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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
John Gilleard

Dear AAVP Colleagues,

Greetings from our spring newsletter being circulated in the depth of Winter! Many thanks to Frank Hurtig for pulling this together in timely fashion once again. The mid-year meeting of the AAVP executive committee was in Snowbird, Utah on February 11th where we checked out the venue and logistics for the 2020 AAVP annual meeting. It looks like a fantastic location but more of that later. Our new secretary/treasurer Dr. Adriano Vatta did an excellent job organizing the meeting and provided us with an update on membership renewals in 2019. At the last count we were still over 60 members short of those expected to renew membership. Membership fees are the main source of our annual operating budget and so I encourage all who have not yet renewed membership to do so as soon as possible, even if you are not attending the joint WAAVP/AAVP/LIWC meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. The new membership renewal process on the AAVP website, explained later in this newsletter by Adriano, is now very quick and simple.

Our discussions of the budget also highlighted that the association needs to identify ways of increasing its revenue in order to provide sustainability and support various activities. This will be a subject of ongoing discussion by the executive committee over the coming months.

The joint WAAVP/AAVP/LIWC meeting July 7th-11th 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin will be an excellent opportunity for AAVP members to interact with the wider international veterinary parasitology community. There will inevitably be some logistical challenges compared to our normal AAVP annual meeting activities which our representatives on the organizing committee, Dr. Mason Reichard and Dr. Al Marchiondo, are working on. So look out for updates on the timings of the various AAVP committee and student meetings as well as the AAVP business meeting as the WAAVP/AAVP/LIWC program gets finalized. Student travel awards are available through the meeting website and our awards committee chair Lindsay Starkey is working closely with the conference organizing committee on joint WAAVP/AAVP/LIWC student oral and poster presentation awards at the meeting.

Our annual AAVP meeting in 2020 will not be located alongside the AVMA meeting and this has allowed us to choose a particularly exciting, as well as cost-effective, venue, Snowbird, Utah, on June 20th -23rd 2020. We undertook a site visit at the mid-year meeting to start to plan the logistics. It is a spectacular location and the hotel venue provides excellent meeting spaces, accommodation and ambiance which I am sure the membership will enjoy. Dr. Doug Carithers, the program chair, is working

Members of the AAVP Executive Committee at the 2019 mid-year meeting in Snowbird, Utah.
Back row: Adriano Vatta, Dan Zarlenga, Doug Carithers, Mason Reichard, Al Marchiondo. *Front row:* John Gilleard, Ashley Steuer, Grace Vanhoy.

hard on what already has all the makings of a really excellent meeting.

Sneek-a-Peek of the venue for the 2020 AAVP annual meeting, Snowbird, Utah

The AAVP continues to be a vibrant association and the engagement of our student members in particular, who cover the full spectrum of veterinary parasitology, bodes well for the future. Our student representatives on the executive committee, Ashley Steuer and Grace Vanhoy, are doing a great job and have some interesting initiatives in the pipeline which I will let them communicate in due course. However, it is important that AAVP continues to develop both its membership numbers and its influence in the wider veterinary and scientific communities. Dr. Tim Geary, during his presidential term, identified that there are still a number of veterinary schools and other relevant institutions that have little or no involvement with AAVP. The executive committee plan to specifically reach out to individuals at such institutions to encourage their engagement and attendance at the 2020 annual meeting. All our members are encouraged to do the same with people in their own professional networks so that together we can continue to build the profile and relevance of our association.

Our Nominating Committee, chaired by Sheila Mitchell, has come up with some outstanding nominees for vice-president and for the nomination committee. Their biographies are presented in this newsletter and I encourage all members to exercise their vote. These individuals will play an important role in shaping the future success of AAVP.

Also a note of thanks to all our committee chairs and members for their continued efforts. A special shout out to Meriam Saleh, chair of our Electronic Media committee, for her continued excellent work on our new improved website, and also Jessica Rodriguez for stepping up and taking over the AAVP Twitter account. She is doing a great job of increasing the AAVP profile on that social media platform and I encourage you to follow the account!

Best wishes to all AAVP members for the remainder of the winter and the (hopefully) impending spring.

