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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
- An annual educator's symposium
- Electronic discussion forums
- Veterinary publications
- Speakers and programs to veterinary professional meetings

From the President

Martin Nielsen
President

Dear friends,

I hope everyone is off to a good start to 2022! The executive committee definitely looks forward to an exciting year.

The AAVP has always been so much more than just another professional organization to me. It is family. It is home. I joined as a first-year graduate student and vividly remember my first meeting. I gave this shakingly nervous presentation with really poor use of slides. But I felt so welcomed and supported by these incredibly nice people. All the other students were nice, and the senior folks were extremely approachable and encouraging. I specifically remember Anne Zajac telling me that she was going to include my research findings in her teaching. That just sounded incredible, and I felt so encouraged. Years later when I started mentoring my own students, I have always made the effort to bring as many of them as possible to the AAVP Annual Meetings, because I wanted them to have the same positive experience. As an aside, I find that undergraduate students benefit just as much, if not more, from these experiences as graduate and veterinary students. And the AAVP benefits incredibly from all our students and post docs. In fact, the AAVP first and foremost exists because of our student members.

Yes, the AAVP is special because of the welcoming and supporting community feeling and especially because of what we do for our students and next generation parasitologists. But we should never rest on our laurels and thanks to our engaged members, we constantly receive new ideas and suggestions for how to do even better. Two excellent and timely member initiatives have been taken over the past few months. You have already heard about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee led by Meriam Saleh and Andrew Peregrine. They have been working hard over the past months and a membership survey is now ready to launch. I look forward to learning more about our members' thoughts and ideas about DEI matters and I eagerly await the committee's recommendations for how we can further develop our welcoming and supportive environment. The other even newer initiative comes from our student members. Among all the things that the COVID pandemic has taught us, it has cast the limelight on mental health and well-being – for all of us, but perhaps particularly for our young generation. Issues of stress, anxiety and depression are receiving increasing attention, and it has become evident that our institutions struggle with addressing these effectively. One of our excellent student members, Kathryn Duncan, has taken the initiative to begin discussing a wellness and welfare program for the AAVP, with specific focus on the student chapter. She has teamed up with Meriam Saleh, Andy Moorhead, and Kaori Sakamoto to start developing this program. The initiative is currently nestled with the education committee, but we will see how this develops over the coming months. I thank all of these people for their excellent initiatives and engagement with the AAVP community, and I look forward to working with them going forward.

There are some major changes on the horizon for the executive committee. At a recent meeting, Adriano Vatta informed us that he will not be seeking reelection as secretary/treasurer. Adriano has been a tremendous asset to the AAVP during his two terms in this role, and we thank him warmly for his service. At the same time, we completely understand his need to focus on his new role as a pre-tenure faculty member at Louisiana State University. Adriano has urged us to begin seeking professional assistance with some of the clerical tasks that traditionally have been the responsibility of the secretary/treasurer, and we are in the process of soliciting input from various vendors and their product portfolios. We aim to relieve the workload for the secretary/treasurer, while making sure we stay within reasonable budget limits.

Recently, we sadly lost one of our parasitology giants. Dr. David Lindsay was a former AAVP president and the 2004 recipient of the AAVP Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award. With well over 400 publications, he was a world authority in protozoology, and he trained and mentored many excellent students. You will find

two in memoriam pieces in this newsletter with further information about David and his life. We are saddened by his passing, but he leaves a wonderful legacy for generations to come. May he rest in peace.

What else? Oh yeah, the pandemic. As I write these lines, the Omicron variant is raging at full speed, and it seems impossible to predict when, if ever, this will be truly over. A famous countryman of mine once said: "It is difficult to make predictions – especially about the future", and this is definitely true for this pandemic. I have lost count of how many times we have thought that we were on the homestretch and that the sky was clearing up. Now, it seems like we may keep getting new variants each causing a new wave. How this will affect our annual meeting is equally difficult to predict. In this newsletter, you will see that the planning of our 2022 annual meeting is well underway. Our program chair, Antoinette Marsh, is putting together an exciting program in Snowbird, Utah. As you will see, Antoinette is planning a 100% in-person event with no virtual or hybrid components, but the coming months will tell if we need to reconsider this decision. Ultimately, our goal is always to organize the best possible annual meeting for our members.

Happy spring to everyone!

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Submitted by Martin Nielsen, AAVP President

From the Secretary/Treasurer

Updates on Management of the Administration of the AAVP

Dr. Adriano Vatta
Secretary-Treasurer

Normally in this spot, I would thank you for renewing your membership and encourage those who had not renewed to sign up again for 2022. However, if you are reading this newsletter, you will have logged on to the members' only area of the AAVP website and that means that your dues are paid up. Thank you for your support of the AAVP!

In late December, a notice was sent out to all those who were not current on dues. The email notified those who had not paid up their dues in 2020 or 2021 and were not current on dues for 2022 that their membership would be terminated within 60 days of the notice, if no action to renew the dues had been taken. Because sixty days have lapsed since the notification, we will now begin the process of removing lapsed members from our database.

Our Constitution and By-Laws Committee is currently drafting proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws that, if approved by the members, will ensure that members who are not current on dues will not receive a ballot for voting in the election of officers. We will do away with the 2-year grace period for renewal of membership.

As the AAVP President has mentioned, we are currently engaging with several association management companies with the aim of transitioning over many of the administrative activities of the Secretary-Treasurer, such as membership management, bookkeeping, and matters related to organizing the annual meeting. In as far as possible, several other activities will also be delegated to the company, such as assisting the CPA in preparing an annual tax return and managing the organization's registration as a not-for-profit corporation in Illinois (our state of incorporation) and the state from which the Secretary-Treasurer operates. Having performed these duties for several years now, it is my strong opinion that the Secretary-Treasurer has to shoulder an undue administrative burden and that this burden should be lightened by shifting many of the responsibilities to a professional management company.

