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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

Ray Kaplan
AAVP President

Dear AAVP members and colleagues,

I hope that everyone has had a good start to 2016 and is enjoying the beginnings of spring. Here in Georgia the redbuds and daffodils are in bloom, and folks are getting their gardens ready for planting.

A few weeks ago your Executive Committee (Tim Geary, Dan Zarlenga, Doug Carithers, Meriam Saleh, Jessica Jacobs and myself) and Conference Program Administrator (Al Marchiondo) met in Indianapolis, IN for the 2016 AAVP mid-year executive board meeting. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, the site selected for the 2017 AAVP conference. We had a highly productive full day discussing plans for the 2016 meeting in San Antonio, and other items of AAVP business.

As usual, a major portion of the day was spent discussing issues and plans for the 2016 annual meeting. President-elect and 2016 Conference Chair, Tim Geary, is putting together another great program in another great city. San Antonio is known to be one of the friendliest cities and they really do conferences well. The Westin Hotel, site of the 2016 meeting is right on the River Walk, so it will be easy to get out and enjoy the best of San Antonio. Please see Tim's report for all of the details.

We also discussed the need to upgrade and modernize the AAVP website. Many felt that the site could use a bit of a re-boot to make the site more attractive, easier to navigate, and to provide more specific information on veterinary parasitology. While discussing this it was noted that in the recent committee realignment (that was discussed at the 2105 meeting, and that you all will be voting on in the near future; see Constitutions and By-Laws Committee report from Tom Kennedy), we failed to account for active web site curation.

The description of the charge for the Electronic Media committee is primarily focused on social media, with providing resources and content to the AAVP web site only secondary. Given the importance of our web site, the executive committee will be undergoing further discussions to develop a plan for the best route to take to achieve the goals we have for the AAVP web site.

Lastly, if you have any suggestions for items of business that should be on the Executive Committee's agenda going forward for the rest of this year, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will be having executive committee conference call meetings every 2-4 weeks between now and our annual meeting in August.

Submitted by Ray M. Kaplan, AAVP President
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From the Secretary/Treasurer

AAVP Membership Dues

Thank you to those who have paid their 2016 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.

Doug Carithers
Secretary/Treasurer

Remember, students must be current with their dues to be eligible for Young Investigator Travel Grants. For those who have not yet paid 2016 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.

61st Annual Meeting of the AAVP – Conference Information

Message from the Program Committee

Tim Geary
2016 Program Chair
& President Elect

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold its 61st Annual Meeting at the Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas, August 6-9, 2016. The AAVP annual meeting continues to be the most important gathering of researchers, students and clinicians for the dissemination of the new information and insightful perspectives on the biology and control of parasites of veterinary importance. The Program Committee is confident that the annual meeting will deliver an exciting and memorable conference, bringing together a diverse and exceptionally collegial group of scientists from academia, industry, government, veterinarians from private practice, and students in graduate and veterinary programs. The 2016 meeting builds upon the remarkably successful history of AAVP conferences and is guaranteed to foster meaningful interactions with colleagues who often don't attend the same meetings. With 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 parasite control, our members and guests can count on getting terrific value for money and enjoying the opportunity to learn while making new friends and meeting old ones again.

The 2016 Program Chair, Tim Geary, and the Program Committee, Ray Kaplan, Doug Carithers, Dan Zarlenga, Al Marchiondo, Meriam Saleh and Jessica Jacobs, are preparing an outstanding scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "New Vistas in Veterinary Parasitology". Plenary sessions on Saturday and Tuesday 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 presentations by the 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, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in concurrent scientific sessions, in which papers on a wide variety of interesting topics related to important issues in veterinary parasitology 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 has been the long practice of the AAVP, the 61st Annual Meeting will include student presentations and a student competition. Following the process established at the 2015 annual meeting in Boston, we will again integrate all student papers into the topical session that is most appropriate for their talk. While this presents some logistical challenges for the competition, it reinforces our deep belief that our student members are doing work that should be presented along that of other members. Given the time constraints of our meeting format, we may once again include a poster session if the number of submitted and high-quality abstracts exceeds the number of slots available in the concurrent sessions; more information will be provided once these numbers are available. 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 benefit from 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, which will provide fun activities to

help students 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, at which AAVP colleagues from many different career paths in parasitology will meet with students in a "speed-interaction" format to share their insights and advice. On Monday, a third student lunch meeting will include elections for the new student representative to the Executive Board.