John Gilleard, AAVP President
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From the Secretary/Treasurer

2019 AAVP Membership Dues

Adriano Vatta
Secretary/Treasurer

Thank you to all those who have paid their dues for 2019 (or beyond)! AAVP membership has been on a calendar-year basis for a number of years now, and the renewal period for membership for 2019 was from October 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019. If you did not renew your membership by January 31, 2019, you will now have lost your membership privileges.

The good news is that you can easily regain those privileges by renewing online! Also, **having an up-to-date membership with the AAVP is one of the ways to obtain a lower registration fee for the 2019 WAAVP conference**.

Annual dues for regular members are $75.00 per year and $30.00 per year for students. **Dues may be paid online** by clicking on the "Membership" tab at the top of the AAVP web page (https://www.aavp.org) and then clicking "Join / Renew". If you login to the site before clicking "Join / Renew", your personal information will be prepopulated on the renewal form.

The AAVP website is now a secure site and you may pay your dues without leaving the site. With the change, there have been some teething problems. If you are experiencing problems with the payment of your dues online or need a receipt, please contact me.

If you prefer to pay your dues by check, please mail a check payable to AAVP to me at the address below.

Members who are in good standing may purchase an online subscription to *Veterinary Parasitology* for an additional $50.00 per year. The subscription will be valid for calendar year 2019, and the link for payment of the subscription is also to be found on the "Membership" tab of the AAVP website.

Thank you for continuing to support the AAVP! We rely on your dues to keep the society working.

Dues Reminder
Deadline for payment
WAS:
January 31, 2019
Pay online at:
https://www.aavp.org

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Submitted by Dr. Adriano Vatta, Secretary/Treasurer, AAVP.

Joint WAAVP 27th Conference / AAVP 64th Annual Meeting 2019 – Madison, WI

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold its 64th Annual Meeting from July 7–11, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin. This conference is sure to be exciting, stimulating, and diverse as it will be a joint meeting with the 27th Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology and the Livestock Insect Workers Conference (LIWC; 62nd Annual Meeting). Veterinary parasitologists and others from around the world will meet at the Monona Terrace Convention Center located in Madison, Wisconsin. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Monona Terrace is a convention center like no other featuring modern conference amenities along with a 68,000 square-foot rooftop garden overlooking Lake Monona in the heart of Madison. The Local Organizing Committee and the WAAVP conference partner, ICS, have the venue in order, the Scientific Committee is reviewing abstracts and we have placed our order for perfect summer weather for next July! Check out the WAAVP Conference website for complete information on the meeting.

Make your plans early. Key dates and deadlines will occur earlier in the year compared to previous annual conferences. Important dates include:

Abstract Submission Deadline:	**February 22, 2019**
Scholarship and Travel Grant Submission Deadline:	**February 15, 2019**
Early Bird Registration Deadline:	**April 26, 2019**

Students should take note of the significant difference in registration fees provided by early registration. Please check the website for all of the possible scholarship and travel support options that are available.

We will begin promptly at 1PM Sunday, 7 July at the Monona Terrace Convention Center on Lake Monona in downtown Madison. The Opening Ceremony will be a celebration of the rich heritage of the Upper Midwest and Wisconsin, and the educational legacy of Professor Arlie C. Todd, to whom the meeting is dedicated. The Keynote presentations with the theme of "Demystifying One Health: Sifting and Winnowing the Role of Veterinary Parasitology" by Professors Tammi Krecek, Peter Rabinowitz and Patricia Conrad will set the tone for the sessions to follow. There will be a Welcoming Reception Sunday evening sponsored by Bayer Animal Health on the Terrace of the venue, with beautiful views of the city and the lake.

Plenary sessions during the conference will address the topics of "Evolving Approaches to Drug Discovery", "Genes and Genomics in Parasite Control", "Leishmaniasis, Leishvet and One Health" and an evolving plenary yet to be titled. More to come.

Each day will start with a sponsored breakfast, followed by a plenary and concurrent sessions, interrupted by lunch sessions and daily opportunities for extended viewing of posters. The evenings will feature presentations by sponsors with information on the application of veterinary parasitology to the real world. For those who wish to experience Madison's vibe as a true outdoor venue and see the sights firsthand, there will be a Fun Run on Wednesday morning. Bring your shoes, we will provide the water bottles!

The Conference will come to a close on Thursday evening with a gala celebration at the nearby Overture Hall, an architecturally beautiful venue for great food, music and dancing.

