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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

AAVP President
Tim Geary

Dear AAVP folks,

Here's hoping that 2017 has already been a rewarding and enjoyable year for everyone. I suspect that spring has begun down South, even though the snow is hanging around in Montreal. A few weeks ago your Executive Committee (Dan Zarlenga, John Gilleard, Doug Carithers, Jessica Rodriguez, Jesica Jacobs and me – who arrived late due to snow in Toronto) and Conference Program Administrator (Al Marchiondo) met in Denver, CO for the 2017 AAVP mid-year Executive Board meeting. The meeting was held at the Curtis Hotel, the site selected for the 2018 AAVP conference. Many of you will remember the Curtis from the 2014 AAVP Annual Meeting. It is conveniently located in Denver and offers an excellent venue for the conference. We had a highly productive discussion of plans for the 2017 meeting in Indianapolis, and other items of AAVP business.

Most of the day-long meeting was spent discussing issues and plans for the 2017 annual meeting. President-elect and 2017 Conference Chair Dan Zarlenga is putting together a great program for the meeting in Indianapolis, a city that continues our trend of gathering in friendly and accessible cities. The Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, site of the 2017 meeting is (as the name implies) in the central part of the city and offers ready access to the many sites and attractions in Indianapolis. Please see Dan's report for all of the details.

We also discussed a number of other issues, including the need to continue to upgrade and modernize our AAVP website. This important portal to the AAVP needs refreshing and some expansion to make the site more attractive and easier to navigate, and to provide more useful information on veterinary parasitology. 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. We also advanced plans to create a new award that recognizes veterinary parasitologists who have made outstanding contributions in the context of "One Health" and to provide support for AAVP members to visit student chapters. In addition, we are investigating ways to support making the AAVP an "American" association in the hemispheric perspective.

Suggestions are always welcome for ideas or items of business that you believe should be on the Executive Committee's agenda for the rest of this year; please contact me whenever you wish. We will be having Executive Committee conference call meetings every 2-4 weeks between now and our annual meeting in July.

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From the Secretary/Treasurer

AAVP Membership Dues

Doug Carithers
Secretary/Treasurer

Thank you to those who have paid their 2017 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.

Remember, students must be current with their dues to be eligible for Young Investigator Travel Grants. For those who have not yet paid, 2017 dues may be paid online at the AAVP web site (www.aavp.org) by clicking the "Join" or "Renew" button on the right side of the home page. If you log in to the AAVP site first, your personal information will be automatically entered on the renewal form.

If the website states that your membership expiration date is any date **prior** to Oct 1, 2017, then your membership is past due. For example:

Your membership expiration date: September-31-2017. (or earlier)
You are past due

Your membership expiration date: October-1-2017. (or later)
You are current

Be sure to click 'save' for approval of your existing information, or to approve any changes, prior to 'proceeding to checkout'. The online payment system is administered through Pay Pal, but you don't have to have a PayPal account to use the service. Simply click on the option to pay with a credit card, and you will be able to enter the information. If after entering the information you do NOT receive verification of payment, this means you likely forgot to save your information on the AAVP website, prior to proceeding to the PayPal account (so, without a confirmed charge from the AAVP, PayPal won't charge your card).

If you prefer to pay dues directly, please send a check payable to AAVP to me at the address below.

If you have questions regarding your dues or experience any difficulty with on-line dues payment please let me know and I will assist.

Members in good standing may purchase an online subscription to Veterinary Parasitology for an additional $45.00 per year.

Thank you for your continued support of AAVP.

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

62nd Annual Meeting of the AAVP – Conference Information

Message from the Program Committee

President-Elect
& Program Chair:
Dan Zarlenga

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold the 62nd Annual Meeting on July 22th - 25th in Indianapolis, IN. The meeting promises to deliver a varied, exciting, program that will bring together scientists from academia, industry, government as well as private practitioners. With the growing concerns around parasiticide resistance, vectors and vector-borne diseases, the changing regulatory environment, and the launch of many new products for the control of parasites, there has never been a better time to attend this meeting.

