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AAVP Mission Statement

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

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

From the President

Andrew Peregrine, AAVP President

Dear AAVP members and colleagues,

Warmest greetings from a very cold part of North America! As I write, it is -24ºC (-11ºF) outside and there is little hope we will get any warmer than -10ºC (14ºF) for at least another week. This is going to be Ontario's coldest February on record!

Earlier this month your Executive Committee (Ray Kaplan, Tim Geary, Doug Carithers, Javier Garza, Meriam Saleh and myself) and Program Administrator (Al Marchiondo) met in San Antonio, Texas, for the 2015 AAVP mid-year meeting. We met up at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel, the site selected for the AAVP's 2016 conference, and had a highly productive day discussing plans for the 2015 meeting and other current issues. The following is a summary of some of the topics that were covered:

Feedback from AAVP students

Earlier this year our students were asked to complete a questionnaire concerning their experiences within the AAVP. Some of the most substantive questions and responses were as follows:

How could the current student sessions at AAVP meetings be improved?

- For the careers session: more careers represented, from government, academia, military and industry. Also, can we please spend more time with each speaker to allow deeper conversations to take place?
- Spend more time getting to know other students before student elections.

What new student activity would you like to see included in the annual conference program?

- A special mixer before one of the socials with the career speakers.
- A three-minute thesis event. This would be an opportunity for us to learn about the "big picture" of each other's work, networking skills, and speaking practice.
- A job fair where potential employers and candidates could meet and chat.

In what other way could the annual conference be improved for students?

- Mix student presentations with the general presentations so more people are exposed to the students and their work. (multiple students made the same comment) It might make the general sessions more interesting, since everyone knows we give the best talks!!
- Add students to AAVP committees.

How could the AAVP better support you in your graduate program throughout the year?

- By disseminating not just job/postdoc ads but also information on other training opportunities (workshops, courses etc.) that might be of interest to students and allow us to see labs outside our university.
- Opportunities for internships, rotations etc. in industry.

As you will see from elsewhere in this newsletter, we have tried to address as many of these comments as possible in the upcoming year.

Annual conference for sharing research, clinical and educational innovations

This year's AAVP meeting is a joint meeting with the Livestock Insect Workers Conference (LIWC) and The International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets (ISEP), and will be held at the Revere Hotel Boston Common, Boston, MA, on July 11-14, 2015. Our last joint meeting with these organizations was in 2011 and was an excellent opportunity to interact with colleagues we don't often see at AAVP meetings but who are equally passionate about veterinary parasitology; we look forward to similar interactions.

Planning for the 2015 meeting is now well advanced under the very able hands of the Program Chair and AAVP's President-Elect, Ray Kaplan. Ray will provide you with full details about the conference elsewhere in this newsletter. However, there are a few things that are particularly noteworthy. Firstly, the costs for registration this year will largely be the same as in 2014: Regular member $225 for early registration, and $300 for late registration (after June 1). Student registration remains at $75 early, and $125 if late. Secondly, consistent with student feedback, student presentations will be fully integrated with presentations by regular members. While we appreciate this may make evaluation of the student presentations a little challenging, lessons learned by AAVP members at other conferences where this approach is typical should greatly help the process. Thirdly, as with other scientific conferences, when you submit your abstract you may submit it for either an oral or poster presentation. And finally, as in previous years, we anticipate that the meeting will be well sponsored with multiple sessions on topics that should be of considerable interest to the entire membership.

Evolution of the Publications/Internet Committee

Over the last few years there have been substantive developments in social media. As a result, the Publications/Internet Committee has effectively had an ever increasing remit. In order to allow the AAVP to fully embrace all the benefits of social media, your Executive Committee is proposing that the Publications/Internet Committee be split into two separate committees: (i) an Outreach, Publications and Research Committee, and (ii) an Internet/Social Media Committee (to cover the internet, Facebook and twitter). You will receive further information about this potential development from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Lastly, if you have any suggestions for items that should be on the Executive Committee's agenda, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be meeting every 2-4 weeks between now and our annual meeting in July.

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Doug Carithers, AAVP Secretary/Treasurer

From the Secretary/Treasurer

AAVP Membership Dues

Doug Carithers, AAVP Secretary/Treasurer

Thank you to those who have paid their 2015 membership dues, and especially to those who have actually pre-paid AAVP dues for the coming years, or set up auto-pay on the new AAVP PayPal account.

I appreciate the membership's indulgence in the transitioning of the AAVP PayPal accounts from the old to the new. This PayPal account transition wasn't as easy, nor as straight-forward as either Dr. Arther or I had hoped or anticipated, but most of the past issues seem to be in order at this printing. Likely due to aforementioned transition issues, as of Feb 8, 2015, the AAVP has 164 regular members, 66 student members, 22 emeritus members, and 457 expired members. Remember, students must be current with their dues to be eligible for Young Investigator Travel Grants. For those who have not yet paid 2015 dues, you can click the Join or Renew buttons on the AAVP web site (www.aavp.org) and proceed with payment by credit card. You can also pay membership dues by sending a check payable to AAVP to my address below. Regular membership dues are $40.00/year and student dues are $10.00/year. Members in good standing may also purchase an online subscription to Veterinary Parasitology for an additional $40.00 per year. Members who are behind in their dues are in jeopardy of being deleted from the membership directory and are ineligible for membership benefits.

For those who prefer to pay by mail, updated Membership Renewal and the New Membership Application forms are available on the AAVP website. Please pass along a copy of the New Member Application form to colleagues or students who are interested in joining AAVP.

Please contact me if you have questions about your dues status.

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Submitted by Dr. Doug Carithers, Secretary/Treasurer, AAVP.