Come early to play in the summertime of Wisconsin or stay after the meeting to enjoy the culture, food and the great scenery of the Midwest. Summer truly was invented as a way to enjoy Wisconsin.

Mason Reichard, AAVP President Elect and Conference Program Chair
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Student Delegates Update

Hello everyone! The next few years are shaping to be exciting ones for the student chapter! Your student delegates have been working with the executive committee to bring you updates for the 2019 Joint WAAVP/AAVP/LWIC meeting as well as plans for the 2020 AAVP meeting.

For travel funding for the 2019 joint meeting, please fill out the student travel award form that's part of the WAAVP abstract submission process. They will be awarding student travel grants for up to $500. Make sure you have a proof of student status when submitting. The abstract deadline has been extended through February 22nd, 2019.

If you need assistance finding a roommate, please fill out the following form: AAVP Roommate Matching Questionnaire. We will help you try to match with others, as we have done previously. There are also plans to hold student elections during the WAAVP meeting. Please stay tuned for specific times and details when the WAAVP program is updated! We look forward to seeing you then!

Ashley Steuer & Grace Vanhoy

Student Delegates: Please submit your chapter reports by April 1st, 2019. Reports for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 will be given at the AAVP 2020 meeting in Salt Lake City. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Finally, the next AAVP student trip will be held at the 2020 Salt Lake City meeting. Please stay tuned for updates!

Thanks all and see you in July!

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Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Steuer & Grace Vanhoy

2019 AAVP Educators Symposium – Save the Date

Drs. Heather Stockdale Walden (UF) plus Andy Moorhead (UGA) will be coordinating and hosting the 2019 Educators Symposium at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida on December 20, 2019.

Arrival in Gainesville should be planned for Thursday, December 19 staying at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center. There will be a meet and greet that evening. Friday morning (Dec. 20th), participants will be shuttled to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Hospital and we will have the full day meeting there. Breakfast is provided with the room. Lunch will be catered at UFCVM. Dinner will be in Gainesville Friday night, we will be shuttled to/from the restaurant. Guests may leave on their own Saturday morning, Dec. 21st.

Sponsored by the Companion Animal Parasite Council

Respectfully submitted by: *Heather Walden, Andy Moorhead and Antoinette Marsh*

AAVP Student Award for Parasitology at CRWAD 2018

The AAVP again presented a Student Research Award for the best student presentation in parasitology at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD), held at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois, December 1-4, 2018. The award is made to an attendee enrolled in a graduate program or post-doctoral training program at the time of their presentation. Eligible presentations include those on topics related to vector-borne and parasitic diseases spanning from endoparasites to ectoparasites and the impact of parasites on animal or human health. The winner of the 2018 award was Kyle Hoffman from the University of Missouri. The title of his presentation was: “Sequence of a novel *Anaplasma marginale* genome determined with next generation PacBio sequencing technology.” The award was a check for $100.00.

Submitted by Dr. Adriano Vatta, Secretary/Treasurer, AAVP.

Proposed Amendments To The AAVP By-Laws

Summary of Proposed By-Laws Changes

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee met during the 2018 AAVP Conference and reviewed recommendations from the AAVP Executive Board for three changes to the By-Laws. This Committee now brings those proposed changes to the AAVP Membership for consideration and official voting during the 2019 Conference of AAVP. The three proposed changes are:

1. Abolish the Past Presidents Committee and reassign duties to the Outreach, Publications and Research Committee and to the Executive Committee.
2. Dissolve the Newsletter/Editorial Board Committee and add the Editor and Assistant Editor as named positions in the Electronic Media Committee.
3. Add authorization for the Executive Committee, working with the Secretary Treasurer and, when possible, an event planner, to identify sites/venues for the annual AAVP meeting.