The 2017 Program Chair, Dante Zarlenga, and the Program Committee, Tim Geary, John Gilleard, Ray Kaplan, Doug Carithers, Jesica Jacobs, Jessica Rodriguez, and Al Marchiondo are currently assembling an excellent scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "Veterinary Parasitology; The Climate is Changing". In the literal sense, the plenary talks will focus on the effects of climate change on our abilities to study parasites of veterinary significance; in the metaphorical sense, the talks in the President's Symposium will show that the climate is right for a change in the way we study parasites. Thus, in the plenary session on Saturday, Drs. Eric Hoberg and Isabella Cattadori will discuss climate change, global warming and how these can alter the landscape of veterinary parasitology. In the President's Symposium on Tuesday, Drs. James Lok and Bruce Rosa will discuss the CRISPR/CAS 9 gene editing system and the use of genomics, proteomics and data mining, respectively, as state-of-the-art technologies that may get us a step closer to understanding and controlling parasite-driven diseases.

As has been the long practice of the AAVP, the 62nd Annual Meeting will include student presentations and a student competition. Following the system established at the 2015 annual meeting in Boston, we will again integrate all student papers into the topical session that is most appropriate. While this has and continues to present some logistical challenges for the competition and the judging, it reinforces our deep belief that the student's research should be presented along with that of other members. The program will also include presentations by recipients of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, and the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Additionally, the society will present The Distinguished Service Award to William C. "Bill" Campbell; the 2015 Nobel Prize winner in Physiology or Medicine.

As in the past, a series of excellent events are planned for the students. Special lunchtime meetings are being developed to promote student interactions with established workers in different fields of parasitology and to enhance student:student interactions. On Saturday, prior to the opening session, there will be a student "meet and greet"; on Sunday, a lunch meeting will focus on careers in parasitology; and on Monday, student officers will be elected. Efforts are in the works for a post-meeting educational and informational gathering of the students; though plans have not yet been finalized.

Sunday morning will begin with an early breakfast for old and new members of the many AAVP committees to review the past year's progress, entertain new proposals, and prepare committee reports to be presented to the AAVP membership at the business meeting on Monday. As a reminder, the committee chairs are: Archives, Tom Nolan; Awards, Lindsay Starkey, Constitution and Bylaws, Adrian Wolstenholme; Education, Antoinette Marsh; Finance, Andy Moorhead; History, Al Marchiondo; Newsletter, Frank Hurtig; Program, Dan Zarlenga; Electronic Media, Meriam Saleh; Publications/Outreach/Research, Andy DeRosa; Nominations, Ann Donoghue; Ad Hoc List Serv Manager, Bert Stromberg.

Socials will be held each evening sponsored by Bayer on Saturday night, Boehringer Ingelheim on Sunday night, and Elanco on Monday night.

Updates to the program, as it continues to develop, can be found at the AAVP web site: http://www.aavp.org/. Please note that the final program for the conference will be posted on the AAVP web site, and in the Summer Issue of the Newsletter.

The Program Committee now invites abstracts for oral presentations with a submission **deadline of May 8th, 2017**. 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 a paper or simply joining us in Indianapolis this summer.

Sincerely,

Dante Zarlenga, Program Chair and President-Elect

Registration

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the Indianapolis meeting. **Final acceptance of abstracts will be dependent on having received a completed registration by June 6, 2017**. You can register by clicking on-line at www.aavp.org, or submitting a paper copy of the registration form to the Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Doug Carithers (doug.carithers@boehringer-ingelheim.com) with the registration fee no later than June 6, 2017. On-line payments can be completed by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). Mail-in registrations (form provided at http://www.aavp.org/aavp-membership-options/) can only be paid by check.

2016 Registration Fees

Non-Members

- Early Bird registration (deadline June 6, 2017): US $350.00 (general)
- Late registration (post June 6, 2017) or on-site: US $400.00 (general) / US

Members

- Early Bird registration (deadline June 6, 2017): US $275.00 (general) / US $75.00 (student)
- Late registration (post June 6, 2017) or on-site: US $325.00 (general) / US $150.00 (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 either on line or by phone as outlined below in the "Meeting Location" section. Only members of the AAVP and fully-registered non-members will be allowed to attend the scientific sessions (guests can only attend sponsored sessions). AAVP annual membership dues are not included in the meeting registration fee, but can be paid separately during the registration process; membership will only be good through the calendar year, 2017. Also, the AAVP conference is separate and unrelated to the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) conference held concurrently in Indianapolis, IN. You will receive a confirmation of your pre-registration if received prior to June 6th. A proceedings book with abstracts, meeting badge and other information will be available for you on-site. These items will not be mailed in advance of the meeting even if you pre-register. *Students must be AAVP members to apply for an AAVP student travel grant and compete in the AAVP student award competitions*. A new AAVP member application form is provided on the AAVP website http://www.aavp.org/aavp-membership-options/.

Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: May 8, 2017

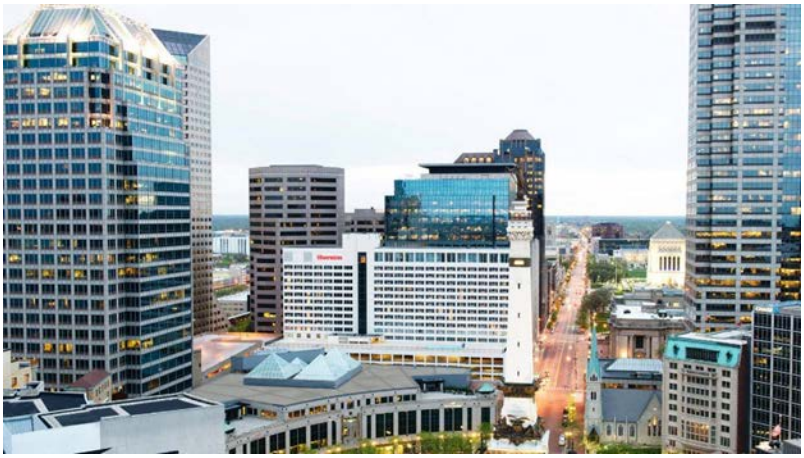
Early Bird conference registration deadline: June 6, 2017

Early Bird hotel special room rate deadline: June 29, 2017

Meeting Location: Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre, Indianapolis, Indiana

The 2017 hotel venue is:

Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre, 31 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Telephone: 317-635-2000



Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre

The Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre is located in Downtown Indianapolis central business and entertainment district. It is about a 13 minute walk from the Convention Center and near the Circle Centre Mall. You'll be able to find plenty of things to do when not listening to papers! Complimentary WIFI access is available in all guest rooms and meeting rooms. Service dogs are welcome (call with questions 317-635-2000). Self-parking is available at the hotel at a cost of $25 per day, $34 daily for valet. Please note that The Sheraton does not have its own airport shuttle. Public shuttle service is available to and from the Indianapolis International Airport courtesy of Go Express Travel 'Go Green Line'. The shuttle, which picks up and drops off in front of the hotel, operates every 30 minutes from 8:00am to 11:00pm daily. A $10.00 charge each way does apply to shuttle service; cash & major credit cards are accepted. For additional information, visit the Go Green Line website (http://www.bloomingtonshuttle.com/indy_express).

CLICK HERE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION

Traveling to Indianapolis and Directions to the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel

Hotel Reservations: *reduced rate until June 29, 2017*

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.
2. Copy and paste the following link into a web browser: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1703178706&key=2781897A There you will be able to book and hold your reservation with a credit card.
3. Call The Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, 31 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 at 1-888-627-8186 (US/Canada Toll free number) or +1-317-635-2000 (International number). Inform the reservation agent that you are attending the AAVP 2017 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 **$159.00 (Single/Dbl), $169 (Triple), $179 (Quad occupancy) + tax.** This includes complimentary regular speed WIFI access within guest rooms. Children under 18 years of age may stay for free in their parents' room. 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 29, 2017. After that date, the unreserved room block will be released, and the special conference reduced rate will expire. Note: should you choose to arrive at the Hotel earlier and/or depart later than the conference dates, you will be subject to non-contract room rates before and/or after the conference. Making these types of reservations cannot be done electronically. You must phone the hotel and make reservations for your entire stay. You will receive the contracted rate during the

meeting dates. For more information about Indianapolis see the Visit Indy web site (https://www.visitindy.com/).

Students
Students seeking more information about student activities or looking for room share should contact Jesica Jacobs (jesica.rae.jacobs@emory.edu) or Jessica Rodriguez (jyrodriguez@cvm.tamu.edu), or post on the Student Chapters of The AAVP Facebook page.