2015 AAVP Midyear Executive Board Meeting

The AAVP Executive Board including Andrew Peregrine, Ray Kaplan, Tim Geary, Doug Carithers, student representatives Javier Garza and Meriam Saleh, and *ex officio* AAVP Program Administrator, Alan Marchiondo, met at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, TX, Feb 8-10 for the 2015 midyear meeting. The Westin Riverwalk has been selected as the site for the 2016 AAVP meeting. The Westin Riverwalk will provide a great venue for the 2016 meeting located on the river walk in San Antonio, with a convenient side-by-side layout of large meeting rooms for our scientific sessions. We will be in close proximity to excellent restaurants, historical sites, including the Alamo.

Discussion topics for the board meeting included the AAVP financial report, further planning and scheduling for the upcoming meeting in Boston. The board also discussed committees and committee reports in

preparation for the upcoming meeting, and proposed changes to the by-laws allowing for separation of the work load of the Internet and Publications Committee. The proposal would separate the committee into two entities: 1) Outreach, Publications and Research Committee, and 2) Digital Media Committee. An additional proposed change to the by-laws would be to remove the Student Committee as an AAVP committee, as 2 elected students are already on the Executive Board of the AAVP. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will review these proposals and present them for a vote of the membership at the upcoming AAVP business meeting in Boston.

Submitted by Dr. Doug Carithers, Secretary/Treasurer, AAVP.

60th Annual Meeting of the AAVP – Conference Information

Message from the Program Committee

Ray Kaplan, AAVP Program Chair

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will be holding its 60th Annual Meeting as a joint meeting with the Livestock Insect Workers' Conference (LIWC) and the International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets (ISEP) on July 11-14, 2015 at the Revere Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. The AAVP annual meeting continues to be the most important opportunity for the dissemination of the latest data and views on the biology and control of internal and external parasites of veterinary importance. Once again, the annual meeting promises to deliver a varied and exciting program that will bring together a broad-based group of scientists from academia, industry, government, and veterinarians from private practice. Being a joint meeting with LIWC and ISEP, this year's meeting will have further diversity in content, and allow for meaningful interactions with colleagues who often don't attend the same meetings. With the ever-growing concerns of anthelmintic and insecticide resistance, the re-emergence and spread of new vectors and vector-borne diseases, the changing regulatory environment, and the launch of new products for the control of parasites, there has never been a better time to attend this meeting.

The 2015 Program Chair, Ray Kaplan, and the Program Committee, Andrew Peregrine, Doug Carithers, Tim Geary, Al Marchiondo, Meriam Saleh and Javier Garza are currently assembling an excellent scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "Parasitic Evolution – Scientific Revolution". Plenary sessions on Saturday and Tuesday are being planned that will highlight some of the best and exciting new science that is leading the way toward a deeper understanding of parasite biology and improvements in the control of parasitic and vector-borne disease. We have lined up five excellent speakers for these sessions that will speak on a broad variety of interesting topics.

Following the opening plenary session Saturday, the program will include the presentation of the LIWC Lifetime Achievement Award and the LIWC Industry Appreciation Award, followed by presentations by recipients of the AAVP-Merial Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, and the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Beginning on Sunday morning and continuing through Monday, there will be concurrent scientific sessions, where papers on a diversity of interesting topics will be presented. On Tuesday morning we will have the second plenary session, followed by a session sponsored by the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology (NCVP).

As always, the meeting will include student presentations and a student competition, but this year, rather than having separate student sessions as in the past, all student papers will be integrated into the topical session that is most appropriate for their talk. Also, for the first time, we will be having a poster session (see below for details). When submitting abstracts (see below for details), individuals will be able to choose whether they prefer an oral or poster presentation. We should be able to accommodate the preferences of most, but if more oral papers are submitted than can be accommodated in the program, some who request

oral papers may be assigned to a poster. This will not affect the student paper competition, as we plan to have awards for both oral and poster presentations.

As in recent years, students will have a series of excellent social and professional opportunities designed specifically for their benefit. All students are encouraged to arrive early and attend a special student lunch "meet and greet" on Saturday prior to the opening session, where students will play "Parasite Jeopardy". This fun activity will provide the opportunity for students to get to get to know each other before the meeting starts, so those student relationships can be strengthened throughout the remainder of the conference. This will be followed by a student lunch on Sunday, where AAVP colleagues from many different career paths in parasitology will meet with students in a "speed-interaction" to share their insights and advise. On Monday there will be a third student lunch meeting where elections will take place for the new student representative to the Executive Board.

There will again be a time set aside on Sunday morning for meetings of the AAVP committees. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a dedicated time slot for those committees to go over the past year's accomplishments, develop new proposals for the coming year, and prepare for committee reports to the AAVP membership at the business meeting on Monday. You do not need to be a 2015 committee member to attend; showing up will allow you to become a 2015 member of that committee, and we encourage all to serve on a committee. We are especially encouraging students to join committees this year. As a bonus, breakfast will be provided to all who attend. As a reminder, the committee chairs are: Archives, Tom Nolan; Awards, Tom McTier, Constitution and Bylaws, Tom Kennedy; Education, Tammi Krecek; Finance, Andy Moorhead; Historian, Raffaele Roncalli; Newsletter, Jenifer Edmonds; Program, Ray Kaplan; Publications-Internet, Tariq Qureshi; Outreach, Lora Ballweber; Nominations, Tom Craig.

The Revere Hotel has several great venues for evening socials. As usual socials will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings; sponsored by Bayer on Saturday night, Merial on Sunday night, and Elanco on Monday night. In addition, plans are now in progress for sponsored lunches. Details will be shared as plans develop.

Updates to the program, as it continues to develop, can be found at the AAVP web site: www.aavp.org. Please note that the final program for the conference will be posted on the AAVP web site, and not in the June Newsletter, by **June 26th, 2015**.