Once again, time will be set aside on Sunday morning for meetings of AAVP committees. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a dedicated time slot for our committees to review 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 2016 committee member to attend; showing up will allow you to become a new member of a committee that is of particular interest to you. As you know, committee work is essential to the functioning of our society and we encourage everyone to contribute by serving on a committee. We especially encourage students to join committees. 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**, Tom Nolan; **Finance**, Andy Moorhead; **Historian**, Alan Marchiondo; **Newsletter**, Frank Hurtig; **Program**, Tim Geary; **Publications-Internet**, Tariq Qureshi; **Outreach/Research**, Andy DeRosa; **Nominations**, Ann Donoghue.

The Westin Riverwalk Hotel has great venues for evening socials. As has been the highly valued practice at AAVP annual meetings, socials will be sponsored by Bayer on Saturday night, Merial on Sunday night, and Elanco on Monday night. We will also host other sponsored events; details will be shared soon.

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 **2-3 weeks prior to the meeting date**.

The Program Committee now invites abstracts for oral and poster presentations with a submission **start date of March 14** and a **deadline of May 13, 2016**. The AAVP annual meeting is a great way to share the latest data and views on the biology and control of parasites of veterinary importance. It is also an excellent networking opportunity. We warmly welcome you to come and present your work, or simply to join us in San Antonio this summer.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Geary, Program Chair and President-Elect

Registration

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the San Antonio meeting. Final acceptance of an abstract will be dependent on registration. You can register on-line, beginning March 14, at AAVP Conference Online Registration, or by submitting a paper copy of the registration form [pdf available here] to the Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Doug Carithers (Doug.Carithers@merial.com) 3239 Satellite Blvd., Duluth, GA 30096 with a check for the registration fee. Early Bird registration ends July 5, 2016. After this date, registration costs will increase (see below). On-line payments can be completed by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

2016 Registration Fees

- Early Bird Registration (by July 5): US $225.00 (general) / US $75.00 (student)
- Late registration (post July 5 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 July 5. 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 2016 AAVP members by May 13, 2016 to apply for an AAVP Young Investigator 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 San Antonio 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: July 5, 2016

Meeting Location: Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Westin Riverwalk Hotel

The 2016 hotel venue is:

Westin Riverwalk Hotel, 420 West Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Phone: **210-224-6500**. Fax: **210-444-6000**

CLICK HERE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION

Settle in at San Antonio's luxury landmark, nestled on a romantic bend of the city's famed River Walk. Stroll in the shade of cypress and palm trees, moments from the Alamo, La Villita historic village, and the San Antonio Convention Center. Whether you set out on foot or by water taxi, the hotel's location overlooking the River Walk invites you to explore the myriad restaurants, shops and entertainment venues that line the banks of the San Antonio River as it winds through downtown. Wander a bit further and you'll discover rich sites of culture and the arts. Breathe in some Texas history at The Alamo and the Spanish Governor's Palace, stroll through Market Square and La Villita, San Antonio's historic arts village, or sip a cold microbrew at the Historic Pearl Brewery. The hotel is also within easy reach of both the cutting-edge Blue Star Arts Complex and the San Antonio Convention Center.

Great family attractions, including the San Antonio Zoo and Six Flags Fiesta Texas, are just short trips from the hotel. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available in all guest rooms and meeting rooms. Some pets are welcome; please contact the hotel for further information. Self and valet parking is available at the hotel at a cost of $20/$39 per night (plus tax). Please note that The Westin Riverwalk Hotel does not have its own airport shuttle.

Traveling to San Antonio and Directions to the Westin Riverwalk Hotel

Hotel Reservations: reduced rate until July 5, 2016

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, or **Click Here** to directly access the dedicated registration portal with The Westin Riverwalk. 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 Westin Riverwalk Hotel, 420 West Market Street, San Antonio, at 1.866.627-8396 (US/Canada). Inform the reservation agent that you are attending the AAVP 2016 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 **$189.00 per night plus tax**. This includes complimentary Wi-Fi access within guest rooms and complimentary shoe shine service. The room extra person charge, after 2 people, is $20 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 July 5, 2016. After that date, the room block will be released, and the special conference reduced rate will expire.

For more information about San Antonio see the San Antonio Visitor Bureau web site http://visitsanantonio.com/and for more information about the Westin Riverwalk Hotel, see http://www.westinriverwalksanantonio.com.