Scientific Program

The 2017 program continues with many of the previous approaches which we believe will enhance an already fun and informative veterinary parasitology meeting. **Attendees beware:** given there are no less than 150 paid registrants, it is a physical impossibility to accommodate the temperature wishes of each. This has been and continues to be a key complaint in the annual reviews of the meeting. Last year there were nearly as many complaints for "too cold" as there were for "too warm." To enjoy the event, the smart play is to "layer up" and bring outerwear that can be easily removed.

Immediately following the President's opening remarks on **Saturday afternoon**, the plenary session will open with a symposium on 'Climate Change'. This will culminate with the presentation of "The Distinguished Service Award" to William C. Campbell who will regale us with one of his many thought provoking and pleasurable talks.

Following the plenary session and ensuing coffee break, presentations will be made by this year's recipient of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and the winner of the 2017 AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. The day's activities will culminate with a symposium sponsored by Bayer and the Bayer Social.

Sunday morning begins with meetings of the AAVP committees; breakfast will be provided. The scientific sessions will begin mid-morning at the completion of the committee meetings. The day will conclude with a symposium by Boehringer Ingelheim and the Boehringer Ingelheim Social.

Monday morning will begin with scientific presentations followed by the AAVP Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in the second half of the morning. Thereafter, scientific presentations will continue for the rest of the day. This will be followed by a meeting of the ACVM Parasitology Diplomats. The day's festivities will come to a close with the Elanco symposium and Elanco Social.

Tuesday morning starts with the President's Symposium, and will focus on state-of-the-art approaches to studying parasites. The morning will conclude with a session devoted to AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions.

Throughout the meeting there will be plenty of opportunities for you to share and to learn about results of research from a variety of veterinary parasitology laboratories. And, of course, there are the outstanding social events! A preliminary schedule of events is provided below:

Saturday, July 22	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:	Student Chapter Report / Student Meet & Greet
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM:	Welcome and Plenary Session
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:	AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Bayer Event - Welcoming Reception

Sunday, July 23	
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM:	AAVP Committee Meetings (with breakfast)
8:30 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 – 1:00 PM:	Lunch on your own / AAVP Student Lunch: Careers in Parasitology
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Boehringer Ingelheim Event

Monday, July 24	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	On-site Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP Business Meeting /Awards Ceremony
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:	Lunch on your own / AAVP Graduate Student Luncheon & Elections
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Elanco Event

Tuesday July 25	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	AAVP President's Symposium
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP-NCVP Parasitology Clicker Cases

Please note: the conference program is still in development. The final program will be posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org) on June 26, 2017

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. Audience microphones will **not** be available this year so repeating the question is imperative. Monitors will not be on the podiums this year.

Student presentations will be grouped together as much as possible to provide a low pressure environment for presenting and to allow the judges of the student competition to attend all presentations with minimal conflicts. A speaker ready room will not be available. Use good judgement in the selection of colors, fonts and image size. If you must preface a slide with "…You probably can't see this…" or "…This may be hard to see …" then it should not be in your presentation. Expect that room lights will be on at least midway in the meeting room.

As in the past several years, a "green…yellow…red" light system will be placed on each podium to provide speakers with notices of the time remaining for their talk. When the light turns red, the microphone and slides will be turned off. Seems cruel, but it has been a remarkable asset to keeping the sessions on time.

Audiovisual Support

Electronic presentations on commonly-used portable media (memory stick/USB JumpDrive, 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 and in the designated session prior to the start of your session. Sufficient time (30 minutes) is provided between sessions that include successive papers to accomplish this task. Please plan to load and, if time permits, quickly view your presentation during this time. Do not plan to load your talk when you reach the podium to present.

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 will NOT be available.

Abstract Submission

AAVP has a new abstract submission system for 2017 called CATALYST, so credentials and login information used in 2016 will not be recognized. A new Registration is required and can be performed when 'Creating a Submission.'