The Program Committee now invites abstracts for oral and poster presentations with a submission start date of March 2nd and a **deadline of April 24th, 2015**. The meeting of the AAVP is a very successful vehicle for the dissemination of the latest data and views on the biology and control of parasites of veterinary importance. It is also an excellent networking opportunity. We hope you will consider presenting your work or simply joining us in Boston this summer.

Sincerely,

Ray M. Kaplan, Program Chair and President-Elect

Registration

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the Boston meeting. Final acceptance of an abstract will be dependent on registration. You can register on-line at www.aavp.org, or by submitting a paper copy of the registration form to the Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Doug Carithers (Doug.Carithers@merial.com) with the registration fee. Early Bird registration ends June 01, 2015. After this date, registration costs will increase (see below). On-line payments can be completed by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). A mail-in registration form provided can also be used but can only be paid by check. This form is available on the AAVP website and by clicking here. [AAVP Mail-in Registration Form]

2015 Registration Fees

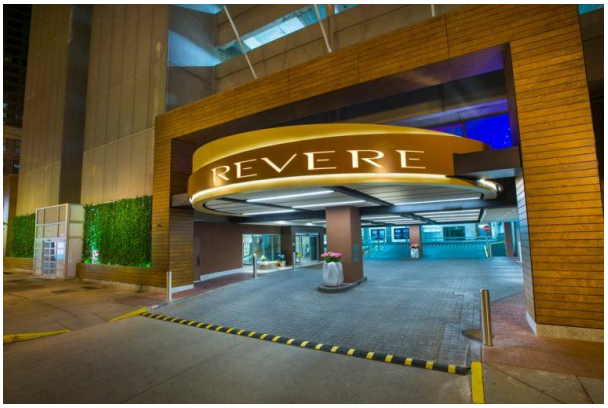
- Early Bird Registration (by June 01): US $225.00 (general) / US $75.00 (student)
- Late registration (post June 01 or on-site): US $300.00 (general) / US $125.00 (student)

The AAVP meeting registration fee supports the cost of running the meeting. Hotel reservations are separate and need to be booked directly with the hotel, as outlined below in the "Meeting Location" section. AAVP annual membership dues are not included in this fee, but can be paid separately during the registration process. You will receive a confirmation of your pre-registration if received by June 1st. A proceedings book with abstracts, meeting badge and other information will be available on-site. These items will not be mailed in advance of the meeting even if you pre-register. AAVP membership is not required for meeting registration, but highly encouraged. *However, students must be 2015 AAVP members by March 16, 2015 to apply for an AAVP student travel grant.* A new AAVP member application form is provided on the AAVP website http://www.aavp.org/aavp-membership-options/. For those members attending the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) conference held in Boston at the same time, please note that AAVP is completely separate and does not have any formal relationship with AVMA.

Important Date:

Early Bird registration deadline: June I, 2015

Meeting Location: Revere Hotel, Boston MA



The 2015 hotel venue is:

Revere Hotel,

200 Stuart Street

Boston, MA 02116

Phone: 617.482.1800

Fax: 617.451.2750

http://www.reverehotel.com

Situated on the cusp of Back Bay and the South End, the Boston Common Revere Hotel provides unfettered access to the sights and sounds of America's most storied city. From Boylston to Newbury, from Tremont to Beacon, the streets in Boston are lined with sights and sounds only found here. There are many great restaurants nearby, and Boston Common, the Theatre District, and China Town are only a short walk away. You'll be able to find plenty of things to do when not listening to papers! Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available in all guest rooms and meeting rooms. Pets are welcome with no extra charge and no size restriction. Self and valet parking is available at the hotel at a cost of $35/$46 per night. Please note that The Revere Hotel does not have its own airport shuttle.

Traveling to Boston and Directions to the Revere Hotel

Hotel Reservations: reduced rate until June 18, 2015

To make your hotel reservation you can:

1. Access the AAVP hotel link via the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) web site (www.aavp.org) then follow the instructions. There you will be able to book and hold your reservation with a credit card. On-line reservation is the preferred method.
2. Call The Revere Hotel, 200 Stuart Street, Boston at 1.855.673.8373 (US/Canada). [France: 800.91.9740; Germany: 0800.183.0907; Spain: 900.9.71229; Brazil: 0800.89201892] Inform the reservation agent that you are attending the AAVP 2015 Annual Conference and have a credit card ready to guarantee the reservation.

Conference rooms have been set aside and the hotel has offered a special room rate of **$235.00 per night plus 14.45% Massachusetts lodging taxes ($268.96 total)**. This includes complimentary Wi-Fi access within guest rooms and complimentary shoe shine service. The room extra person charge, after 2 people, is $30 per night. It is important for all meeting attendees to stay at this hotel in order to satisfy our room block commitment. **Make your room reservations by June 18, 2015**. After that date the room block will be released, and the special conference reduced rate will expire.

For more information about Boston see the Boston Visitor Bureau web site http://www.bostonusa.com/ and for more information about the Revere Hotel see http://www.reverehotel.com/.

Students

Students seeking more information about student activities or looking for a room share should contact Meriam Saleh (msaleh@vt.edu), Javier Garza (jgarza7@tigers.lsu.edu), or post on the Student Chapters of The AAVP Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/332987480064898/).

Scientific Program

The 2015 program will follow the basic format for recent AAVP meetings, which has proven to be very successful. However, this year we will be making a few changes that we hope serve to make the 2015 meeting the best ever. For the first time, we will be incorporating a poster session to provide opportunities for presentation of additional scientific works, and to give presenters the option to select which format they prefer. We also are going to eliminate the student-only sessions, and instead, will integrate all student presentations into the topical session that is most appropriate for that paper. We hope that this will improve the visibility of student research to others in the same sub-specialty, and will help to facilitate further interaction and discussion with more senior scientists.