The Executive Committee, together with the co-opted assistance of Dr. Ann Donoghue, is evaluating quotations provided by the companies we have contacted in light of our budget and we aim to make a decision on the matter within the next few weeks. We are very grateful for Ann's hard work on this and for her assistance in evaluating the various options.

We have also engaged considerable time and effort in identifying up-to-date membership management and event management software programs to replace our current ones, as the current programs are either no longer supported or have been replaced by better, more user-friendly options, or both. You may see some changes online in the way you renew your membership or register for the annual meeting as a result—if you do not, we are nonetheless confident that matters will be easier to manage than they currently are on the back end and that the upgrades are well justified.

Our ultimate aim with these various new endeavors has been to ensure that we choose affordable options that will provide for a sustainable future for the AAVP Secretariat-Treasury and for the society as a whole. Again, I'd like to thank you all for your support of the AAVP and I am grateful for the trust you place in the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

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66th Annual Meeting of the AAVP – Conference Information

Message from the Program Committee

Antoinette Marsh,
President-Elect and
Program Chair

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold its 67th Annual Meeting on June 25 - 28, 2022, in Snowbird, Utah. The venue is an outstanding site and provides meeting space perfect for our 67th annual meeting. We can be outdoors and catchup with everyone after two years of less than optimal interactions. Parasitologists and students from academia, industry, government as well as private practitioners are expected to attend, providing an excellent opportunity for sharing information and concepts.

The 2022 Program Chair, Dr. Antoinette Marsh, and the Program Committee, Drs. Martin Nielsen, Adriano Vatta, Doug Carithers, Jennifer Ketzis, Julie Thompson, Leonor Sicalo, and Al Marchiondo are currently assembling an outstanding scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "Veterinary Parasitology: Reaching New Heights." The talks on Saturday afternoon will be the award winners, including a talk by recipient of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award. These individuals are outstanding in their areas of study. In addition, Dr. David Granstrom (DVM, PhD, DACVM-Parasitology), Assistant Executive Vice President of the AVMA will present perspective on leadership and professional organizations to meet the needs of their members and goals of the organization. The President's symposium on Monday will cover emerging discoveries in the field of veterinary parasitology. Additional details are forthcoming.

As has been the long practice of the AAVP, the 67th Annual Meeting will include student presentations and a student competition. We will again integrate all student papers into the topical session that is most appropriate. While this presents some logistical challenges for the competition and the judging, it reinforces our philosophy that the student's research should be presented alongside that of other members.

Nominations for the AAVP- Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award, AAVP-William C. Campbell One-Health Award, and AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease are open. Please submit your nominations to Drs. Shelly Michalski (michalsk@uwosh.edu) and Molly Savadelis (molly.savadelis@zoetis.com) by March 30, 2022.

Again, the student poster social event will start off with a "Poster-Pitch" session in which each poster presenter will have the opportunity to give a "1 slide / 1 minute" pitch describing their poster. This is a fun and effective way for poster presenters to highlight their key message(s) and encourage delegates to visit their posters.

As in the past, an excellent series of events is 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-to-student interactions. On Saturday, prior to the opening session, there will be a student "Meet and Greet." On Monday, new student officer elections will occur, and student chapter reports shared. A lunch discussion about critically reviewing manuscripts will take place Tuesday, and as in years past, a post-meeting activity is being planned for students. They will literally be reaching new heights as they unwind,

enjoy the views and sunshine, and bond through outdoor activities available at Snowbird like the Aerial Tram to the summit, Mountain Coaster, Ropes Course, and more. The students will have separate hotel arrangements taken care of for their Tuesday night. Departures for the attending students should be planned for Wednesday, June 29th out of the Salt Lake City International Airport. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be emailed after the deadline for abstract submissions. For any details contact Dr. Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com) or Dr. Leonor Sicalo Gianechini, (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu).

Sunday morning will begin with an early breakfast for current and new members of the many AAVP committees to review the past year's progress and entertain new proposals.

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

The Program Committee invites abstracts for oral presentations and student-posters with the online collection platform opening by March 7 and a submission deadline of April 22, 2022. Students can choose to present either an oral or poster presentation with poster presentations being reserved for students only. 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 sincerely hope that you will consider presenting a paper, poster, or simply joining us in beautiful Snowbird, Utah this summer.

Submitted by Dr. Antoinette Marsh, Program Chair and President-Elect

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Abstract submissions open on 3/7/22 and close on 4/22/22.

Lodging registrations are now open.

Meeting Location

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 67th Annual Meeting is June 25–28, 2022 in Snowbird, UT, USA.

The resort at Snowbird, just outside Salt Lake City, Utah, offers an ideal venue for this year's conference, with beautiful scenery and 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. To get the special AAVP meeting rate, you will need to book your room in The Cliff Lodge. There is a dedicated spa venue as well as an outside heated swimming pool and whirlpools. All of this and summer activities too! Mountain roller coaster, Alpine slide, tram rides, mountain biking, hiking, etc. Make plans to attend.

Link to online lodging reservations (Group code is "AAVP22"):

American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists Lodging at Snowbird

Address	Telephone	Website
Snowbird **9385 S. Snowbird Center Dr.** **Snowbird, UT 84092** **USA**	**1-800-232-9542**	**Click Here**

Conference Registration

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the Snowbird, Utah meeting. **Final acceptance of submitted abstracts will be dependent on having received a completed registration by April 22, 2022.** You can register by clicking on-line at www.aavp.org. On-line payments can be completed by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc).