Creating a submission:

1. Click on the link below to create a submission.
   https://catalyst.omnipress.com/#collection/106/submission
2. Click on the "***Register***" tab.
3. Enter your email address, password and confirm password.
4. Click the "***Sign up***" button. (An email will be sent to you)
5. Click on the turquoise button in your email labeled, "***Confirm Account.***"
6. You will receive an email to 'now log in.'
7. Once logged in, a turquoise box will pop up at the top of your screen indicating you have created a submission.
8. Read the Information tab.
9. Complete all the required fields on all the tabs.
10. Click "***Save***," on the bottom right of your screen after you complete each tab.
11. Click on the "***Publish***" button on the bottom right of your screen when you are ready to submit your abstract.
12. You will immediately receive a confirmation email that your submission was successful. If unsuccessful, click "***Support***" at the top of the site (or "***Site Support***" for sign in issues) to submit a 'support ticket.'

As in previous years, the word limit for abstract text (excluding author names and addresses) is **300**. Abstracts may not contain tables. Abstracts should not be hypothetical in nature and should contain reference to real data. The submission portal allows you to submit an abstract and make changes until 11:00 PM on May 8th, so no need to wait until the last second to upload your abstract! You will likely find it easiest to compose your abstract in a Word file then, once finalized, transfer (cut-and-paste) the title and abstract to the appropriate text boxes. Presenters will be notified before the early registration deadline (June 6th) as to whether or not their abstracts have been accepted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Chair, Dan Zarlenga at dante.zarlenga@ars.usda.gov or 301-504-8754. 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 by June 6th.

Students:

If you wish to apply for a Young Investigator Travel Grant, the required forms are posted here and are also available when you enter your abstract information. Final submission of your abstract will take place after you have uploaded the required forms on the abstract submission web site. If you have any questions, please contact Jesica Jacobs (jesica.rae.jacobs@emory.edu) or Jessica Rodriguez (jyrodriguez@cvm.tamu.edu).

Abstract submission web site opens March 20, and closes May 8, 2017

Registration deadline for authors June 6, 2017

Awards and Travel Grants

AAVP Achievement Awards

Information on the AAVP achievement awards can be found on the AAVP website and in this Newsletter.

The awards committee is now accepting nominations for the following achievement awards:

- **AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award**
- **AAVP Distinguished Service Award**
- **AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award**
- **AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease**

AAVP-Bayer Best Student Oral Presentation Award / AAVP-Elanco Poster Presentation Award

The awards are given to undergraduate/graduate/veterinary students who compete successfully in the Student Presentation competition. All students who submit applications for the AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants should indicate on the Annual Meeting web site if they wish to be part of the Best Student Presentation competition. Students who do not apply for a Young Investigator Travel Grant but wish to compete for the Best Student Presentation Awards should do likewise. Judges at the meeting will use the checklist available below to help rate the presentations. The Awards Committee will offer awards to students that present their own research. In 2017, three Oral presentation awards will be cash prizes sponsored by Bayer Animal Health; likewise, two Poster awards will be cash prizes sponsored by Elanco.

Student Oral Presentation Award Judging Check List

AAVP Student Presentation Award C

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 and in a training role (e.g. postdoctoral program) are also eligible for this award. Students must be an AAVP member in good standing (i.e., have paid 2017 dues by May 8, 2017) to be eligible for this award. Submission of both an application for a Travel Grant and an acceptable abstract, are required for this award. Please note that 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 (and encouraged) 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. YITG Application

AAVP Student Chapter Delegate Travel Grants

This award will be offered to **one (1) 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 also be required to submit a YITG application, **being sure to denote on the form that they are a student delegate**, 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 (May 8, 2017); the application form is 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 AAVP Student Chapters at the Annual Conference. This is the 2nd year this award has been offered.

Summary of Important Dates

March 20:	Conference web site opens for submission of abstracts
May 8:	Deadline for submission of abstracts
June 6:	Deadline for payment of Early Bird Registration fee
June 26:	Conference program posted on AAVP web site and June Newsletter
June 29:	Deadline for payment of Early Bird hotel room rate at The Sheraton City Centre
July 22-25:	Conference in Indianapolis

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:

Term Ends	
2017	Ann Donoghue, Chair Mason Reichard
2018	Mike Dryden Alexa Rosypal von Dohlen
2019	Sheila Mitchell Tom Nolan

The committee is charged with developing the ballot for election of officers and members of the Nominating Committee.

