH Post-Doctoral Fellow, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia (1971 – 1973)
- Assistant Professor of Biology, Dept. of Biology, Millersville State College, Millersville, PA (1973 – 1975)
- Assistant Professor of Parasitology; Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology, School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University (1975 – 1977)
- Associate Professor of Parasitology; joint appointment with School of Veterinary Medicine, and Department of Veterinary Science, Louisiana State University (1977 – 1982)
- Professor of Parasitology; joint appointment with School of Veterinary Medicine and Department of Veterinary Science, Louisiana State University (1982 – 1992)
- Visiting Scientist, Molecular Parasitology Unit, Queensland Institute of Medical Research, Brisbane, Australia (1997)
- Boyd Professor of Parasitology and Veterinary Science. School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University (1992 – Present)
- Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies (1999 – Present)

Research Interests:
Immunopathogenic and regulatory mechanisms involved in human and animal filariasis. Basic and applied aspects of equine parasite control, the immune response to nematode infections, studies on basic biologic and chemotherapeutic control measures useful against internal parasites of horses, and the epidemiology of equine nematode infections in Louisiana.

Memberships/Committees/Service:
Member - Committee on guidelines for equine anthelmintic trials, WAAVP, 1996-2005. Member-Past Presidents Committee AAVP 1999-present. Secretary- AAVMC Research Deans Committee, 2006-2007, Chair- AAVMC Research Deans Committee, 2007-2008, Immediate Past Chair-AAVMC Research Deans Committee 2008-2009, Chair – Organizing Committee for the Merk-Merial National Veterinary Scholars 2006; Chair – International Organizing Committee WAAVP 2003, Member; Editorial Board, Infection and Immunity, 1997-2005, Editorial Board - Experimental Parasitology 1989-2005, Editorial Board - The Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian 1990-present. Editorial Board – Parasite Immunology 2005-present, Co-chair - Conference Organizers Second International Conference; Novel Approaches to the Control of Helminth Parasites

of Livestock, 1998., Member - Nominating committee, AAVP. 1996-present., Chairman - Bylaws Committee, AAVP. 1995-1998., 1st Director - Annual Disease Research Workers in the Southern States. 1992-93., Member - Education Committee, AAVP. 1992-93., Chairman - Membership Committee, ASP. 1992-present., Member - Membership Committee, ASP. 1991-92., Member - WAAVP Committee on drug resistance in strongylid nematodes. 1990-91., Member - Nominations Committee, ASP. 1990-91., Member - Steering Committee of local arrangements committee 1990 meeting of the ASTMH, Member - Committee, Priorities of ASP. 1989-90, 1990-91., Co-chairman - Adhoc Committee on teaching of Veterinary Parasitology in the 21st Century for AAVP. 1989., Member - Committee to: Review current methods of Detecting Anthelmintic Resistance. WAAVP 1988-89., Member - Ad hoc committee review travel grant application for AAVP 1989., Chairman-Program Committee - Animal Disease Research Workers in Southern States. 1988., Member - Student Awards Committee, ASP 1988., President - AAVP 1987-88., President-Elect - AAVP 1986-87., Member - Nominating Committee, ASP 1986-87, Vice President - AAVP 1985-86., Chairman - Research Committee for the AAVP 1983-Present., Chairman - Program Committee for the 1983 Meeting of the AAVP, Program Coordinator - Coordinating Committee for Parasitology in the Southern Region, 1982.

Awards / honors:
LSU Alumni Federation Distinguished Research Master (1985)
Distinguished Alumnus, Northern Michigan University (1989)
First Mississippi Company - Award of Excellence - Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station (1990)
Research Award of Merit -Gamma Sigma Delta (1993)
AAVP Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist (1993)
Member NIH, Tropical Medicine and Parasitology (TMP) study section (1986 – 1990)
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Animal Science major for 3 years, University of Arkansas (1980-1983); B.S. Animal Science, Louisiana State University (1985); M.S. Entomology (Medical-Veterinary), Louisiana State University (1987); Ph.D. Entomology/ Parasitology, University of Missouri - Oklahoma State University – (1987-1989) (1992).

Professional Experience:
Senior Research Lab Technician, University of Missouri, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology (1991-1992); Visiting Scholar, Montana State University, Dept. of Veterinary Molecular Biology (1992); NIH Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Molecular Cell Biology of Parasites and Vectors Training Program (Bancroftian Filariasis), University of Georgia and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta, GA, (1993-1995); Pfizer, Inc., Clinical Research Investigator, Pharma R&D – Production Animal, Groton, CT (1995-1998); Pfizer, Ltd., Sr. Clinical Research Investigator, Pharma R&D – Companion Animal, Sandwich, UK (1998-1999); Pfizer Inc., Sr. Clinical Research Investigator, Pharma R&D and Biologics – Production Animal, Groton, CT, (1999-2001); Merial Limited, Director, Pharma R&D, Project and Portfolio Management, Production Animal, Duluth, GA (2001-Present).

Research Interests:
Endectoparasiticide development and registration, special interest in food animals.

Memberships/Committees/Service:
AAVP: Member Constitution/By-Laws Committee (1993-1994), Newsletter (Editorial) Committee (1995-1999), Program Committee (1998), Chair Awards Committee (2004-2007); American Society of Parasitologists (ASP); ASP Industrial Liaison Committee (2005-2008); WAAVP; ASTMH; ESA; Board Certified Entomologist (BCE) Medical/Veterinary and General Entomology (1996- Present); American Water Buffalo Association; USDA Licensed and State of Georgia Licensed (Dept. of Natural Resources, Wild Animal Permit) for possession of capybara, water buffalo, camel, and wallabies.

Awards / honors:

University of Arkansas: Academic scholarships for Outstanding Incoming Agriculture freshman (1980) from: Moorman's Feed Company, DeKalb Seed Company, College of Agriculture; State Farmer Degree (Future Farmers of America), 1980; Dean's List; Alpha Zeta (Agricultural Honor Fraternity); *LSU:* Southeastern Branch E.S.A. M.S. Award, 1987, Oral Presentation, First Place; Dean's List; Alpha Zeta; *Oklahoma State University*: Southwestern Branch ESA, Graduate Student Award, 1988; Southwestern Branch ESA. Graduate Student Award, 1989; *University of Missouri:* SmithKline Beecham-Phi Zeta Research Day, 1990, 1991, 1992 - Student Research Competition, College of Vet. Medicine, 3rd Place, Honorable Mention, and 3rd Place, respectively; 8th & 9th Annual Research & Creative Forum for Professional Graduate Students, 1991 & 1992, Finalist, Honorable Mention for Scientific Presentations.

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Pfizer Animal Health, discovery antiparasitics - , Sandwich, UK (1991-2007), Endoparasiticides Discovery Team Leader, Kalamazoo USA (2008-present).

Research Interests:
Discovery of novel antiparasitic drugs for Animal Health. Identification and validation of novel targets for antiparasitics and the design of screens and models for discovery of antiparasitic agents.

Memberships/Committees/Service:
Member of WHO-TDR Helminth Initiative.

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Sr. Research Scientist, Endoparasitologist, Scynexis, Inc. Durham, NC (2005-2006)
Novartis Animal Health, Clinical Development Manager. Greensboro, NC (2006 to Present)

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Epidemiology and Biology of helminth parasites of ruminants

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