2022 Registration Fees

Members

- Early bird registration (deadline: May 9, 2022): US $350 (general) / US $150 (student)
- Late registration (after May 9, 2022) or on-site: US $675 (general) / US $250 (student)

Non-Members

- Early bird registration (deadline: May 9, 2022): US $675 (general) / US $375 (student)
- Late registration (after May 9, 2022) or on-site: US $775 (general) / US $475 (student)

Guest Social Events Only

- Guest registration (1 per standard scientific meeting registrant) are available (guest will not be allowed into the scientific session) US $250

The AAVP meeting registration fee helps supports the costs of running the meeting. Hotel reservations are separate and need to be booked directly with the hotel either online or by phone as outlined below in the "Hotel Reservations" section. Only members of the AAVP and fully registered non-members will be allowed to attend the scientific sessions (guests can only attend sponsored social sessions). Membership dues for 2022 must be paid in full to register at the "member" rate. AAVP annual membership dues are not included in the meeting registration fee but can be paid separately during the registration process; however, membership will only be good through the calendar year, 2022. 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 (Young Investigator Travel Grant) and compete in the AAVP student award competitions.

Hotel Reservations

Reduced Rate until **June 1, 2022**

Hotel

To make your hotel reservation you can:

1. Access the AAVP hotel link via the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) website (www.aavp.org) and then follow the instructions.
2. Or, click on the following hyper link: https://reservations.snowbird.com/. There you will be able to book and hold your reservation with a credit card. The **group code** is **AAVP22**. You may receive the group rate up to 3 days before and 3 days after the main conference date of June 25-28, 2022. If you wish to book additional stays outside these dates, please call the hotel (see below).
3. You can call **Snowbird Central Reservations at 800-453-3000**, be sure to mention our **group code: AAVP22**.

The hotel has offered a special room rate of **$176 plus the resort fee of $10 ($186 along with applicable taxes) working out to approximately $209/night**. This rate is for a standard hotel bedroom. The resort has other options available such as 4 twin beds to a room, 1 bedroom-condo units with kitchenette, etc. If you are looking for something beyond the standard room or you may require physical mobility accommodations the resort provides a virtual visit, Snowbird All Resorts, to view the various mapped resort locations (The Cliff Lodge, The Cliff Club, The Lodge at Snowbird, The Inn, and The Iron Blosam).

The actual scientific meeting will be held in **The Cliff Lodge at Snowbird**, if you wish to book into the same building as the meeting venue. If you seek to book rooms/condos elsewhere at the greater Snowbird resort area the room rate is based on sleeping units (AAVP rate is ~$209 per sleeping unit). You may need to telephone the resort rather than book online. Please indicate you are part of the AAVP22 so that your stay is included in the AAVP occupancy count.

Guests will receive discounts of **50% off for spa access** and **20% off for spa treatments**.

The group rate will be available three (3) days before and three (3) days after the main conference dates.

It is important for all meeting attendees to stay at this hotel to satisfy our room block commitment.

Make your room reservations by June 1, 2022. After that date, the unreserved room block will be released, and the special conference reduced rates will expire.

Of note: Book early, as the “Early Bird” rates are based upon availability only. A finite number of rooms have been contracted at that rate and are likely to be taken before the **June 1, 2022 deadline**.

Travel

Airport
The airport for the meeting is Salt Lake City International Airport (airport code: SLC).

Airport Transportation
Travel between the airport and the hotel takes approximately 45 minutes. Airport shuttles may be arranged with Canyon Transportation, https://canyontransport.com/ or 801-255-1841. Walk-ups will be accepted at a higher rate on a space available basis at the Canyon Transportation desk located in the baggage claim area of the Salt Lake City International Airport.

Parking
Self-parking is available for free for overnight guests. Drive-in daily guests will receive a discounted $5 self-parking voucher.

Students
Students looking for room share should contact Dr. Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com) or Dr. Leonor Sicalo Gianechini, (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu).

Scientific Program

General

The 2022 program continues with many of the previous approaches, which we believe will enhance an already fun and informative veterinary parasitology meeting. To enjoy the event, the smart play is to "layer up" and bring outerwear that can be easily removed if you generally find the meeting rooms cold.

Saturday afternoon starts with the President's opening remarks immediately followed by plenary session.

Following the plenary session and ensuing coffee break, presentations will be made by this year's AAVP award recipients. The day's activities will culminate with the Elanco 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 close with a presentation by Dr. Leutenegger (Antech Diagnostics, Director of Molecular Diagnostics, R&D) and a planned social hosted by Antech.

Tuesday morning starts with the President's Symposium. The morning will conclude with a session devoted to the popular and fun 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 listed on the next page.

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.

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.

A timer system will be placed on each podium to provide speakers with notices of the time remaining for their talk. When your time is done, 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) must be used and PC based programs (PowerPoint) are strongly encouraged. Apple based software or files will **not** be supported and may not be compatible with the AV equipment. AAVP will provide equipment in each meeting room for projected computer presentations; personal laptops are not to be used. Files must be placed in the appropriate computer desktop folder and in the designated session the morning of your presentation. An audiovisual technician will be onsite to help with this during the **first hour before the day's sessions begin only**. To lessen the expenses of the meeting, we are not paying for a technician to sit throughout the day to load presentations. Please plan to load your presentation the morning of your talk and, if time permits, quickly view your presentation. You will not be permitted to load your talk later or when you reach the podium to present. PC-based 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.

Poster Presentation Guidelines

There is limited space for the poster session and boards are rented on an individual basis. Therefore, **poster presentations will be limited to student presenters only**. Rectangular posters must be printed in portrait (not landscape), not to exceed 33 inches in width and 45 inches in height. The program committee will attempt to provide students with their selection of a poster presentation; however, if there is an overwhelming number then some advanced level students may be shifted to oral presentations.