Students
Students seeking more information about student activities or looking for a room share should contact Meriam Saleh (msaleh@vt.edu), Jesica Jacobs (jjacobs2@mix.wvu.edu) or post on the Student Chapters of The AAVP Facebook page.

Scientific Program

The 2016 program will follow the basic format for recent AAVP meetings, which has proven to be very successful. We will incorporate a poster session only if needed to accommodate a number of submissions that cannot be placed in the confines of our concurrent session format. As in Boston last year, we will integrate all student presentations into the topical session that is most appropriate for that paper. We believe that this format advances the visibility of student research to others in the same sub-specialty, and will facilitate 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, which this year promotes the theme of the conference: "New Vistas in Veterinary Parasitology". Dr. Collette Britton, University of Glasgow, will give a talk on new insights into parasite biology based on small, non-coding RNAs. This talk will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Angela Mousley, Queen's University of Belfast, on new advances in RNA interference in parasites of veterinary importance. This session will conclude with a presentation on new techniques for the large-scale modification of insects from Intrexon.

Following the plenary session, there will be an Awards Program, during which presentations will be made by this year's recipient of the AAVP-Merial Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and the winner of the 2016 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 plan to attend!!!). Concurrent scientific sessions will then begin and 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, which will be followed by the AAVP Business Meeting and the Awards Ceremony. 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 Diplomates, and will conclude with an evening social sponsored by Elanco.

Tuesday morning starts with the President's Symposium, which will highlight two exciting developments in diagnostic approaches to veterinary parasites. Dr. Dave Elsemore, IDEXX, will describe a new approach to the diagnosis of canine gastrointestinal nematode parasites the, followed by Dr. Cassan Pulaski, Louisiana State University, who will present a talk on new developments in the molecular diagnosis of heartworms resistant to macrocyclic lactones. 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 and tentative schedule of events:

Saturday, August 6

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	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, August 7

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 (tentative)
7:30 PM – 9:30	Merial Event

Monday, August 8

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
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	ACVM Diplomate meeting
7:30 PM – 9:30	Elanco Event

Tuesday, August 9

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 July 14, 2016.

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.

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 the AAVP web site. The abstract-submission process has been simplified for the 2016 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 May 13, 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, Tim Geary at timothy.g.geary@mcgill.ca or 1-514-398-7612. 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 once you are logged in.

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

Students:

If you wish to apply for an AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant, the required form is posted on the AAVP web site (links below) and is also available when you enter your abstract information. If you wish to participate in the student paper competition, you must also identify that the presenting author is a student. *Please note that a Student Verification Form signed by the student's mentor (required in previous years) is no longer required.* This change was made to simplify and streamline the application process. Students just need to fill in the part of the Travel Grant Form certifying that they are a student. 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 Jesica Jacobs (jjacobs2@mix.wvu.edu).

Please note that AAVP students are invited to attend a post-annual meeting trip to visit the USDA-ARS Knipling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Insects Research Laboratory in Kerrville, TX. Scientists with the Tick and Biting Fly Research Unit and the Screwworm Research Unit work at the KBUSLIRL to provide stakeholders technology for eradicating or controlling pests of veterinary and medical importance. Students will be provided transportation to Kerrville immediately after the close of the annual meeting on Tuesday, August 9. Students will hear an overview of the research programs at the KBUSLIRL followed by a tour of the facilities. After the lab visit, students will have dinner and return to San Antonio where they will be provided accommodation at a hotel near the airport to depart the next day, Wednesday, August 10 in their pre-arranged flight. The AAVP has generously offered to cover the cost of transportation to and from Kerrville, as well as the hotel on Tuesday night. The students extend our greatest thanks to the AAVP for their generous offer and to the USDA-ARS and Dr. Adalberto Pérez de León for coordinating and hosting the students at the KBUSLIRL. Please contact one of the student representatives noted above to indicate your interest in participating.

Abstract submission web site opens March 14, and closes May 13, 2016

Awards and Travel Grants

AAVP Achievement Awards

Information on the AAVP achievement awards can be found on the AAVP website and in the February 2016 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.

AAVP-Bayer Best Student Oral Paper Presentation Awards

The awards are given to two undergraduate/graduate/veterinary students who compete successfully in each of the oral (and poster) Student Presentation competitions. Students 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. 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

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 in postdoctoral positions who are within 3 years of graduation are also eligible for this award. A student must be an AAVP member in good standing (i.e., have paid 2016 dues by May 13, 2016) to be eligible for this award. Submission of both an application for a Travel Grant and an acceptable abstract, are required for this award. However, commitment of matching funds from a sponsoring AAVP member is no longer required, though it is still expected (see application for more details). 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.