These proposed changes are noted with strikethrough (indicating proposed deletions) and yellow highlight (indicating proposed additions) in the following:

By-Laws of The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists

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

a. Elected Committees:

- Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall present the annual ballot of officers and Nominating Committee nominees to the membership in the February AAVP Newsletter. Members of this committee cannot serve consecutive terms. This committee shall consist of six (6) members elected by the membership for staggered, three-year terms. Five (5) nominees shall be presented to the membership for each election. The Nominating Committee's ballot shall be accompanied by biographical sketches of all nominees. Two (2) nominees receiving the most votes will be elected to the committee.

b. Appointed Committees:

- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee shall audit the Association's financial records at the annual meeting. The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President for three-year, staggered terms.
- **Program Committee:** The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning and implementing the program to be presented at each annual meeting of the Association and all other programs sponsored by the Association. The chairperson will be the Vice President-elect of the Association and the vice-chairperson will be the Vice President of the Association. The committee members shall be appointed by the chairperson on an annual basis and shall consist of the number of members deemed appropriate by its chairperson.
- **Archivist:** The archivist shall be appointed by the President and shall be responsible for the safe retention of all non-current records of the Association.
- **Ad Hoc Committees:** Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee, as deemed necessary.

c. Standing Committees:

- **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 be responsible for identifying other scientific organizations with interests that overlap those of the AAVP for possible joint meetings.** 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.

- **Education Committee:** The Education Committee shall foster interchange between veterinary parasitologists and assist in any way the enhancement of teaching parasitology in general and veterinary parasitology in particular.
- **Awards Committee:** As appropriate, the Awards Committee shall recommend persons for honorary membership, and select individuals to receive the Association's Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist award and other awards as deemed appropriate by the Association.
- **Constitution/By-Laws Committee:** The Constitution/By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws on an annual basis and recommend changes to the Executive Committee.
- **Electronic Media Committee:** The Electronic Media (EM) Committee shall be responsible for the dissemination and distribution of all non-paper communications from the Association to the membership. As such, the 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. However, it is recognized that, by design, posts allow for individual expression. Thus, where possible, the following disclaimer will be associated with posts: “These opinions have not been evaluated for accuracy by the AAVP”. 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. **The Editor and Assistant Editor of the Newsletter are named positions in the EM Committee. The Editor and Assistant Editor are responsible for the AAVP Newsletter, which shall be published electronically by the Publications/Internet Committee, three (3) times a year on the AAVP website with a post-conference issue in the fall, a winter issue including candidates for elections and a pre-conference issue approximately one month before the annual conference.**

- ~~**Newsletter/Editorial Board Committee:** The Newsletter/Editorial Board Committee shall be responsible for the AAVP Newsletter, which shall be published electronically, by the Publications/Internet Committee, three (3) times a year on the AAVP website with a post-conference issue in the fall, a winter issue including candidates for elections and a pre-conference issue approximately one month before the annual conference.~~
- **Student Committee:** The Student Committee shall help to increase communication and the exchange of information, ideas and fellowship among all student members and the AAVP membership, and work to promote and foster attendance and participation of students at the annual AAVP meeting.
- ~~**Past President's Committee:** The Past President's Committee shall consist of the three most recent past-presidents. The Committee shall be responsible for identification of potential organizations for possible joint meetings with AAVP. The Committee shall also be responsible to work with the Secretary-Treasurer in identification of meeting sites/venues.~~

2. The annual **dues** of the association are $75.00 (students $30.00). To be a member in good standing, annual dues are due not later than January 31st in that calendar year for any year. When dues are in arrears, the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the delinquent member of the Association's intention to remove his or her name from the membership roll. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the membership concerning changes in dues amounts.
3. **The Executive Committee shall work with the Secretary-Treasurer and, when possible, an event planner in identifying sites/venues for the annual AAVP meeting.** The **Annual Meeting** of the Association may be held in conjunction with the annual AVMA convention.
4. The **Business Meeting** of the Association at the annual meeting shall use Robert's Rules of Order in conducting business.
5. **ByLaws changes**: Two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary to approve changes in the By-laws, provided a quorum is present.
6. **Student Chapters**

   Student chapters of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists may be formed at any College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as other colleges and universities, in North America. Application for AAVP student chapter status will be made in accordance with the AAVP student chapter guidelines and the AAVP student chapter constitution.

Revised 8/94, Revised 3/05, Revised 7/07, Revised 07/10, Revised 08/12, Revised 7/17

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Camp, Chair, Constitution and By-laws Committee

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Sheila Mitchell, Chair
Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is made up of 6 members with 3-year staggered membership. The current committee consists of:

Term Ends	Members
2019	**Sheila Mitchell** (Chair) Tom Nolan
2020	Joyce Login Ashley McGrew
2021	Yoko Nagamori Lindsay Starkey

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 (next in 2020).