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 25	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:	Student Lunch: Meet & Greet
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration (available before the start and during breaks)
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM:	Welcome and Plenary Session
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:	AAVP: Award Recipients
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Elanco Event: Welcoming Reception

Sunday, June 26	
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM:	AAVP Committee Meetings (with breakfast)
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration (available during breaks)
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:	IDEXX Event
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:	Pitch & Poster Session
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Boehringer Ingelheim Event

Monday, June 27	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	On-site Registration (available during breaks)
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 / AAVP Student Lunch: Elections and Student Chapter Reports
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM:	ACVM Diplomate meeting
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Antech Event

Tuesday, June 28	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	AAVP President's Symposium
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM:	Student Lunch: Critical Manuscript Review

Please note: the conference program is still in development. The final program will be posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org) by **May 27, 2022**.

Abstract Submission

Abstract submission closes **April 22, 2022**

General

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 opens on **March 7, 2022**, allows you to submit an abstract and make changes until **11:59 PM Eastern on April 22, 2022**, 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 (**May 9, 2022**) whether their abstracts have been accepted.

If you have any questions regarding program, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Chair, Dr. Antoinette Marsh, marsh.2061@osu.edu and include AAVP 2022 in the subject line. Likewise, for technical issues regarding abstract submission click on the "**Support**" button, on the top right of the screen within the abstract submission website, for assistance.

Please remember, final acceptance of your submitted abstract for inclusion into the program is contingent upon confirmation of receipt of the registration fee by May 9, 2022.

CATALYST

We will be using the same "CATALYST" system for abstract submission as last year.

Instructions for creating a submission:

If you have an account in CATALYST, follow these instructions below.

1. Click on the following link to create a submission: https://catalyst.omnipress.com/#event-home/aavp2022
2. Click **Sign In/Create Account** at the bottom of the page.
3. Enter your email address and password, then click **Sign In**.
4. Once logged in, a turquoise box will pop up at the top of your screen indicating you have created a submission. You will be in edit mode of that submission.
5. Complete all the required fields on all the tabs.
6. Click "**Save**," on the bottom right of your screen as necessary. *If required fields are missing data, you will see the missing data tabs indicated with a red triangle.
7. Click "**Submit**" on the bottom right of your screen when you are ready to submit your abstract.

8. 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.
9. All emails come from noreply@omnipress.com. To ensure you receive all communication, please be sure "omnipress.com" is added as a safe sender or have your IT department white list "omnipress.com.
10. If you have any technical issues, please click on **Site Support** at the bottom of the log in page. For additional help, please use this **helpful guide.**

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2. Click **Sign In/Create Account** at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the **Create New Account** in the next window to register an account.
4. Enter your email address, password, confirm password, first and last name. Click **Create Account.** CATALYST will send you a "Confirm your account" email.
5. Click on the turquoise button in your email labeled, **Confirm Account**.
6. A pop-up will appear stating, "Thank you for confirming your email." Click on **Sign In**.
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If you have any technical issues, please click on **Contact CATALYST Support** at the log in page or **Support** once logged in. For additional help, please use this **helpful guide.**

Students

If you wish to apply for an AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grant, the required forms are posted on the AAVP website and are also available when you enter your abstract information. If you wish to participate in the student paper competition, you must also identify that the presenting author is a student. Final submission of your abstract will require that you have uploaded the necessary forms on the abstract submission website. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com) or Dr. Leonor Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu).

Awards and Travel Grants

AAVP Achievement Awards

Information on the AAVP achievement awards can be found on the AAVP website. Awards include the AAVP-Boehringer-Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, the AAVP Distinguished Service Award, the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award, the AAVP-William C. Campbell One-Health Award, and the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease.

AAVP-Elanco Best Student Oral and Poster Presentation Awards

The awards are given to undergraduate/graduate 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 website 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. At the time of abstract submission, all students should

submit the Verification of Student Status form available on the Annual Meeting website or during abstract submission. The Awards Committee will have two categories (oral and poster format) for students presenting their research.

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG)

The travel grants are competitive grants awarded to full-time DVM or undergraduate / graduate students (MS or PhD) enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning and pursuing studies in veterinary parasitology, as well as post-doctoral associates in the first 3 years following their PhD. Students must be an AAVP member in good standing as of the abstract submission deadline. Application for a Travel Grant, verification of student status and submission of an acceptable abstract, are needed for this award. Students applying for the travel grant are also eligible to compete for the Student Presentation Awards. However, the student who receives the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award will receive reimbursement of travel expenses and therefore will not receive a Young Investigator Travel Grant. The full guidelines for awarding YITGs may be viewed in this newsletter and on the website.

Summary of Important Dates

March 7	Abstract submission platform opens
April 22	Deadline for submission of abstracts
May 9	Deadline for payment of early bird registration fee
May 27	Conference program posted on AAVP website and June Newsletter
June 1	Deadline for payment of early bird hotel room rate at Snowbird

Annual Meeting 2022 Important Dates

Nomination for awards deadline is March 30, 2022

Abstract submission website closes April 22, 2022

Conference registration deadline for authors is May 9, 2022

Early bird conference registration deadline is May 9, 2022

Early bird hotel special room rate deadline is June 1, 2022

Committee Reports

Students

Hello to all AAVP students! Leonor and I have been helping plan this year's conference and are excited to share the following details with you:

Conference meetings: Saturday (June 25th) will be a meet-and-greet lunch and Monday (June 27th) we will hold student representative elections with snacks. Tuesday (June 28th) we look forward to a lunch discussion about critically reviewing manuscripts before we depart for the student trip. Further details will be shared and finalized with you as the conference gets closer.