Student Chapter Delegate Travel Grants

For the San Antonio meeting, the AAVP is pleased to announce a new award to provide Student Chapter Delegate Travel Grants. This award will be offered to one delegate from each chartered Student Chapter of AAVP, with the delegate to be chosen by the chapter. The award will provide 50%, up to $500, of the cost to attend the AAVP annual conference. The candidate must be a student member of AAVP (dues paid) and will be required to submit a Student Chapter Delegate Travel Award application, as well as provide a letter of support from the Chapter's faculty advisor. Student chapter delegates will not be required to submit an abstract for presentation to receive the award. The chosen delegate will present a brief (up to 5 minute) summary of their chapter's activities at the Monday student luncheon and will be expected to be in attendance for a significant portion of the conference. Applications for this award will be due at the same time as Young Investigator Travel Award applications; the application form will be available in the student forms section of the AAVP website. Students will not be able to receive both the Student Chapter Delegate Travel Award and the Young Investigator Travel Award. The Chapter Delegate Award is being offered with the hope of increasing interaction and involvement of Student Chapters at the Annual Conference.

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant Application Form

Summary of Important Dates

March 14:	Conference web site opens for registration and submission of abstracts
May 13:	Deadline for AAVP Award Nominations
May 13:	Deadline for submission of abstracts
May 13:	Deadline for submission of AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant Applications
July 21:	Conference program posted on AAVP web site
July 5:	Deadline for payment of Early Bird Registration fee
July 5:	Deadline for reduced conference room rate at The Westin Riverwalk Hotel
August 6-9:	Conference in San Antonio

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Ann Donoghue, Chair
Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is made up of 6 members with 3 year staggered membership. The current committee consists of Tim Geary '16, Kevin Kazacos '16, Mason Reichard '17, Ann Donoghue, Chair, '17, Mike Dryden '18, and Alexa Rosypal '18. The committee is charged with developing the ballot for election of officers and 2 new members of the Nominating Committee. Each year a new Vice President is elected and every 2 years the Secretary/Treasurer position is up for election. Committee members proposed several people for each position, and then the list was ranked by the committee. The top ranked nominees for each position were contacted and asked to serve. There are 2 nominees for Vice President, 1 for Secretary-Treasurer, and as required by the by-laws 5 nominees for the Nominating Committee. Their biographies are in this issue of the Newsletter. Electronic voting will begin in April. Good luck to all the nominees!

Vice President	**Secretary-Treasurer**	**Nominating Committee**
John Gilleard	Doug Carithers	Chris Adolph
Mason Reichard		Joe Hostetler
		Sheila Mitchell
		Tom Nolan
		Andrea Varela-Stokes

Announcements

Proposed Changes to AAVP Bylaws

Proposal to realign the activities of AAVP's Outreach/Research Committee and the Publications/Internet Committee (drafted 17 June 2015)

In light of substantive changes over the last few years in the importance of social media, the AAVP's Executive Committee would like to realign the activities of the Outreach/Research Committee and the Publications/Internet Committee. Specifically, the Executive Committee wishes to ask the membership at this year's business meeting to (a) rename the Outreach/Research Committee as the ***Outreach, Publications and Research Committee***, and (b) rename the Publications/Internet Committee as the ***Electronic Media Committee***.

The following are descriptions of the two new proposed committees (***Underlined bold italic text*** indicates new descriptive information):

1. **Committees of the Association** shall be:

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c. Standing Committees:

OLD

- **Outreach/Research Committee:** The Outreach/Research Committee shall initiate new programs that will promote the Association and its members. They shall recommend these programs to the Executive Committee and develop and maintain relationships with other related societies, producer groups, and industry. They shall continually evaluate the direction of research in veterinary parasitology and report to the membership on these directions. They shall also develop statements on areas the Association believes research emphasis is needed.