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
Chris Adolph
Martin Nielsen

Nominating Committee
Alice Houk-Miles
Alice Lee
Andrew Moorhead
Meriam Saleh
Heather Stockdale-Walden

Nominees for Vice President

Chris Adolph, DVM, MS

Diplomate, ACVM-Parasit.
Veterinary Specialist (Parasitology)
Zoetis Animal Health

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, Dr. Adolph began a Master's degree program under the guidance of Dr. Susan Little at Oklahoma State University. For the next 2 and a half years, Dr. Adolph simultaneously worked toward his graduate degree while practicing and managing his veterinary hospital full time. While enrolled in the graduate 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 a board member of both The National Center for Veterinary Parasitology and The American Heartworm Society. 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 eleven 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 Microbiologists.

Martin K. Nielsen, DVM, Ph.D., DipACVM

Dr. Nielsen graduated with his DVM degree from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark in 2001. He spent three years in equine veterinary practice before joining graduate school. He received his Ph.D. in equine parasitology at University of Copenhagen in 2007, and served as assistant professor there until 2011. He then joined the M.H. Gluck Equine Research Center at University of Kentucky where he now serves as associate professor and holds the title of Schlaikjer Professor in Equine Infectious Disease. He is board certified in veterinary parasitology with American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM).

Dr. Nielsen is chair of the AAEP Parasite Control Subcommittee which published its guidelines in 2013. He served on the ACVM Parasitology exam committee in 2014-2018 and served the last three years as chair of this committee. He is co-author of Handbook of Equine Parasite Control, which was published in 2012 with a second edition released in 2018. He currently serves as co-editor in chief for the scientific journal *Veterinary Parasitology*. Dr. Nielsen has published more than 90 peer-reviewed publications and over 150 conference abstracts and proceedings.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Alice E. Houk-Miles, Ph.D.

Education:

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

Current Position:

Senior Research Scientist – TechLab, Inc., Blacksburg, VA

Professional Experience:

Research Scientist – TechLab, Inc., Blacksburg, VA – 2016-Present
Adjunct Faculty – Department of Population Health Sciences, VMCVM, Virginia Tech, January 2018- May 2018
Co-Investigator/Research Grant – VMCVM, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA – 2014-2015
Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant – Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases, VMCVM, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA – 2010-2015
MPH Practicum –VMCVM, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA – 2012-2014

Research Experience/Interests:

Zoonotic Parasitic Diseases, Diagnostics, Public Health

Teaching:

Adjunct Faculty – Department of Population Health Sciences, VMCVM, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA – January 2018-May 2018
Guest Lecturer – Department of Population Health Sciences, VMCVM, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA – 2014-2018
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, VMCVM, Virginia Tech, 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-Present
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 – 2013
Second Place Award for Oral Presentation – Annual Virginia Tech Graduate Research Symposium – 2013
AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant – 2010-2015

Alice Lee, DVM, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)

Education

DVM, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, 2006
PhD (Parasitology), Cornell University, 2016

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2018 - present
Extension Associate, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2016 - 2017
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2007 - 2010
Small Animal Intern, California Animal Hospital, Los Angeles, CA, 2006 - 2007

Research Interests

Host-parasite immune interactions
Zoonotic parasites
Endoscopic imaging for in vivo evaluation of anthelmintic drug efficacy
Diagnostic parasitology

Professional Memberships & Committees

American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, 2008 - present
    Awards Committee, 2016 - present
World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology, 2009 - present
Helminthological Society of Washington, 2009 - present
American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, 2015 – present
Angoff review of certification exam, 2017 - present

Andrew R. Moorhead, DVM, MS, Ph.D., Dip. ACVM (Parasitology)

Education

2002-2008	Doctor of Philosophy (Comparative Biomedical Sciences)
1999-2002	Masters of Science in Veterinary Parasitology
1997-1999	Laboratory Animal Medicine Residency
1993-1997	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
1989-1993	Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry)/Bachelor of Arts (Chemistry)

Board Certifications

2016	Diplomate of American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (Parasitology)

Relevant Employment Experience

2019-Present	**Assistant Professor** at University of Georgia
2015-2018	**Associate Research Scientist** at University of Georgia
2011-Present	**Director and Principal Investigator**, Filariasis Research Reagent Resource Center (FR3
2008-2010	**Project Manager**, Filariasis Research Reagent Resource Center (FR3)
2008-2015	**Assistant Research Scientist** at University of Georgia
2008	**Post-doctoral Research Associate** at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Research Interests:

Filarial parasites, canine heartworm, lymphatic filariasis, client communication and student education

Academic and Professional Honors

2018	Faculty Recognition Award for CVM Class of 2020
2015	Commencement Speaker-UGA, College of Veterinary Medicine Graduation, May 2, 2015
2013	Commencement Speaker-UGA, College of Veterinary Medicine Graduation, May 4, 2013
2007	Phi Zeta Award for Best Basic Science Publication at Cornell University
2005	Biological and Biomedical Sciences Poster Competition Award
2001	Awarded membership in Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society
1997	Awarded the Dr. Wayne T. Corbett Public Health Award for best veterinary student in public health

Scholarships/Fellowships

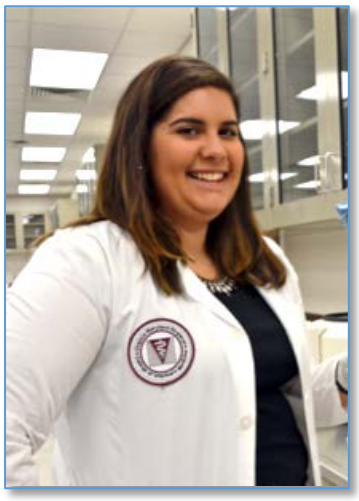
2002-2006	Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Fellowship
1999-2001	Purdue Distinguished Presidential Fellowship
1995-1996	Olaf and Rosa A. Wakefield Veterinary Scholarship

Professional Organizations/Activities

American Veterinary Medical Association
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
- 2014-Present − Education Committee
- 2012-Present − Finance Committee (Chair 2012-Present)

American Heartworm Society
- 2016-Present − At-Large Board Member

Meriam Saleh, Ph.D.



Education
BS (Animal Science), University of Tennessee, 2011
PhD (Veterinary Parasitology), Virginia Tech, 2017

Current Position
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Oklahoma State University

Research Interests
Ticks and tick-borne diseases, Giardia diagnostics and genotypic characterization, parasitology diagnostics, zoonotic parasites

Selected Professional Memberships/Committee/Service
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
Executive Board − Student Representative, 2014-2016
Electronic Media − Committee Chair, 2016 - Present
Member, 2012 – Present

Heather Stockdale-Walden, Ph.D.

Education
BS (Biology), University of Kentucky, 1999
MS (Biology), Appalachian State University, 2004
PhD (Biomedical Sciences - Parasitology), Auburn University, 2008

Professional Experiences
Assistant Professor of Parasitology – University of Florida, 2015 – present
Research Assistant Professor – University of Florida, 2010 – 2015
Biological Scientist – University of Florida, 2008 – 2010

Research Interests
Zoonotic Parasitic Diseases, Companion Animal Parasites

Professional Memberships/Committee/Service
American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists
Education Committee 2015 – Present
Student Representative, 2007-2008
Member, 2005 - Present

American Heartworm Society
Member, 2016 – present

American Society of Parasitologists
Member, 2005 – Present

Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC)
Parasitologist board member 2016 – present

Awards Committee

REMINDER:

In preparation for our joint meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, the AAVP awards committee asks the membership to submit awards nominations for the named AAVP awards. Applications for the following awards will be accepted until **March 29, 2019**

- AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award
- AAVP Distinguished Service Award
- AAVP William C. Campbell One Health Award
- AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

Any member of the AAVP may nominate a candidate by forwarding the nomination packet to the chair of the awards committee (Lindsay Starkey, las0080@auburn.edu) prior to **11:59 pm March 29, 2019**.

Nomination packet needs to include:

1. a letter of nomination
2. 3 additional letters in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP
3. CV of the nominee
4. (for student awards only) reprints of pertinent publications as a result of the student's graduate research.

Lindsay Starkey, Chair
Awards Committee

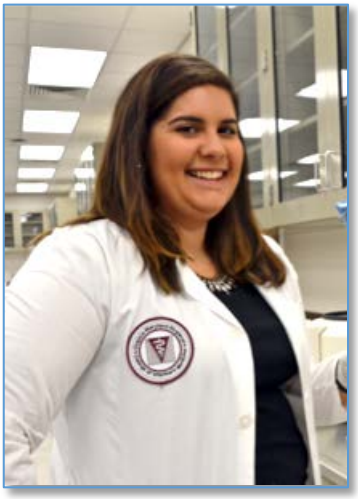
Information regarding specific awards can be found in the awards documents posted on the website (*AAVP award guidelines*)*.*

Any questions regarding AAVP awards can be forwarded directly to the awards committee chair, Lindsay Starkey (las0080@auburn.edu).