Student trip: We know conferences can be a marathon and we want to give you a chance to explore all Snowbird has to offer! With a Snowbird All-Day Activities Pass, you will have a chance to unwind, enjoy the views and sunshine, and get to know one another through several outdoor activities like the Aerial Tram, Mountain Coaster, Ropes Course, and more. We will have dinner at TramCar Pizza and hotel arrangements for the night booked for all attendees thanks to our generous sponsors! Departures for those attending the student trip should be planned for Wednesday, June 29th. Final trip details will be emailed after the deadline for abstract submission, but bring your sneakers and sunscreen!

Young Investigator Travel Grants: Please refer to the information provided in the Awards and Travel Grants section of this newsletter. For your convenience, here is the link for the YITG. The application deadline is April 22, 2022 and recipients will be notified by May 9.

Roommates for Snowbird: We know hotels can be expensive for student budgets! Anyone looking for room share should contact Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com) and Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu) and we will share a 'Google Doc' to facilitate roommate matching!

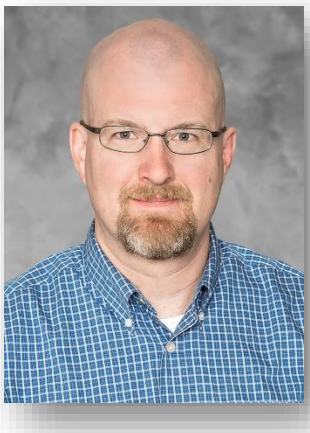
We are looking forward to seeing everyone! As you prepare for this year's meeting, please let us know if there is anything we can help you with.

Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com) & Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (sicalo.leonor@uga.edu)

Julie Thompson (2022)

Leonor Sicalo Gianechini (2023)

Educator's Corner



Andrew Moorhead, Chair
Education Committee

On Friday December 17, 2021, we were able to hold our second Virtual Educator's Symposium. The four-hour symposium had approximately 18 participants from different instructions across North America and the Caribbean. The symposium was discussion-based with participants addressing three questions in break-out groups:

1. What went well during the pandemic, in other words what teaching practices would you like to continue?

2. What went wrong during the pandemic, in other words what teaching practices do you never want to do again?

3. What teaching practices would you like to start that you have not gotten to already?

After each breakout session, the group convened and shared their thoughts. Some key takeaways were that students seemed to appreciate the flexibility of video platforms (e.g. Zoom). However, there was concern that students may have become too reliant on these platforms, and that the lack of in-person instruction could result in a group of veterinary students not being trained appropriately in parasitological techniques. Some key points on what we should start as educators include: transitioning the curriculum to Competency-Based Veterinary Education (CBVE), developing a consensus statement on needed skills for the Day 1 veterinarian, and an easily accessible and maintainable virtual slide/image bank.

As we progress into 2022, we will be returning to an in-person Educators' Symposium to be jointly sponsored by CAPC and AAVP. The topic of the symposium will be incorporation of parasitology with CBVE. The tentative date of the symposium will be Dec. 18-20 in Athens, GA at the UGA CVM. More details regarding reservation and travel will be forthcoming. We are excited to return to an in-person format, and hope that you will be able to attend. Please let Andy Moorhead (amoorhed@uga.edu), know what questions you have.

Submitted by Andy Moorhead, Education Committee Chair

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Report

Meriam Saleh,
Committee Chair

The AAVP Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is conducting a survey of its members to evaluate the DEI climate within the AAVP and determine what DEI initiatives the AAVP membership would like the organization to undertake. We would like to hear your thoughts on these issues as well as any suggestions or feedback you may have related to DEI and AAVP. This will help the AAVP Executive Committee determine what DEI initiatives to undertake in the future. The survey should only take 15 minutes, and your responses are completely anonymous. The survey will be open until March 31, 2022.

Protocols are in place to restrict reporting based on the number of respondents in order to offer additional security for individual identities. All individual responses will be kept confidential. Participants who choose to complete the survey instrument can do so in privacy. Because this survey is anonymous, we cannot follow up to responses. If you have a serious concern that you would like to report please contact the current AAVP President, Dr. Martin Nielsen (martin.nielsen@uky.edu), or AAVP DEI Committee Chair, Dr. Meriam Saleh (msaleh@cvm.tamu.edu) who will then use, as a guide, the AVMA code of ethics in handling responses.

Survey findings will be presented at the AAVP business meeting, and there is a chance that a follow up survey will be conducted and summarized findings of both surveys may be published in the future. If you have any questions about the survey, please email Dr. Meriam Saleh (msaleh@cvm.tamu.edu) or Dr. Andrew Peregrine (aperegri@uoguelph.ca). We greatly appreciate your input!

The Human Research Protection Program determined that this research meets the criteria for Exemption in accordance with 45 CFR 46.104. If you have any questions, please contact the Texas A&M IRB Administrative Office at 1- 979-458-4067, toll free at 1-855-795-8636.

You can access the survey by clicking this link: https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eIDYLaWWIc7Tirc or by scanning this QR code with your mobile device's camera.

Submitted by Meriam Saleh, DEI Committee Chair

History Committee

Ashley McGrew, Chair
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As a committee, we wanted to formally acknowledge the recent passing of our esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. David Lindsay. Dr. Lindsay was a former AAVP President, the 2004 recipient of the AAVP Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, and a world-renowned protozoologist. He will be remembered fondly and missed by the entire AAVP community.

In Memoriam

Dr. David S. Lindsay

(1955-2021)

David S. Lindsay, 66, passed away on November 17, 2021, in Roanoke, Virginia. David was a long-time member of the American Society of Parasitologists (ASP), the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP), and the Southeastern Society of Parasitologists (SSP). David was born July 20, 1955, and raised in Albany, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Lorene H. and James J. Lindsay, and brother, James A. Lindsay.