NEW

- **Outreach, Publications and Research Committee:** The Outreach, Publications and Research (OP&R) Committee shall initiate new programs that will promote the Association and its members. It shall recommend these programs to the Executive Committee and develop and maintain relationships with other related societies, producer groups, and industry. The OP&R Committee shall continually evaluate the direction of research in veterinary parasitology and report to the membership on these directions. It shall also develop statements on areas the Association believes research emphasis is needed. ***The OP&R Committee shall also be responsible for developing, writing, and seeking publication for all scholarly documents and books sponsored by the Association for distribution to the membership. The OP&R Committee will arrange and supervise the independent expert review of such documents by two or more experts external to the OP&R Committee. The person serving in the management role will not be a co-author of the paper. If all members of the OP&R Committee are co-authors, then the Chair of the OP&R committee will assign the management responsibility to a person external to the Committee. Documents submitted by AAVP members without solicitation, for the endorsement or approval of AAVP, will be similarly reviewed. The OP&R Committee will recommend to the AAVP Executive Committee whether the publication or dissemination of a given document that has gone through the full review process shall be endorsed by AAVP. All such publications will be issued only after the approval of the Executive Committee.***

OLD

- **Publications/Internet Committee:** The Publications/Internet Committee shall be responsible for developing, writing, and publishing documents (paper and electronic) and books sponsored by the Association for distribution to the membership. All such publications shall have the prior approval of the Executive Committee. In addition, the Publications/Internet Committee shall assist the Newsletter Editorial Board Committee in publishing the AAVP Newsletter electronically.

NEW

- **Electronic Media Committee:** ***The Electronic Media (EM) Committee shall be responsible for providing material to update the AAVP social media accounts (e.g. Facebook and Twitter); a member of the EM Committee will be tasked with posting/updating the social media accounts for the organization. Social media posts can consist of interesting news articles, press releases, and AAVP announcements. All posted material should be in accordance with AAVP policies; the moderator will use discretion over postings. In addition, the EM Committee will assist with providing resources and content that can be posted on the AAVP website. For example, the*** EM Committee will assist the Newsletter Editorial Board Committee in publishing the AAVP Newsletter electronically.

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

62nd Meeting: 21-25 July 2017 – Indianapolis, IN
63rd Meeting: 13-17 July 2018 – Denver, CO

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2017

The 26th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 4 – 8 September, 2017. The conference is being hosted by The Malaysian Society of Parasitology & Tropical Medicine and the Department of Veterinary Services. http://www.waavp2017kl.org/

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2016

The 65th annual meeting of ASTMH will be held November 13 – 17, 2016 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis and Hilton Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. http://www.astmh.org.

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2016

The 2016 CRWAD meeting will be December 4 – 6, 2016 at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois, USA. AAVP continues to support the best student competition in the parasitology section of the CRWAD meeting. http://crwad.org/

Nominee Biographies

Nominees for Vice President

John Gilleard

Education:
BVSc (Hons) University of Liverpool (1986)
Member of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (1986)
PhD University of Glasgow (1992)
Charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists: Parasitology Specialism (2011)

Current position:
Professor, Parasitology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary.
Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary.

Professional Experience:
2012- present: Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary
2008-present: Professor of Parasitology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary
2007-2008: Professor of Veterinary and Molecular Parasitology, University of Glasgow
2003-2007: Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology, University of Glasgow
2000- 2003: Lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology, University of Glasgow
1999-2000: Wellcome Trust Prize Travelling Fellowship, University of Glasgow
1997- 1999: Wellcome Trust Prize Travelling Fellowship, University of Calgary
1993-1997: Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, Wellcome Centre for Molecular Parasitology, University of Glasgow
1989-1992: PhD Studentship, Department of Veterinary Parasitology, University of Glasgow
1986-1989: Veterinarian in General Veterinary Practice in UK

Research Experience
My current research program focuses predominantly on anthelmintic resistance of parasitic nematodes of livestock and my research group currently consists of 2 research associates, 2 post-doctoral research assistants and 5 graduate students (PhD). My research program spans basic to applied parasitology research and uses a wide range of parasitology, molecular biology and genomics approaches to elucidate the mechanisms and molecular epidemiology of anthelmintic resistance and to develop novel approaches for diagnosis and surveillance. Over my career to date, I have published over 60 peer reviewed papers, secured ~$5 million of research income as principal applicant from a wide range of federal and provincial agencies in both the UK and Canada. I have supervised/ co-supervised 16 graduate students and 9 post-doctoral research assistants/fellows (current and past). I have a passion for applying new technologies to investigate (and hopefully help solve) problems in veterinary parasitology and have an increasing interest in linking basic with applied/clinical research.