As usual, the meeting will start on **Saturday afternoon** with the President's opening remarks, followed by the opening plenary session that will promote the theme of the conference "Parasitic Evolution – Scientific Revolution". Dr. John Gilleard, University of Calgary, will give a talk entitled *"What can population genetics and genomics tell us about anthelmintic resistance and its management?".* This will be followed by Dr. Andrew Park, University of Georgia, who will give a presentation entitled *"Computers and models as tools to understand and manage parasite evolution"*. The final presentation will be given by Dr. Jesus Valenzuela, Chief, Vector Molecular Biology Section at NIH-NIAID, who will give a presentation entitled *"The Impact of Sand Fly Salivary Proteins on the Vector-Parasite-Host Interface"*.

Following the plenary session, there will be an Awards Program, where the LIWC Lifetime Achievement Award and the LIWC Industry Appreciation Award will be presented, followed by presentations by this year's recipient of the AAVP-Merial Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and the winner of the 2015 AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Following the conclusion of the day's events, Bayer will sponsor a welcome reception.

Sunday morning begins with meetings of the AAVP committees; breakfast will be provided (but only for those attending the committee meetings – so attend!!!). Then the concurrent scientific sessions will begin, and these will continue for the rest of the day. To conclude the day's events, Merial will sponsor an evening social.

Monday morning we will continue with concurrent scientific sessions. This will be followed by the AAVP Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony, the LIWC business meeting, and the ISEP business meeting, all of which will be held concurrently in the second half of the morning. Thereafter, scientific presentations will continue for the rest of the day and will include the ever-popular session on Novel Cases. This will be followed by a meeting of the ACVM Parasitology Diplomats, and will conclude with an evening social sponsored by Elanco.

Tuesday morning starts with the President's Symposium, which will highlight two exciting novel approaches to controlling external and internal parasites. Dr. Max Scott, North Carolina State University will present a talk entitled "*Genetic control of ectoparasite dipteran livestock pests*", followed by Dr. Raffi Aroian, University of Massachusetts, who will present a talk entitled "*Engineered probiotics as anthelmintics*". The remainder of the morning will conclude with a final set of scientific presentations and a concurrent session devoted to AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions.

Here is a preliminary schedule of events:

Saturday, July 11

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	AAVP Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Student Chapter Report / Student Meet & Greet
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	On-site Registration
2:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Welcome and Plenary Session
4:45 PM – 6:00 PM	Presentation of the LIWC Lifetime Achievement and LIWC Industry Appreciation Awards; Presentations by the AAVP-Merial Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist and AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award winners
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Bayer Event - Welcoming Reception

Sunday, July 12

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	AAVP Committee Meetings (with breakfast)
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	On-site Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch / AAVP Graduate Student Luncheon & Speed-Interactions - Careers in Parasitology
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Poster Session and Wine Social
7:30 PM – 9:30	Merial Event

Monday, July 13

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	On-site Registration
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	AAVP Business Meeting /Awards Ceremony
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch / AAVP Student Lunch: & Elections
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Poster Session and Wine Social
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	ACVM Diplomate meeting
7:30 PM – 9:30	Elanco Event

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	AAVP President's Symposium
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Concurrent Oral Paper Session

Please note: the conference program is still in development. The final program will be posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org) on June 26th, 2015.

Oral Presentation Guidelines

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

Poster Presentation Guidelines

Posters should be prepared in portrait orientation with maximum dimensions of 33 inches (84 cm) wide and 44 inches (112 cm) high. Each poster presenter will be provided with half of a 4-foot-high by 6-foot-wide poster board. Materials for attaching posters to the boards will be provided. To locate your assigned poster board on the day of your presentation, look for the board marked with the poster number that will be

assigned to you when your abstract is accepted. Each poster will be assigned a day for presentation, and it is expected that an author of the poster will stand next to the poster to answer questions during the evening poster session assigned to that poster.

Audiovisual Support

Electronic presentations on commonly-used portable media (memory stick/USB Jump Drive, CD) must be used. AAVP will provide equipment in each meeting room for projected computer presentations; there is no need to bring a personal laptop. Files must be placed in the appropriate computer desktop folder prior to the start of your session. Sessions include several successive papers, so please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the entire session begins and not just before your presentation.

PowerPoint is the only software supported for electronic presentations. Other programs or the use of personal computers are at the discretion of the Program Chair. Slides (2 X 2) and overhead projectors are NOT available.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts should be submitted via this web site. The abstract-submission process has been simplified for the 2015 meeting – please follow the guidelines.

When submitting your abstract you will need to select whether you prefer an oral presentation, a poster presentation or if you have no preference. We should be able to accommodate the preferences of most, but if more oral papers are submitted than can be accommodated in the program, some who request oral papers may be assigned to a poster. As in previous years, the word limit for abstract text (excluding title, author names and affiliations) is **300**. Abstracts may not contain tables. The submission portal allows you to submit your abstract and make changes until 11:00 PM on April 24th, so there is no need to wait until the last second to upload your abstract! Abstracts should be prepared in Word and then pasted into the text box indicated for abstracts. After pasting your abstract text check for formatting as italics and symbols may not transfer correctly. You can then add formatting as needed in the pasted text. Word files cannot be uploaded. The title, authors, and affiliations will be entered into separate text fields on the abstract submission website.

Please do not work on two abstract submissions at the same time. You must have only one submission window open on your computer at a time (or bad things may happen)!!!

If you have any questions or problems with your abstract submission, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Chair, Ray Kaplan at rkaplan@uga.edu or 1-706-542-5670. Likewise, within the abstract submission web site, contact “Support” (top right of screen) for assistance.

Please remember, final acceptance of your abstract is contingent upon confirmation of receipt of the registration fee.