David graduated from Troy State University in Alabama with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in 1978. He worked for two years at the University of Georgia Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory before joining the lab of Dr. William L. Current at Auburn University. David graduated from Auburn University in 1984 with his Ph.D. After graduation, David continued working at Auburn University with Dr. Byron Blagburn and later with Dr. J. P. Dubey at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for his second postdoctoral fellowship. David eventually returned to Auburn to continue working with Dr. Byron Blagburn. In 1997, David joined the faculty of the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Virginia. He was promoted to full professor in 2002. At Virginia Tech, David actively mentored graduate, veterinary and undergraduate students in his lab. He enjoyed engaging students with parasite anecdotes and glimpses of the parasite tattoos on his arms. Alumni of the VMCVM

relished his jokes and remembered him as always smiling—one commented, “I was always impressed that a guy who studied parasites could be so jolly!”.

David’s research focused on the biology of protozoan parasites. He studied coccidia, *Cryptosporidium* spp., and *Toxoplasma gondii* in human and animal hosts. He also researched *Leishmania* spp. and trypanosome parasites. He was always generous with his expertise and welcomed other investigators and international students to his laboratory. He served as the associate editor of the Journal of Parasitology, the *International Journal of Parasitology*, the *Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Diseases*, and the *Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology*. David was incredibly prolific throughout his career. He authored over 450 papers, 40 book chapters and gave more than 500 conference presentations. He was internationally recognized for his expertise in protozoan parasitology. David served as President of multiple organizations, including SSP in 1998, AAVP in 2008, and ASP in 2015. He received the Henry Baldwin Ward Medal in 2000 from the ASP and the AAVP Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award in 2004.

In addition to his countless professional accolades, David had many interests outside of parasitology. He enjoyed music, both playing the guitar and listening to his favorite singer, John Prine. David liked fishing and good food, especially cooking and eating Chinese cuisine. He had a passion for poker. Although he never made it to the World Series of Poker, he played a mean game of Texas Holdem. David had many beloved cats throughout his life, including Toxo and Flea. In his later years, David got three tattoos- a *Toxoplasma* oocyst, a *Giardia* trophozoite, and a *Trypanosoma cruzi* trypomastigote – which he always delighted showing to his students.

David will be dearly missed by his family and the numerous students whose lives he touched. David faced many health challenges throughout his life, but his determination and love of parasitology persevered despite his difficulties. As a mentor, he inspired a passion for parasitology and became a lifelong friend to his devoted students. He taught his students so much and was always protective of them, sometimes even shaking his cane at parasitologists who gave them a hard time at meetings. We hope that David is somewhere playing poker now and winning big.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Rosypal von Dohlen, Sheila M. Mitchell, and Anne M. Zajac.

Correspondence should be sent to Alexa von Dohlen at: acrosypal@jcsu.edu

David Scott Lindsay

David S. Lindsay

July 20, 1955 ~ November 17, 2021 (age 66)

Please find a link to the tribute page for Dr. Lindsay here: https://www.lotzfuneralhomeroanoke.com/tributes/David-Lindsay.

Comments are included below for ease of access:

Tribute & Services

Dr. David Lindsay, 66, professor of parasitology at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, passed away on Nov. 17, 2021.

Dr. Lindsay taught parasitology to graduate and undergraduate students for 24 years before retiring earlier this year. Before joining the faculty at Virginia Tech, he was a senior research fellow at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Lindsay began his career as a parasitologist working as a laboratory technician at the University of Georgia College Of Veterinary Medicine's Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory in Tifton, Georgia.

As Dr. Steve Upton put it while introducing Dr. Lindsay as the 2000 recipient of The American Society of Parasitologists' Henry Baldwin Ward Medal, "By the time David was accepted into the zoology PhD program at Auburn University in 1980, he had acquired an unusually extensive clinical knowledge of domestic and companion animal parasitology. During his years in graduate school, David was often consulted by both faculty and students alike concerning parasitological findings."

In 1987, he became a postdoctoral research associate at the Zoonotic Diseases Laboratory at the Agricultural Research Service, which is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's research agency.

In 1997, he began working as an associate professor at the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. Here, he collaborated with Dr. Anne Zajac, professor emerita of parasitology, on parasitic disease research.

"David was my valued colleague and collaborator for his 24 years at Virginia Tech. He was an internationally recognized expert on protozoan parasites and clinical veterinary parasitology generally, and his research on apicomplexan protozoa has contributed significantly to our knowledge of that important group of parasites," said Dr. Zajac.

In 2002, he obtained the rank of professor. His research focused on Apicomplexan parasites that cause coccidiosis, cryptosporidiosis, and toxoplasmosis in humans and domestic animals. He also studied zoonotic flagellates that cause leishmaniasis and Chagas's disease.

Over his career, Dr. Lindsay authored 450 papers and 40 book chapters. He was cited more than 15,900 times and gave over 500 conference presentations. His publication record was extraordinary, and it led to worldwide recognition for his expertise.

"Despite chronic medical problems, his publication and editorial output remained prodigious, reflecting his great love of parasites and research. He established collaborative relationships with parasitologists and other scientists worldwide and was unfailingly generous to students and colleagues with his time and extensive knowledge. He will be greatly missed," said Dr. Zajac.

Dr. Lindsay was the Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists in 2004 and a member of the American Society of Parasitologists. He served as an associate

editor for the *Journal of Parasitology*, the *International Journal for Parasitology*, and the *Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology*.

"His work is internationally renowned and will impact the field of parasitology for many years to come," said Dr. Margie Lee, professor and head of the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology.

David passed away at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was the second son of the late James J. Lindsay and Lorene H. Lindsay. He was preceded in death by his brother James A. Lindsay, sister-in-law Denise A. Lindsay, and niece Loretta L. Lindsay.

Survived by his niece Linda L. Heim, her husband Paul, great niece Autumn, great nephew Draven, and great niece Audra.