Service and other experience

- Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine University of Calgary
- Honorary Professor, University of Glasgow (2008 - Present)
- Editorial Board of International Journal for Parasitology (Nov 2006 - Present), Veterinary Parasitology (Oct 2003 - Present), Journal of Helminthology (Jan 2011 - 2014)
- Member of the Veterinary Products Committee (Scientific advisory committee to UK government on registration of veterinary medicines) (2004 - 2008)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for World Association of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) International Conference, Liverpool UK, August 2015
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Panel for the PARAGONE, EU Horizon 2020 “Vaccines for Animal Parasites” Project (2015-2020)
- Member of the Organising Committee to establish Veterinary Parasitology as a recognised speciality of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (2011)
- Member of International Advisory Committee for ICOPA (XII International Congress of Parasitology, 2010, Melbourne, Australia)
- Peer Review Panel Member for CIHR Pharmaceutical Sciences Committee (2012)
- Member of the Examinations Committee of the European Veterinary Parasitology College (2004 - 2007)
- Grant Reviewer for a range of agencies including CIHR (Canada), CFI (Canada), NSERC (Canada), Wellcome Trust (UK), BBSRC (UK), MRC (UK), EU framework 6 and Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD, UK)
- Member of Executive committee for NSERC-CREATE Host-Parasite Interactions (HPI) Graduate Training Program (2012- present)

Mason Reichard

Education:
Ph. D. Veterinary Biomedical Sciences, Oklahoma State University. 2003
M. S. Biology, Northern Michigan University. 1999
B. S. Central Michigan University. 1995

Current Positions:
Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 2012–Present
Co-direction, National Center for Veterinary Parasitology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 2012–Present

Professional Experience:
Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 2006–2012
Lecturer, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 2004–2006
Visiting Professor, Friday Harbor Laboratories, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Summer 2005
Post-doctoral Fellow, Physiological Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 2003–2004
Research Scientist, Department of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. 2003.

Research Experience/Interests:
Transmission of *Cytauxzoon felis* by *Amblyomma americanum* to domestic cats
Occurrence of *Trichinella* spp. in wild carnivores throughout North America
Parasites of laboratory-reared baboons (*Papio cynocephalus*)

Teaching:
Instructor of record for Veterinary Parasitology I (Foundations of Veterinary Parasitology)
Instructor of record for Diseases and Management of Free-ranging Wild Animals
Assist with instruction for Veterinary Parasitology II (Clinical Veterinary Parasitology), Advanced Veterinary Parasitology, and Clinical Veterinary Parasitology Rotation

Memberships/Committee Service:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 2006–present
- AAVP Nominations Committee 2014–present
- Judge, AAVP Student Paper Competition 2011, 2012, 2013

Awards/Honors:
Zoetis Animal Health Award for Excellence in Animal Research. Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University. 2013
Outstanding Instructor, Year II. Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University. 2006
Graduate Research Excellence Award. Oklahoma State University. May 9, 2003
Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists. 2003
Best Graduate/Resident/Intern, Basic Science Research Paper. Seventh Annual Phi Zeta Research Day. 2003
Marc H. Dresden Award. Best Graduate Student Paper, Southwestern Association of Parasitologists. 2002
Datus M. Hammond Award. Best Graduate Student Paper Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists. 1999
Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Department of Biology, Northern Michigan University. 1999

Nominee for Secretary/Treasurer

Doug Carithers

Doug Carithers, DVM, EVP is the Director of Applied Research and Publications for North American Business Operations of Merial in Duluth, GA, USA.

Doug graduated from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and achieved certificate degree in the Executive Veterinary Program at the University of Illinois. He practiced veterinary medicine and surgery in Iowa for 10 years, prior to being recruited for a position in industry.

At Merial for over 20 years, Dr. Carithers has been the Director of Applied Research and Publications for the past twelve years. In that role, he has developed and conducted over 60 clinical and field studies, including large-scale field trials. He conducted the 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010 American Heartworm Society heartworm incidence surveys. In addition to coordinating trials and surveys, he has authored or co-authored over 40 scientific papers. He has lectured nationally and internationally at veterinary and parasitology meetings and conferences, and participated in national and international round table discussions on pain medication and parasitology. He is a member of the Iowa VMA, AVMA, AAVP, WAAVP and AHS. He is currently serving a second three-year term as Editor on the AHS board, and was previously Vice President of the American Heartworm Society. Previously, Dr. Carithers served on the boards of the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues (NCVEI), the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC), and the North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium (NAVMEC) for the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC).