To start a new submission or modify a previous submission, click the link below. This will take you to the log-in page. To start a new submission, once you log in you need to click on the “call for abstracts” link. This will take you to the conference-landing page (contains all of the information that is included here). Then scroll to the bottom of the document and click on the “Create New” button. If updating or modifying a previous submission then that prior submission will be available to you immediately on the abstract submission page one you are logged in.

*****CREATE NEW ABSTRACT SUBMISSION*****

Students:

If you wish to apply for an AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant or an LIWC Student travel grant, the required forms are posted on the AAVP web site (links below) and are also available when you enter your

abstract information. If you wish to participate in the student paper competition you must also submit a student verification form (all students whether AAVP, LIWC or ISEP). Final submission of your abstract will require that you have uploaded the required forms on the abstract submission web site. If you have any questions, please contact Meriam Saleh (msaleh@vt.edu), or Javier Garza (jgarza7@tigers.lsu.edu).

Abstract submission web site opens: March 2, 2015

Abstract submission web site closes: April 24, 2015

Awards and Travel Grants

AAVP and LIWC Achievement Awards

Information on the AAVP achievement awards can be found on the AAVP website and in the February 2015 AAVP Newsletter. Awards include the AAVP-Merial Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, the AAVP Distinguished Service Award, the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award, and the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease. Information on the LIWC awards will be posted to the AAVP website in the conference information section.

AAVP-Bayer Best Student Oral Paper Presentation Awards and AAVP Pest Student Poster Awards

The awards are given to two undergraduate/graduate/veterinary students who compete successfully in each of the oral and poster Student Presentation competitions. All students are eligible (AAVP, LIWC, ISEP) and should indicate at the time of abstract submission if they wish to participate in the Best Student Presentation competition, choosing either oral or poster competition. At the time of abstract submission, all students, whether AAVP, LIWC or ISEP, that are participating in the competition or are applying for a travel grant must upload the Verification of Student Status form (this form needs to be signed by your research mentor and is available through the link below and at the abstract submission portal). Judges at the meeting will use the checklists (links to forms provided below) to help rate the presentations. The oral paper awards sponsored by Bayer Animal Health will be $500 and $300 for first and second place, respectively. Awards for the poster competition are still in the planning stage and these details will be provided on the conference web site as they become available.

Student Oral Presentation Award Judging Check List

Student Poster Presentation Award Judging Check List

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG)

The travel grants are competitive grants awarded to full-time DVM or undergraduate / graduate students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning and pursuing studies in veterinary parasitology. Deserving individuals who are within 3 years of their degree are also eligible for this award. Students must be an AAVP member in good standing (i.e. have paid their 2015 dues by March 16, 2015) to be eligible for this award. Application for a Travel Grant, verification of student status (if applicable), and commitment of additional or matching funds from a sponsoring AAVP member (see below for respective forms), and submission of an acceptable 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-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award will receive reimbursement of travel expenses and therefore will not receive a Young Investigator Travel Grant.

Verification of Student Status Form **AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant Application Form**

LIWC Student Travel Grant Application Form

Summary of Important Dates

March 2:	Conference web site opens for submission of abstracts
April 13:	Deadline for AAVP Award Nominations
April 24:	Deadline for submission of abstracts
April 24:	Deadline for submission of AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant Applications
June 26:	Conference program posted on AAVP web site
June 01:	Deadline for payment of Early Bird Registration fee
June 18:	Deadline for receiving reduced conference rate for hotel room rate at The Revere Hotel
July 11-14:	Conference in Boston

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee

Tom Craig, Chair, Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee (Tom Craig, Ray Kaplan, Kevin Kazacos, Tim Geary, Ann Donohue, and Mason Reichard) has finalized a slate of candidates to run for Vice President, and to fill the two open slots on the Nomination Committee. Committee members proposed one or more people for each open position and then the list of candidates was ranked by the committee. The top ranked nominees for each position were contacted and asked to serve. We have two candidates who are willing to stand for election to the office of Vice President and three for the Nominating Committee. The biographies of the candidates appear in this issue of the Newsletter. Electronic voting will begin in March. Good luck to all the nominees!

Vice President

Dan Zarlenga
Mike Hildreth

Nominating Committee

Mike Dryden
Frank Hurtig
Ashley McGrew
Alexa Rosypal
Tom Yazwinski

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is working hard to prepare for nominations for the 2015 awards. The committee is preparing for a combined meeting with LIWC and ISEP and both oral and poster presentations for the student competition. We have solicited judges from both LIWC and ISEP to assist with the expanded judging of student presentations, and the response has been positive. See you in Boston!

Tom McTier, Chair, Awards Committee

As you may recall we have 4 separate annual award categories: the Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Graduate Student Award and the CAPC Award for Zoonotic Diseases. In addition we have travel grants for young investigators presenting papers at the meeting.

- **Awards:**
  - Nominations and all supporting documents for awards should be received by the Chair of the Awards Committee by **13 April 2015**.
  - Please submit via email award nominations and supporting documents (as attachments) to the Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Tom McTier: tom.mctier@zoetis.com
  - The recipients of standing awards will be notified prior to the meeting, and all awards will be presented at the AAVP meeting held in Boston, MA.
  - ***Nominations/applications received after 13 April 2015, will not be considered***

- **Travel Grants and Student Presentations:**
  - Applications for Young Investigator Travel Grants and the Student Presentation Competition must be made on the Annual Meeting web site by **24 April 2015**.

Announcements

AAVP Educators Symposium to be held Dec 10–11, 2015 in Chicago, IL

Suggested title: Cryopreserving veterinary parasitologists for the future: Let's meet in Chicago in December

Tammi Krecek, Chair, Education Committee

The next Educator's Symposium is scheduled for December 10-11, 2015 at the AVMA Schaumberg/Chicago headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. The AAVP and Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) will cover the costs of the meeting, and each vet school has the opportunity to participate and will be supported.