He was very passionate about his career. (As provided by Virginia Tech) He was a well-accomplished Parasitologist. However, he loved to play guitar and a harmonica, family time, and fishing. He was a kind and generous man. He was also a wonderful mentor to many students throughout his career.

Lotz Funeral Home in Roanoke is assisting the family. No memorial service will be held. He will be cremated and his ashes will be buried with his parents in Albany, Ga at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Make A Wish (https://wish.org), The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) donation link https://www.aavp.org/make-a-discretionary-payment-to-the-aavp-2, and the American Society of Parasitologists (have to be a member for donation).

Cards can be mailed to PO Box 126, Muse, Pa 15350

Nominating Committee

Alice Lee, Chair
Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is made up of 6 members with staggered three-year terms. The current committee members and their term end dates are listed below:

2022	**2023**	**2024**
Alice Lee	Brian Herrin	John Gilleard
Andrew Moorhead	Jessica Rodriguez	Guilherme Verocai

The committee is charged with developing the ballot for election of the Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two Nominating Committee members. A call was put out in the Fall 2021 newsletter soliciting nominations from AAVP members, and current committee members also proposed candidates for each position. All nominees were then ranked by the committee to select the top candidates for the ballot. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are this year's nominees who have graciously agreed to participate in the election process:

Vice President	**Secretary-Treasurer**	**Nominating Committee**
Jason Drake	Dean Dailey	Richard Gerhold
Heather D. S. Walden		Pablo Jimenez Castro
		Manigandan Lejeune
		Meriam N. Saleh
		Molly Savadelis

Nominee biographies are included on the following pages of this newsletter. Ballots will be distributed electronically to all active AAVP members soon, so please keep an eye out for this important notice. Best of luck to all the nominees!

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Alice Lee, Chair, Nominating Committee

Nominee Biographies

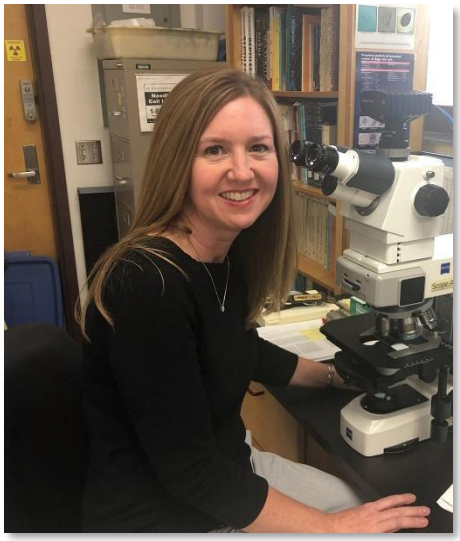
Nominees for Vice President

Jason Drake, DVM, DACVM-Parasitology

Global Technical Marketer – Pet Health Parasiticides, Elanco Animal Health

Dr. Drake earned his DVM from Texas A&M University. After practicing small animal medicine in Longview, WA, he joined Novartis Animal Health in 2000, serving as the Professional Services Veterinarian for the Southeastern USA. He has held several technical and marketing roles in the USA and Canada and currently provides technical support to the Elanco Global Marketing - Parasiticides team, working on both marketed and pipeline products. He has co-authored more than 25 peer-reviewed parasitology-related papers and earned his Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiology (Parasitology) in 2016. His recent projects have been focused on the development and global launch of Credelio™ (lotilaner) and monitoring the changing prevalence of heartworm infections in dogs in the USA. In addition to being a member of AAVP, he is active with a variety of parasitology organizations including the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) and the European Scientific Counsel Companion Animal Parasites (ESCCAP) and is currently a member of the AAVP Hookworm Task Force.

Heather D. S. Walden, MS, PhD



Dr. Walden graduated with her MS degree from Appalachian State University in 2004 and her PhD degree from Auburn University in 2008. She joined the faculty at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 2010 and serves a multi-functional role as a parasitologist at UF involved in research, clinical diagnostics and teaching. In 2016, she was presented with the Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award and is the course coordinator for the three parasitology courses offered to veterinary students, and also lectures in avian and reptile medicine courses. She is the current director of the UF-BI Veterinary Scholars Program, which helps facilitate research opportunities for veterinary students between their first and second years of school. In 2016, she became a Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) parasitologist board member, and is an active participant in this organization.

As an AAVP member since graduate school, she has played an active role in the organization as the student representative, past chair and current member of the Education Committee. She organized and hosted the 2019 AAVP Educators Meeting at the University of Florida, and helped facilitate a virtual Mini-Educators Meeting via Zoom in July 2020. She mentors graduate and veterinary students and is involved in several active research projects. Research includes unique and emerging parasites, particularly filarids with current interests centered around heartworm diagnosis and investigation of antigen detection (i.e. blocking and infections of male only worms) using a unique and extensive library of frozen canine sera, metastrongylids including *Angiostrongylus cantonensis* in Florida and pentastomids of invasive reptiles. Clinical diagnostics focuses on evaluation and identification of parasites from a diversified parasite assemblage. She has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts, conference

abstracts and proceedings, as well as several book chapters covering parasites from companion animals and livestock to sea turtles and other reptiles.

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Dean Dailey, DVM

Dr. Dailey earned his DVM from the University of Georgia in 2001. He started his career working in general practice for 6 years before joining Merial (now Boehringer Ingelheim) as a Technical Services Veterinarian. His interest in parasitology began during his time at UGA, and he understands the importance of supporting students as they are introduced to the complex field. During his time at BI, he has worked on various projects in product development and product support, including brands such as FRONTLINE®, HEARTGARD®, and NexGard®. He is currently Senior Associate Director of the BI Pet Veterinary Technical Marketing team. In this role, he has supported research related to some of the significant parasites of pets and led a number of projects focused on parasitology education in service of the veterinary healthcare team and pet owners. Dean has been an AAVP member since 2013 and currently serves on the AAVP Awards Committee and the Electronic Media Committee.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Rick Gerhold, DVM, MS, PhD, Diplomat ACVM (Parasitology)

Dr. Gerhold received his BS in wildlife science (1997) and DVM (2001) from Purdue University. He received a MS and PhD from University of Georgia investigating various parasites of wild and domestic mammals and birds. He is also a board certified parasitologist. He is currently an associate professor of parasitology at the College of Veterinary Medicine at University of Tennessee. Research interests include wildlife and public health associated parasites, avian diseases, and vector borne diseases.