Each year a new Vice President and 2 new Nominating Committee members are elected, and every 2 years a new Secretary/Treasurer is elected.

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. This year there are 2 nominees for Vice President, 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	Nominating Committee
Mason Reichard	Alice Houk-Miles
Joe Camp	Joyce Login
	Araceli Lucio-Forster
	Ashley McGrew
	Meriam Selah

Doug Carithers will complete his term as Secretary/Treasurer this year. We are soliciting for persons with an interest in the Secretary/Treasurer position to contact me (Ann Donoghue) or any officer. We would like interested persons to shadow Doug this year in order to have some prior knowledge of the requirements of the office prior to taking over in 2018. If you are the least bit interested, please let me know!

Nominee Biographies

Nominees for Vice President

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

Joseph W. Camp, Jr.

Education:
B.S. Biology; Illinois State University, 1974
M.S. Biology/Parasitology, Illinois State University, 1977
Ph.D. Parasitology; Wake Forest University, 1980

Professional Experience
Professor of Veterinary Parasitology, Dept. of Comparative Pathobiology, Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine, 2003-present
Associate Director/Director, Diagnostic Parasitology Laboratory, Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine, 2003-2013
Secretary of Faculties, Office of the Provost, Purdue University, 2003-present
Acting Chair Biology/Chemistry Department, Purdue University North Central (PUNC), 2002-2003
Director of the Purdue University North Central Biological Sciences Field Station, 2000- 2002
Professor of Biological Sciences, 1999-2003, Department of Biology, PUNC
Associate Professor, 1990-1999, Department of Biology, PUNC
Assistant Professor, 1985-1990, Department of Biology, PUNC
Assistant Professor, 1983-1985, Mundelein College
Assistant Professor, 1982-1983, Alice Lloyd College
Lecturer, 1982, Illinois Benedictine College
Postdoctoral Research Assistant, 1980-81, University of Puerto Rico, Immunoparasitology

Additional Professional Experience
Coordinator of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine Animal Health/Hatch Grants, 2006-2009
Secretary of the Purdue University Senate, 2003-present
Parliamentarian of the Purdue University Senate, 2003-present

Professional Organizations
AAVP
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee through 2018
- Awards Committee through 2018

American Society of Parasitologists
- Chair of the Site Selection Committee

Annual Midwest Conference of Parasitologists (have served on various committees)
Helminthological Society of Washington
Indiana Academy of Science
Phi Zeta Omicron Chapter
- Treasurer 2008-2013

AAAS
Sigma Xi

Research Interests
Characterization of the proteome of cultured *Sarcocystis neurona*, the causative agent of equine protozoal myeloencephalitis (EPM); prevalence and intensity of infection with gastrointestinal nematodes of New World camelids; resistance of New World camelid gastrointestinal nematodes to anthelmintics; parasites of freshwater fishes

Awards & Honors
Outstanding Graduate Student, Biology Department, Wake Forest University, 1979; Outstanding Undergraduate Science Teaching Award, Purdue University North Central, 1993 and 1999.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Alice Houk-Miles

Education:
PhD – Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences - Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, VA – 2015
MPH – Infectious Diseases – Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, VA – 2014
BS – Biological Sciences (Major) and International Studies (Minor) – Virginia Tech – 2010

Current position:
Research Scientist – TechLab, Inc., Blacksburg, VA

Professional Experience:
Research Scientist – TechLab, Inc., Blacksburg, VA – 2016-Present
Co-Investigator/Research Grant – Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM), Blacksburg, VA – 2014-2015
Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant – Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases, VMCVM, Blacksburg, VA – 2010-2015
MPH Practicum –VMCVM, Blacksburg, VA – 2012-2014

Research Experience/Interests:
Zoonotic Parasitic Diseases, Veterinary Diagnostics, Public Health

Teaching:
Guest Lecturer – Department of Population Health Sciences, VMCVM, Blacksburg, VA – 2014-2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, VMCVM, Blacksburg, VA - 2010-2015