Please let us know if you have queries. My details are below.

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Congratulations to AAVP Student Award Recipient at 2014 CRWAD

Ben Blair, University of Illinois,
AAVP Award Winner at 2014 CRWAD

The 2014 AAVP award for best graduate student presentation in parasitology during the CRWAD in Chicago was awarded to Ben Blair, University of Illinois, for his presentation entitled "Investigation into horn fly burden susceptibility in Holstein heifers."

Ben received a $100 award check from AAVP and a complimentary one year AAVP student membership and registration fee for the Annual Meeting in Boston.

Congratulations Ben!

Submitted by Doug Carithers, Secretary/Treasurer AAVP

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

60th Meeting: 11-14 July 2015- Boston, MA
61st Meeting: 5-8 August 2016 – San Antonio, TX

Joint Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists and Helminthological Society of Washington

The Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine at Virginia Tech welcome the members and guests of the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists and Helminthological Society of Washington to Blacksburg, Virginia for a joint meeting on **April 9 – 11, 2015** in Blacksburg Virginia. Register on-line or by mail. More at: http://www.thessp.org/.

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology

The 25th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held in Liverpool, United Kingdom, from **August 16 – 20, 2015**. The theme for the 2015 Conference is *'Looking to the Future'*. The conference will be held in the landmark Arena Convention Centre located next to the River Mersey and just a few minutes' walk from central Liverpool. All abstracts must be submitted online by 5.00pm on Friday, 20th March 2015. More information can be found at: http://www.waavp2015.com/index.php

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH)

The 64th annual meeting of ASTMH will be held **October 25 – 29, 2015** at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, PA, USA. Meeting details as well as abstract and travel award applications can be found at: http://www.astmh.org.

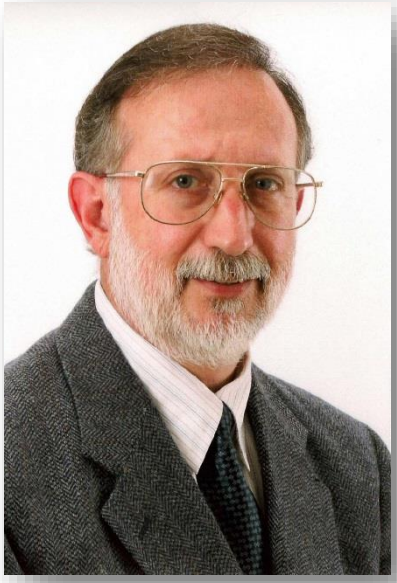
Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD)

The CRWAD meeting will be **December 6 – 8**, **2015** at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL. AAVP continues to support the best student competition in the parasitology section of the CRWAD meeting. http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/index.htm

Nominee Biographies

Nominees for Vice President

Dan Zarlenga



Education:
PhD. Biochemistry, University of Cincinnati, 1982
B.A. Chemistry (Cum Laude), Youngstown State University, 1976

Current position:
Senior Scientist, USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Animal Parasitic Diseases Lab Beltsville MD

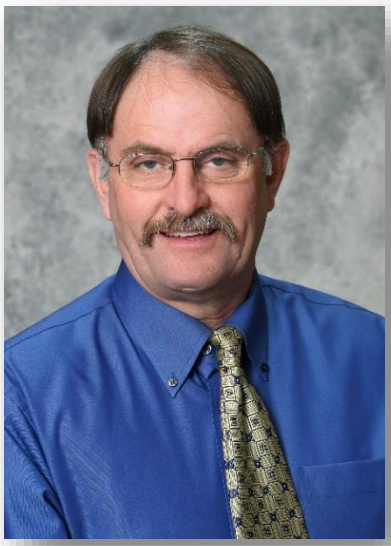
Professional Experience:
2010- Pres, Molecular Biologist, Animal Parasitic Diseases Lab, USDA, Beltsville, MD
2007-2010 Research Leader, Animal Parasitic Diseases Lab, USDA, Beltsville, MD
2003-2006 Molecular Biologist, Bovine Functional Genomics Lab, USDA, Beltsville MD.
1994-2002 Molecular Biologist, Immunology and Disease Resistance Lab, USDA, Beltsville MD.
1987-1993, Molecular Biologist, Biosystematics Parasitology Lab, USDA, Beltsville, MD
1985-present, Staff member-Foundation for Advanced Education in the Health Sciences, NIH, Bethesda MD
1984-2003, Staff Instructor, Center for Advanced Training in Cell and Molecular Biology, Catholic University, Washington, DC
1984-1986 USDA Postdoctoral Fellow, Helminthic Diseases Lab, USDA, Beltsville MD
1982-1984 NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, Biophysics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD
1979-1982 Instructor, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Service:
Consultant RM Nardone and Associates (Scientific education) 1989-Pres; Graduate student committees Ohio State U., Catholic U., U. Delaware, Howard U.; hosted 2 Fulbright fellows; staff instructor Exon-Intron (biotech educational foundation); guest lecturer Delaware State U. Agriculture and Natural Sciences (1996-2010); Adjunct Assistant professor at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Maryland Campus (2000-2010), the Department of Biochemistry, Howard University Graduate and Medical Schools, Washington DC (1999-2006), and the University of Maryland College Park, Graduate Faculty (2000-2006); Editorial Review Boards/Associate Editor for the Journal of Parasitology (2000-Pres), Veterinary Parasitology (1996-Pres), Parasitology (2009-Pres) and Comparative Parasitology (1998-2002); Special Editor for 3 issues of Vet Parasitology; consultant Regional diagnostic lab at Colorado State University; Member of Executive Committee Helminthological Society of Washington (1989-1991); Chairman ASP Committee on Literature and Archives, (1994-1995); ASP Stoll-Stunkard Memorial & Eminent Parasitologist Lectureships Committee (2014-Pres); AAVP Committees- Education (1997-1999), Finance (1997-1998), Newsletter (1997-2000), Outreach and chair (2001-2003); Awards (2014-Pres); Appointed to the International Commission on Trichinellosis, 1993-present (Executive board member 2011-Pres); Review board US Israel Bi-national Agricultural Research and Development Fund (1990-1998); Review panels for NIH and Genome Canada.