Pablo Jimenez Castro, DVM, Ph.D.

Dr. Jimenez Castro received his D.V.M from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Zootechnics at the National University of Colombia in 2013. Afterwards he started working at Novartis Animal Health and then Elanco Animal Health in regulatory affairs and technical promotion of parasiticides. In 2016, he enrolled in the dual Ph.D./veterinary clinical parasitology residency program of the Department of Infectious Diseases at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, Georgia. His research was focused on investigating the biology, epidemiology, and genetics of multiple drug resistance in *Ancylostoma caninum*. Upon completion of his Ph.D., Dr. Jimenez Castro accepted a position at Zoetis as a Field Veterinary Specialist in parasitology providing expert contemporary medical education and scientific support to veterinary customers. Dr. Jimenez Castro has been an AAVP member since 2015 and is currently the co-chair of the AAVP Canine Hookworm Task Force.

Manigandan Lejeune, BVSc&AH, MVSc, PhD, DipACVM (Parasitology)

Dr. Lejeune is an Assistant Professor of Practice cum Director of Clinical Parasitology at the Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC), Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine at Ithaca, New York. Prior to his current tenure, Dr. Lejeune worked at the University of Calgary-Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM) from 2010-2016 as Wildlife Parasitologist rendering diagnostic service to the Alberta node of the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC). His passion for veterinary diagnostic parasitology roots from training undertook during bachelor's and master's degree at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education & Research (RIVER) and at Sri Venkateshwara Veterinary University, India, respectively. He completed his PhD in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at University of Calgary-Faculty of Medicine on work elucidating mechanisms by which *Entamoeba histolytica* causes diarrhea in humans. Dr. Lejeune currently oversees AHDC parasitology lab that caters to the diagnostic service needs of veterinarians in New York state and beyond. His research focus is on studying parasite biodiversity and developing diagnostics for veterinary parasite detection. Current role also includes training NCVP residents at Cornell University towards their success in ACVM board exam in parasitology.

Dr. Lejeune strongly advocates for advancing the profession of veterinary parasitologist in North America under the aegis of AAVP. He is a member of AAVP since 2014 and served in awards committee during 2018-20. If elected, Dr. Lejeune looks forward to serving in the Nominating Committee to the fullest expectation the role warrants for.

Meriam N. Saleh, PhD

Dr. Meriam Saleh is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences. She teaches veterinary parasitology to 4th year students as well as in the preclinical curriculum. Dr. Saleh earned her BS in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee in 2011 and her PhD in Biomedical & Veterinary Sciences (Veterinary Parasitology) from Virginia Tech in 2017. After her PhD she completed a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship focused on ticks and tick-borne diseases at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Saleh stayed on at OSU as a lecturer in veterinary parasitology and serving as the NCVP Project Leader before joining Texas A&M as a postdoc, and now faculty member, in 2021.

Her research interests are focused on zoonotic parasites and include helminths, protozoa, and ticks. Dr. Saleh is also interested in research to improve parasitology diagnostics and in the scholarship of teaching and learning, specifically as it relates to parasitology instruction in the veterinary curriculum.

Dr. Saleh has been an active AAVP member since she was a graduate student having previously been a Student Representative and former Chair of the Electronic Media Committee. She currently serves as Chair of the recently formed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee as well as serving on the Awards Committee.

Molly Savadelis, BS, PhD

Principal Scientist, Veterinary Medicine Research and Development, Parasitology, Zoetis

Dr. Savadelis received a BS degree in Biology from the University of Georgia in 2009 and then her PhD in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in 2018. During her time at UGA, she worked at the Filariasis Research Reagent Resource (FR3) Center maintaining human lymphatic filariasis and heartworm lifecycles while also conducting her dissertation research. Dr. Savadelis' dissertation focused on refining the current heartworm adulticidal treatment regimens through the evaluation of combination macrocyclic lactone and doxycycline treatments as well as the efficacy of various dosages of doxycycline and minocycline during melarsomine treatment.

Upon completing her PhD, Dr. Savadelis moved to Michigan accepting a position at Zoetis in parasitology veterinary medicine research and development. Dr. Savadelis has worked for Zoetis for 3 years, over which time, she has led and contributed to many different lead-seeking programs and pre-clinical project teams spanning both endo- and ectoparasite species for companion animal and large animal products. Dr. Savadelis has been an AAVP member since 2015 and is currently co-chair of the AAVP Awards Committee.

Announcements

Upcoming Ballot/Member Vote Needed

Proposal to update the language within the AAVP Constitution and Bylaw documents. Watch for an email to review the proposed changes.

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

67th Annual Meeting: June 25-28, 2022 in Snowbird, UT

American Society of Parasitologists 2022

The 97th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held at The George and Cavalry Court Hotels in College Station, Texas, USA, 9-12 July 2022. ASP

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2023

The 2023 CRWAD meeting will be 20-24 January, 2023, 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. CRWAD

Heather Kopsco of the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was selected as the 2021 award winner. **Congratulations, Heather!**

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2023

The 29th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held at the ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, India, 20-24 August, 2023. WAAVP

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AAVP Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

Newsletter	Deadline
February 2023	January 15, 2023
June 2022	May 15, 2022
October 2022	September 15, 2022

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.