Memberships/Committee Service (AAVP and others):
Member – American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) – 2010-Present
    Committee Member; Electronic Media Committee – 2016
    Graduate Student Representative – 2010-2012
Member – Southeastern Society of Parasitologists (SSP) – 2010-2015
    Co-chair – Local Arrangements Committee, SSP Annual Meeting – 2015
Member – American Society of Parasitologists – 2010-2014
Secretary – VMCVM Graduate Student Assembly – 2013-2014
Student Coordinator – VMCVM Research in Progress Seminar – 2013

Awards/Honors:
Bayer Animal Health Best Student Paper Presentation Honorable Mention – AAVP Annual Meeting – 2013 & 2015
Byrd-Dunn Graduate Student Presentation Award- SSP Annual Meeting Meeting – 2013
Second Place Award for Oral Presentation – Annual Virginia Tech Graduate Research Symposium – 2013
AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant – 2010-2015

Joyce Login

Dr. Login received a BS degree in Animal Science from the University of Massachusetts in 1984, and then attended The Ohio State University where she was awarded her DVM degree in 1988.

Upon graduation, she returned to her roots and practiced veterinary medicine at a small animal practice in New Jersey. In 1992 she left private practice to embark on a career in animal health nutrition and pharmaceuticals. Over the last 25 years, Dr. Login has had the opportunity to work for many different outstanding companies, gaining valuable knowledge from each experience. She has worked as a professional services veterinarian at Hill's Pet Nutrition, Mallinckrodt Veterinary, Novartis Animal Health and then Bayer Animal Health before joining Pfizer Animal Health, now Zoetis, in 2010. Her first position at Zoetis was as a Regional Strategic Veterinarian, where she consulted with specialists at private referral hospitals and Colleges of Veterinary Medicine. Currently Dr. Login is the Senior Manager in Veterinary Specialty Operations, supporting the parasiticide line of products.

Over the course of her career, she has participated in many organizations with memberships in AVMA, AAHA, NJVMA, AAVP, AAIV (Association of Industrial Veterinarians), IVAPM (International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management, AAFP (Assoc. of Feline Practitioners) and AHS. She was the Secretary of the AAIV and held board positions with CAPC, NCVP and CATalyst Council and is currently on the AAVP Education Committee.

She has a deep interest in the areas of infectious diseases, and in particular vector-borne diseases. In addition, she also has a passion for communication and leadership training. Joyce has been certified in the FRANK Communication program and DiSC, as well as the Bayer Communication Project, and has conducted many training workshops over years. In addition, she has obtained a Meyers Briggs certification.

Araceli Lucio-Forster

Dr. Lucio-Forster earned her PhD in Microbiology from Cornell University in 2007 where she studied zoonotic waterborne and soil-transmitted parasites under the tutelage of Dr. Dwight D. Bowman. After graduation, she accepted a position as Teaching Support Specialist in Cornell's Department of Microbiology and Immunology, a position she still currently holds. Her main focus has been in teaching Clinical Diagnostic Parasitology to 3rd and 4th year veterinary students. She is a co-instructor in the courses Wildlife Parasitology and Parasites as Literary Protagonists, and an invited lecturer in General, Medical and Veterinary Parasitology, Paleoparasitology, Swine Management, and Sheep and Goat Medicine Lab courses. Araceli was also recently involved in the development and registration of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine's Master in Professional Studies - Veterinary Sciences, and is one of the lecturers involved in this unique program designed for individuals who seek to enhance their careers with specialized professional training in Veterinary Parasitology.

Araceli's main research interests are in parasite identification, diagnostic methods, and education. She authored a number of manuscripts on parasite detection and identification, and is currently working on chapters for the new editions of Infectious Disease Management in Animal Shelters, Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat, and Georgis' Parasitology for Veterinarians. She is a member of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (where she is currently serving on the Education Committee for a second time), the International Society of Protistologists, and the Helminthological Society of Washington. Araceli is an Honorary Member of the Cornell University Chapter of the Society of Phi Zeta.

Ashley McGrew

Dr. McGrew has been a member of the AAVP since 2008. She is on faculty at Colorado State University, and enjoys pursuing her passions in teaching and marine parasitology diagnostics. She currently serves as head of the Parasitology section in the CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories. In 2015, Dr. McGrew passed the Parasitology board exams and is now a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (Parasitology).