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

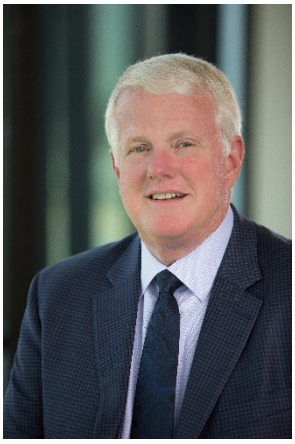
Chris Adolph

Dr. Adolph received his D.V.M. degree in 1996 from Oklahoma State University. After a year and a half as an associate veterinarian, Dr. Adolph moved to Southpark Veterinary Hospital as a partner for 4 years and full owner for 13 years. .During his time as a practice owner, he developed a special interest in parasitology and practice management. In blending these two areas of focus, Dr. Adolph attended advanced parasitology and practice management continuing education events, became informed of the most current information available, and developed practice protocols based in sound science that were readily accepted by pet owners.

In 2011, while conducting field prevalence studies in conjunction with the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology, Dr. Adolph began a Master's degree program under the guidance of Dr. Susan Little at Oklahoma State University. His Master's thesis, *Prevalence, disease implications and diagnostic assays for parasites and vector-borne infections of cats in northeastern Oklahoma*, was based largely on his previous field work. While enrolled in the Master's program, Dr. Adolph was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, which recognizes academic excellence in fields of higher education. Dr. Adolph graduated with a Master's degree in 2013, the same year he was named to the 25 veterinarians to watch in 2013 by Veterinary Practice News.

Dr. Adolph is the Zoetis representative to the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology located at the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University. He has authored numerous, peer-reviewed scientific papers, a chapter for an upcoming text book and conducted research in canine and feline parasitic diseases. For the past ten years, Dr. Adolph has been a popular speaker nationally and internationally, on small animal parasitology and practice management topics. In 2015, Dr. Adolph passed the rigorous parasitology board exams and is now a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Parasitologists.

Joe Hostetler



After graduation from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Hostetler joined a private practice in Salt Lake City, Utah for 10 years prior to joining Hill's Pet Products. His passion for veterinary parasitology was initiated during the parasitology and laboratory courses in veterinary school. His interest in the subject became stronger and solidified after joining Ciba-Geigy Animal Health in 1996. A 28+ year career within the "industry" side of the veterinary profession has taken Joe around the globe in many different roles supporting small animal and equine science and the respective products; many of these products, especially during the last 19 years, have been companion animal parasiticide products.

During his career, Joe has had the fortunate opportunity to network and collaborate with many parasitologists within academia and the pharmaceutical industry. These relationships have enhanced his knowledge of current trends, thoughts and learnings within the parasitology world and helped integrate that information into the respective corporate organizations/functions he has supported (including technical and marketing information/messaging communicated to veterinarians, hospital staff, and the pet owner). Additionally, he has been fortunate to have been associated with and led many exceptional industry veterinarian teams that share a similar passion for parasitology.

For the past 12 years, Joe has called Kansas City home where, in his current role, he not only has the opportunity to lead/manage the field based technical service veterinarian team, but is also responsible for collaborating/networking with all investigators/parasitologists during ideation, creation and implementation of all Good Clinical Practice Post-Marketing studies. This research supports all marketing efforts for parasitology related products at Bayer Animal Health.

Sheila Mitchell

Education
BS (Biology), Virginia Tech, 2002
PhD (Biomedical & Veterinary Sciences), Virginia Tech, 2008

Professional Experiences
Clinical Project Manager, Piedmont Pharmaceuticals LLC, Greensboro, NC, 2016 – Present
Director of Parasitology, Small Business Research, Mycosynthetix Inc., Hillsoboorugh, NC, 2013 - Present
Clinical Research Associate, Kindred Biosciences, Inc., Burlingame, CA, 2014 – 2016
Research & Program Coodinator, Mycosynthetix, Inc., Hillsborough, NC, 2010 - 2013
Senior Research and Development Scientist, TyraTech, Inc., Morrisville, NC, 2011 – 2013
Research Scientist, Scynexis, Inc., Durham, NC, 2008 – 2010

Research Interests
Zoonotic Parasitic Diseases, Companion Animal Parasites, Drug Development