Additional reminders will be sent out as the deadline nears. Looking forward to seeing you all in Madison!

Respectfully submitted
Lindsay Starkey

Electronic Media Committee



Meriam Saleh, Chair
Electronic Media Committee

Congratulations!! If you are reading this report then you successfully navigated the migration of the AAVP Newsletter from the public website pages to the member's only section. ☺ After discussions with the Executive Committee and the rest of the board at our annual meeting in Denver, it was decided that access to the AAVP Newsletter was a benefit of membership and should be treated as such. Don't worry though. AAVP emails still go out to ***everyone***. The EMC is working to get some new content up on the website. We hope to debut a new section (sorry, no spoilers!) that the History Committee has spearheaded very soon. If you have any content that you would like to see on the website please let us know! We welcome your feedback and suggestions about the website.

Also, please be sure that you are following us on social media! It's a great place to interact with your fellow parasitologists and find interesting parasite news from FDA guidelines to cool cases!

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Announcements

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

64th Meeting: 7-11 July 2019 – Madison, Wisconsin (joint meeting with WAAVP and LIWC)
65th Meeting: 20-23 June 2020 – Snowbird, Utah

Make plans to attend the 2020 AAVP Annual Meeting, June 20-23, 2020, at Snowbird, Utah!

The 65th Annual Meeting of the AAVP is shaping up to be one of the biggest and best, and in a gorgeous, easy-access location! The Snowbird Resort, just outside of Salt Lake City, offers an ideal venue with a meeting room design perfect for our AAVP sessions. A wide variety of options for sleeping accommodations will also be available, with single rooms, suites or condos, sleeping up to 10. All of this and beautiful scenery and summer activities too! Mountain roller coaster, Alpine slide, tram rides, mountain biking, hiking, etc. Make plans to attend!

American Heartworm Society - Triennial Symposium

Early registration is encouraged for the 16th Triennial Symposium of the American Heartworm Society (AHS), which will be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New Orleans from September 8-11, 2019. The title of this year's conference is **Understanding Heartworm Disease: From Science to Solutions.**

In response to feedback from past attendees, this year's symposium will run a full day longer than previous conferences, starting at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 8th, and concluding at noon on Wednesday, September 11th.

The conference agenda is currently being finalized and will include presentations and posters on the following topics:

- Epidemiology of *D. immitis*
- Mosquito vectors
- Heartworm prevention and immunology
- Heartworm diagnosis
- Heartworm pathology
- Heartworm treatment
- Heartworm disease in the shelter setting
- Feline heartworm disease/HARD
- Heartworm resistance
- Heartworm compliance

A minimum of 24 hours of continuing education can be obtained for attending the full conference. To register online, visit the AHS website. Early bird registration is available through July 15, 2019, with discounted rates available for AHS members, veterinary technicians and students. On-site and single-day rates can also be found on the symposium registration page.

Australian Society for Parasitology (ASP) 2019

The 2019 ASP Annual Conference will be held July 8–11, 2019 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia. ASP

American Society of Parasitologists 2019

The 94th annual meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held July 11–14, 2019 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel – Mayo Clinic Area, Rochester, Minnesota, USA. American Society of Parasitologists

International Conference on Parasitology & Microbiology 2019

The 6th International Conference on Parasitology & Microbiology will be held July 29–30, 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Parasitology 2019

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2019

The 2019 CRWAD meeting will be November 2–5, 2019 at the Chicago Marriott, Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois, USA. AAVP continues to support the best student presentation competition in the parasitology section of the CRWAD meeting. CRWAD

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2019

The 68th annual meeting of ASTMH will be held November 20–24, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland, USA. ASTMH

International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA) 2022

The XV International Congress of Parasitology will be held August 21–26, 2022 in Copenhagen, Denmark. ICOPA

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AAVP Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

Newsletter	Deadline
February 2019	January 15, 2019
June 2019	May 15, 2019
October 2019	September 15, 2019

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.