Research:

My graduate research involved synthesizing ionene polymers to bind to and study/predict perturbations in the structure of DNA and RNA (35 years ago when the structure of nucleic acids was more of a mystery than it is today). Upon graduation, I was awarded an NIH postdoctoral fellow in the Biophysics Department at Johns Hopkins University to study the anti-proliferative effects of interferon-b on human fibrosarcoma cells (not the most direct segue into research on nematode parasites). I have been employed at the USDA since 1984 investing my energies in parasitic nematodes and cestodes (a while back) most recently using genomics approaches. For three years I was the Research Leader at the Animal Parasitic Diseases Lab. Over time I found bench research more rewarding than the "glamour" of being a Research Leader, so I moved back into research and have loved it. Basically, my work involves applying recombinant DNA technologies to: 1) DNA and protein-based diagnosis of parasitic diseases; 2) studying host- parasite relationships; 3) examining parasite systematics and dabbling in genomics; and 4) "grant-omics" (a thorough demonstration of how not to get funded to do research). I have had a great many collaborations and I seem always to learn more than I can ever teach; a wonderful and well-deserving tribute to all those with whom I have had the pleasure of working.

Michael B. Hildreth



Education:
Ph.D. (Parasitology & Cell Biology) Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 1983.
B.A. (Biology & Chemistry) Westmar College, LeMars, IA, 1977.

Current Position:
Professor, Departments of Biology & Microbiology and Veterinary & Biomedical Science, South Dakota State University (SDSU), Brookings, SD 57007, michael.hildreth@sdstate.edu, 1997-present
Coordinator, SDSU Functional Genomics Core Facility, 2006-present

Previous Experience:
Assistant and Associate Professor, Departments of Biology & Microbiology and Veterinary Science, SDSU, 1987-1997
Visiting Professor, Department of Microbiology, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, 1997-2006.
Teaching and Research Associate, Department of Comparative Biosciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1983-1987

Research Experience/Interests:
Cost assessment and control of livestock parasites, particularly trichostrongyles.
Molecular diagnostic of trichostrongles in livestock, including anthelmintic resistance.
Factors influencing *Culex tarsalis* mosquito transmission of West Nile Virus
Molecular diagnosis and epidemiology of *Echinococcus multilocularis* in canids
Resistance of tapeworm surface membranes to intestinal digestion.
48 peer-reviewed publications, 2 review articles and 2 book chapters

Memberships/Committee Service:
Am. Assoc. Vet. Parasitol. (1992-present); Am. Soc. Parasitol. (1978-present), ASP Student Awards Committee (1998-2001, chairman (1999); Am Soc Trop Med & Hyg (1981-present); Am. Mosquito Control Assoc. (2005-present); South Dakota Acad Sci (1987-present)

Awards/Honors:
F.O. Butler Award for Excellence in Service, SDSU, 2012
Dean's Team Award, College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, SDSU. for: contributions to the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Vaccinology, 2005
Nominated for the Ag-Bio Teacher of the Year, College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences, SDSU, 2005
Young Alumnus Award: Westmar College (1992)

Nominees for the Nomination Committee

Michael Dryden

Michael Dryden, DVM, MS, PhD, DiplACVM is a University Distinguished Professor of Veterinary Parasitology, in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. He received his DVM from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and his M.S. & PhD in Parasitology from Purdue University.

Dr. Dryden is the author or co-author of over 125 journal articles, 9 book chapters and over 100 presentations at scientific meetings. He has lectured in 21 countries, presenting over 1,000 invited lectures at regional, national and international meetings. Dr. Dryden's current research efforts are directed towards flea and tick biology and control and diagnosis & control of gastrointestinal parasites.

Dr. Dryden has received a number of teaching, service and research awards, Including the 1995 "Pfizer Award for Research Excellence", 2005 Kansas Veterinary Medical Association's "KSU-Distinguished Service Award", 2006 Bayer Teaching Excellence Award, 2007 Entomological Society of America Recognition Award in Urban Entomology, 2010 American College of Veterinary Dermatology Excellence in Teaching Award, 2010 Veterinarian of the Year presented at the Purina® Pro Plan® 56th Annual Show Dogs of the Year® Awards, and in 2014 Awarded the Dr. William and Deanna Pritchard Veterinary Service and Outreach Award for exemplary service and outreach.

Frank Hurtig

My dive into parasitology as a passion truly began with joining Merck AgVet in 1990 after several years in clinical veterinary practice and a brief stint with Hill's Pet Products. The trip has taken me around the continent and overseas through Tech Service support of many small and large animal parasite control products and also the marketing management of small animal and equine products over the years. I have been fortunate to work and interact with a number of bright minds in parasitology over this time while exploring ways to incorporate cutting edge thinking into communications within corporate organizations and also with animal owners/caretakers. Over the past decade I have enjoyed opportunities to lead some outstanding teams of veterinarians in the equine, food animal and small animal sectors. Since June of 2011, Fort Worth, TX, has been my home while serving as the Director of Veterinary Technical Services for Virbac.