Professional Memberships/Committee/Service

American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
- Outreach and Education Committee 2013 – Present
- Judge, Student Paper Competition, 2009, 2013
- Student Representative, 2004-2005
- Member, 1999 – Present

Southeastern Society of Parasitologists
- Vice President, 2009 – 2010
- Member, 1999 – 2011

North Carolina One Health Collaborative
- Triangle Biotech RTP
- Coalition to Unchain Dogs
- German Shepherd Rescue Association

Tom Nolan

Education:
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, B.S. (Biology), 1975
Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, M.S. (Biology), 1978
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Ph.D. (Zoology) 1983

Professional Experience:
1983-1985 Postdoctoral Trainee, University of Pennsylvania
1985-1986 Postdoctoral Fellow, NYU Medical Center
1986-1988 Research Assistant Professor, Laboratory of Parasitology, Univ. of Penn
1988-1995 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Parasitology, Department of Pathobiology, Sch. Vet. Med., Univ. of Penn
1995-2008 Adjunct Associate Professor of Parasitology, Department of Pathobiology, Sch. Vet. Med., Univ. of Penn
2009-Present Adjunct Professor of Parasitology, Department of Pathobiology, Sch. Vet. Med., Univ. of Penn
1988-Present Coordinator of Parasitology Instructional Labs and Director of the Clinical Parasitology Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, Univ. of Penn

Research Interests:
Developmental biology and pathogenesis of *Strongyloides stercoralis*
Epidemiology of endoparasites of dogs and cats

Professional Memberships/Committees/Service:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 1992 – present
- Publications/Internet Committee 2001-2010 (Chairman 2009-2010)
- Nominating Committee 2002-2004, 2011-2012 (Chairman 2012)
- Archive Committee 2005-2009 (Chairman 2007-2016)
- Education Committee 2012 - present (Chairman 2015-2016)
- History Committee 2015-2016

American Society of Parasitologists 1983 – present;
- Tellers Committee 1987
- Local Arrangements Committee 1993

New Jersey Society for Parasitology 1981 – 2002
- Vice President 1989-1990, 1994-1995
- President 1990-1991, 1995-1996
- Secretary/Treasurer 1998-2000
- Archivist 2000- present

American Heartworm Society member 1998 – present

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology member 2009- present

Editorial Advisory Board of Veterinary Parasitology, member 2004 – present
Associate Editor of BMC Veterinary Research. 2011 – present

Awards/Honors:
Charles and Johanna Busch Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Bureau of Biological Research, Rutgers University, 1981-1982
Employee of the Month, School of Veterinary Medicine, August, 1992

Andrea Varela-Stokes

Education

2004, PhD, Infectious Diseases, University of Georgia, GA; 2001, DVM, Tufts University (Cummings) School of Veterinary Medicine, MA
1997, BS, Animal Science, Cook College, Rutgers University, NJ

Professional Experience

2014-current - ***Associate Professor***, Mississippi State University, MS, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Basic Sciences
2007- 2014 - ***Assistant Professor***, Mississippi State University, MS, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Basic Sciences
2004- 2007 - ***Assistant Research Scientist***, *NIH K08-Mentored Clinical Science Development Award (Post-doc),* University of Georgia, GA, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Infectious Diseases
2001- 2004 - ***Veterinary Graduate Assistant***, University of Georgia, GA, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Infectious Diseases

Research Interests

Tick-borne bacteria; wildlife parasitology
http://cvm.msstate.edu/academics/departments-centers/basic-sciences/2-uncategorised/371-andrea-varela-stokes-lab

Selected Professional Memberships/Committees

American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, member since 2002
American Society of Parasitologists; intermittent member, 1997-2011, member since 2012
Southeastern Society of Parasitologists, Active Member since 2002
Vice-President – 2012/2013
President-Elect – 2015/2016
Mississippi State Board of Veterinarians Licensure
American Society of Rickettsiology, Member, 2010, 2015-current

Awards/Honors

2011 Pfizer Award for Veterinary Research Excellence
2011 Dean's Pegasus Award for Research and Creative Achievement
2011 MVMA Faculty Award- Mississippi State Pride Award
2010 Richard C. Adkerson Faculty Award- Mississippi State Pride Award
2004 Outstanding Graduate Student Award – Intervet/AAVP

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Summer 2016	June 20, 2016
Fall 2016	October 20, 2016
Spring 2017	February 18, 2017

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.