Education:
DVM, Colorado State University (2013); PhD, Colorado State University (2011)**;** BS, Biological Sciences, University of Northern Colorado (2004)

Professional Experience:
Assistant Professor, Special Appointment, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, CSU (November 2016 – present); Instructor, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, CSU (Jan 2015 – Oct 2016); Postdoctoral Fellow, CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories, Parasitology Section (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 serves as Instructor for *Parasitology and Vector Biology*, and *World of Parasites* (undergraduate courses); co-teaches Diagnostic Veterinary Parasitology rotations (Professional Veterinary Medical program)

Research Interests:
Marine parasitology diagnostics, host/toxicant/parasite interactions, anthelmintic resistance in cattle, mercury exposure in helminths of gray wolves and marine mammals, Walleye Dermal Sarcoma Virus/NF-kb signaling**,** immunophenotyping in bottlenose dolphins

Service:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP): Education, Finance and Historian Committees (2015 – present), 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)

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)

Meriam Saleh

Education:
BS (Animal Science), University of Tennessee, May 2011
MPH (Infectious Disease), Virginia Tech, Expected May 2017
PhD (Biomedical & Veterinary Sciences), Virginia Tech. Expected July 2017

Current Position:
Research and Teaching Assistant, Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech.

Research Interests:
Giardia diagnostics and assemblages present in companion animals, parasitology diagnostics, zoonotic parasites

Teaching Experience:
Zoonoses and Infectious Diseases (Pop Health Sci 5304), Virginia Tech, Guest Lecturer: Spring 2015, 2014
Introductory Parasitology (Biol 3454), Virginia Tech, Guest Lecturer/Teaching Assistant: Spring 2017, Fall 2015, 2014, 2012
Veterinary Parasitology (Vet Med 8324), Virginia Tech, Teaching Assistant: Fall 2016, Spring 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

Professional Memberships and Service:
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, AAVP (2012-Present)
- Executive Board Student Representative (2014-2016)
- Electronic Media Committee (2016-Present)

University of Tennessee Young Alumni Council (2014-Present)
- Membership Committee Co-Chair (2015-Present)

Helminthological Society of Washington (2016-Present)
American Society of Parasitologists (2012-Present)
Southeastern Society of Parasitologists (2012-Present)
Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences Graduate Student Assembly (2012-Present)
- President (2013-2014), Vice-President (2012-2013)

Awards/Honors:
Outstanding PhD Poster 26th Annual Research Symposium, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (2016)
AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
Honorable Mention in the Student Presentation Competition, AAVP meeting (2013, 2014)
University of Tennessee Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EUReCA) Award Winner, 2011

Announcements

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

62nd Meeting: 21-25 July 2017 – Indianapolis, IN
63rd Meeting: 13-17 July 2018 – Denver, CO
64th Meeting: 7-11 July 2019 – Madison, WI (joint conference with WAAVP and LIWC)

Australian Society for Parasitology (ASP) 2017

The 2017 ASP Annual Conference will be held June 26 – 29, 2017 in Leura, NSW, Australia. ASP

American Society of Parasitologists 2017

The 92nd annual meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held June 27 – July 1, 2017 at the Hilton Palacio del Rio, San Antonio, Texas, USA. American Society of Parasitologists

International Conference on Parasitology 2017

The 4th International Conference on Parasitology will be held September 1 – 2, 2017 at the Courtyard by Marriott Prague Airport, Prague, Czech Republic. International Conference on Parasitology

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/

International Conference on Parasitology and Infectious Diseases 2017

The International Conference on Parasitology and Infectious Diseases will be held September 21 – 22, 2017 at Skukuza in Kruger National Park, South Africa. Int'l Congress on Parasites of Wildlife

3rd International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife 2017

The 3rd International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife will be held September 24 – 27, 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton, Northshore Conf. Center, Chicago, Illinois, USA. ICZ&MP

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2017

The 66th annual meeting of ASTMH will be held November 5-9, 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. http://www.astmh.org/annual-meeting.

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2017

The 2017 CRWAD meeting will be December 3 – 5, 2017 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/

International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA) 2018

The XIV International Congress of Parasitology will be held August 19 – 23, 2018 in Daegu, South Korea. ICOPA

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Fall 2017	October 20, 2017
Spring 2018	February 18, 2018

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.