Ashley McGrew

Education:
DVM, Colorado State University (2013); PhD, Colorado State University, *Spatial trends of total mercury (THg) exposure, and the role of intestinal helminths on THg distribution within piscivorous mammalian hosts* (2011)**;** BS, Biological Sciences, University of Northern Colorado (2004)

Professional Experience:
Instructor, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, CSU (Jan 2015 – present); Postdoctoral Fellow, CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (Sept 2013 – Dec 2014); Visiting Scientist, CSU (May – Aug 2013); Undergraduate Research Intern, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT (Jun – Sept 2004); Veterinary Technician, Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, Dolphin and Whale Hospital and Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital, Sarasota, FL (Jun – Sept 2003)

Teaching:
Currently serve as instructor for Parasitology and Vector Biology (undergraduate course); assist with Diagnostic Veterinary Parasitology rotations (Professional Veterinary Medical program), facilitate biannual, full-day Parasitology laboratories (Veterinary Technician program)

Service:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP): Student Representative (2010 – 2012), CSU Chapter of AAVP (VP, 2010 – 2011; President, 2011 – 2012); International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine (IAAAM): Student Representative (2004 – 2013), session chair (2006, 2013); Graduate Women in Science: Technology Committee representative (2011 – 2012)

Current Research Interests:
Host/toxicant/parasite interactions, anthelmintic resistance in cattle, parasites of wildlife, marine parasitology

Previous Research:
Mercury exposure in helminths of gray wolves and marine mammals, Walleye Dermal Sarcoma Virus/NF-kb signaling**,** immunophenotyping in bottlenose dolphins

Professional Organizations:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (2008-present)**;** World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (2008-present)**;** Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (2013 – present)**;** International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine (2002 – present)

Alexa Rosypal

Education
BS (Animal and Poultry Sciences), Virginia Tech, 2000
PhD (Veterinary Medical Sciences- Parasitology), Virginia Tech, 2005

Professional Experience
Associate Professor of Biology, Department of Natural Science and Mathematics, Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU), Charlotte, NC, 2014- present
Assistant Professor of Biology, JCSU, Charlotte, NC, 2008- 2014
Post-Doctoral Fellow Seeding Postdoctoral Innovators in Research and Education (SPIRE) Fellowship Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, September 2005- 2008
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, 2007-2008

Research interests
Zoonotic parasitic diseases, insect-vectored parasites, wildlife parasitology

Professional Memberships/Committees/Service
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
Committee member, By-Laws and Constitution committee, 2014- present
Chair, Ad hoc committee for moving AAVP from the AVMA meeting, 2014
Board member, Veterinary Parasitology Editorial Advisory Board, 2006-2010
Committee member, Awards and Newsletter/Editorial Board committees, 2004- 2008
Chair, Awards committee, 2007
Judge, Student paper competition, 2001, 2006, 2007
Student representative, 2000-2001

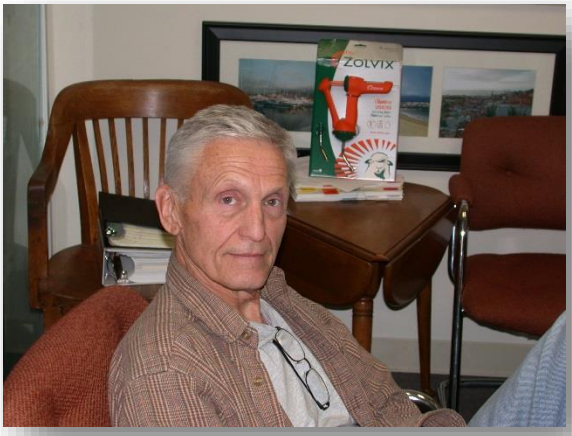
American Society of Parasitologists
Committee member, Student Awards Committee, 2006

Southeastern Society of Parasitologists
President, 2010
President-elect, 2009
Vice President, 2007
Program officer for annual meeting, Blacksburg, VA, 2005

North Carolina Raptor Center
BioConnect of Greater Charlotte
Charlotte Area Science Network
Discovery Place, Inc. Steering Committee

Awards/Honors
CATO Par Excellence Teaching Award, JCSU, *award given for teaching excellence*, 2013
SIT LUX Award, JCSU, *award given to the faculty member with the highest number of scholarly publications in her discipline*, 2012
Virginia Tech Outstanding Dissertation Commendation Award- Science and Engineering, 2006
Intervet Outstanding Graduate Student award, AAVP, 2005
Morris Animal Foundation Fellow, 2001-2005
Dale Porter Student award, Southern Conference on Animal Parasites, 2005

Tom Yazwinski



T.A. Yazwinski is a University Professor in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

He received his BS in 1972 from the University of Vermont, his MS in 1974 from the University of Maine, and his PhD from North Carolina State University in 1976. All degrees were in Animal Science, with graduate studies in the area of Farm Animal Parasitology (helminths). Mentor(s) in Maine; Harold Gibbs, and in North Carolina; Lemuel Goode and Dan Moncol.

He was an Assistant Professor at Delaware Valley College (PA) from 1976 to 1977.

He has been on the graduate faculty at the University of Arkansas from 01/Aug/1977 to today.

He took sabbatical studies at the Houghton Poultry Research Center in the United Kingdom (1987), where his concentration was in the area of avian coccidiosis.

Yazwinski has directed over 240 funded research projects, published over 100, peer-reviewed papers and given over 250 scientific presentations on farm animal helminthiasis.

At present, he teaches two undergraduate courses in Parasitology, and directs graduate student and sponsor-funded research projects.

He is a member of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists and the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology.

Currently he is most heavily involved with research into the epidemiology and control of helminth parasites of cattle, sheep, goats and poultry.

Yazwinski and his wife Shirlee have two children (Tom and Lori), two in-law children (Sydney and Julian), and three grandchildren (Stella, Emerson and Oliver Riot).

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AAVP Newsletter Deadline for Submissions

Newsletter	Deadline
June 2015	June 20, 2015
October 2015	October 20, 2015
February 2016	February 18, 2016

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.