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From the President

Jennifer Ketzis,
President

Dear AAVP Friends,

I hope everyone is well and off to a good start in 2024.

There is no guideline for writing this report, so I have looked through the last few years of the February Newsletter. It seems somewhat traditional to reflect on one's membership in the association and provide a quote, so I will continue this as well as provide updates regarding our association.

I attended my first meeting in 1998 and the memories that are strongest are sharing a room and travelling daily by bus from the outskirts of Baltimore to the downtown meeting venue, meeting Ann Donoghue, and sitting in a plenary session realizing there were around 12 women present. Our association has changed and grown so much since then with increased funding for students to attend the annual meeting, student programs at the meeting and increased diversity in our membership. The funding available for student presenters to attend is now being supplemented via the AAVP Auction. We also have travel funds for educators from veterinary technician programs thanks to Merck Animal Health. The ad hoc DEI committee established by Martin Nielsen is now a standing committee. These are welcome changes that will ensure our growth and support our membership.

Now that quote … "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." (adapted translation from "On Listening" by Plutarch). Every year I leave the annual meeting not just with new knowledge but a desire to learn more and tools to enable that learning. For this, I am grateful to all our members who work hard behind the scenes on committees, the presenters at the meeting and the generous support of our sponsors that make the meeting possible.

One of the biggest changes in our organization since the annual meeting in 2023 is the publication of polices for which our members and meeting attendees agree to abide by. Shortly after the AAVP's DEI Committee was established, the Committee put together a survey to gather DEI-associated information from the AAVP membership. As part of this process, it became clear that the AAVP lacked an Anti-Harassment and Discrimination policy, a Code of Conduct, Code of Professional Ethics and associated policies that can all be found on the AAVP resources page. As a result, a DEI subcommittee was established to draft these policies. In initial work, a discussion was held with a former President of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) as this College had a few years earlier drafted such policies for their own use. Subsequently, the DEI subcommittee used these policies as templates to derive initial drafts of an AAVP Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Policy, an AAVP Code of Conduct Policy, an AAVP Code of Professional Ethics, an AAVP Appeals Committee (Standing Committee), an AAVP Disciplinary Action Policy, and an AAVP Whistleblower Policy. Initial drafts underwent multiple revisions by members of the DEI subcommittee. Thereafter, the texts were reviewed by all members of the DEI Committee and the final drafts were presented at the Executive Committee Meeting and Business Meeting at the AAVP's 2023 annual meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. Subsequent feedback from the Executive Committee was addressed by the DEI subcommittee. Lastly, all members of the DEI Committee reviewed the final draft prior to posting on the AAVP's web site.

When registering for the annual meeting, you also will notice a new registration category for parasitology educators in veterinary technician programs. The goal is to increase attendance of

technician educators to expand the impact of our association. Merck Animal Health is continuing to offer travel support for veterinary parasitology technician educators.

In 2024, we will have another auction to raise funds for the YITG. These funds will help supplement those set aside by the executive committee and meet the needs of our growing student members and the increasing cost of travel. Some very special items, including paintings by Dr. William C. Campbell, have been donated for the 2024 auction. If you would like to donate items, please reach out to Shelly Michalski (michalsk@uwosh.edu).

The Executive Committee has been meeting monthly virtually and will likely begin meeting every two weeks as we get closer to the AAVP Annual meeting. The Program Chair and President-Elect, Heather Walden, has been working diligently on organizing the 2024 meeting while the committee and Vice President, Andy Moorhead, have been working on identifying locations for 2025.

The Nominations Committee has identified very worthy candidates for Vice President. Serving on the Executive Committee is a lot of work but also very rewarding. I thank all the Vice President candidates for agreeing to be nominated. Your voice matters, so please remember to vote!

Also, remember to nominate worthy colleagues for the appropriate AAVP Achievement Awards: AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Parasitologist, Distinguished Service Award, One Health, Outstanding Graduate Student Award, and AAVP-CAPC Graduate Award in Zoonotic Disease.

Be sure to prepare to share your latest research at our upcoming AAVP meeting in Atlanta, GA. I look forward to seeing you and learning from you in Atlanta!

Email: jketzis@rossu.edu Submitted by Jennifer Ketzis, AAVP President

From the Secretary/Treasurer

2024 AAVP Membership Dues

Dean Dailey

I would like to thank those of you who have paid your 2024 membership dues! The renewal period for membership was from **October 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024**. If you have not renewed your membership at this time, then you will have lost your membership privileges. The good news is that you can easily regain those privileges by renewing online!

Annual dues for regular members are $100.00 per year and $30.00 per year for students. Dues should be paid online by clicking on the "Membership" tab at the top of the AAVP web page (http://www.aavp.org) and then clicking "**Join / Renew Online**". If you login to the site before clicking "Join / Renew Online", your personal information will be prepopulated on the renewal form. Once you have made your payment, you should receive an e-mail from the AAVP confirming that your account has been updated. If you require a formal receipt for payment, or if you are experiencing any problems with the payment of your dues online, please contact the AAVP Membership Coordinator, Nan Knuteson via email (nknuteson@reesgroupinc.com) or contact me.

As noted by the AAVP President, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Dr. Adriano Vatta for all of the help and support he has provided as I have transitioned into the role of Secretary/Treasurer over the last 8 months. Working with the Rees Group professional association management company, we have implemented a few updates that we hope you find helpful, such as membership renewal reminder emails and an updated renewal process on the AAVP website. Over the coming months, we will continue evaluating other potential enhancements.

Thank you for continuing to support the AAVP!

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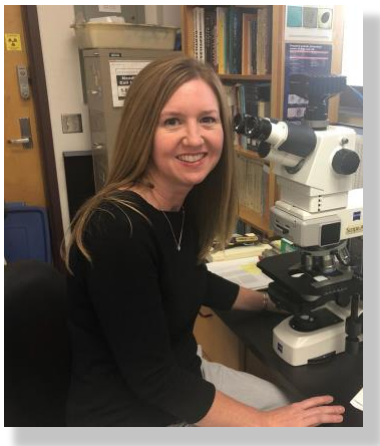
69th Annual Meeting of the AAVP – Conference Information

Message from the Program Committee



Heather Walden
Vice President,
Programming chair

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold its 69th Annual Meeting on **July 27th – 30th** in Atlanta, GA. The venue is the Westin Hotel, Buckhead and will be only a few miles from Centennial Olympic Park and surrounded by shopping, restaurants and museums, for those that wish to arrive early or stay a few days after. The 2024 Program Chair, Dr. Heather Walden, and the Program Committee, Drs. Antoinette Marsh, Jennifer Ketzis, Dean Dailey, Andy Moorhead, Elyssa Campbell, and William Johnson are currently assembling an outstanding scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "Invasive Parasites: Dynamics of Expansion, Transmission and Control."

Saturday's opening plenary session speakers will include Dr. Christopher Cleveland, an Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine and Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, Dr. Sarah Sapp from the Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Dr. Terence Farrell, a Professor of Biology and Herpetology at Stetson University. These presentations will be followed by the award winners, including the recipient of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, who will be presenting. These individuals are outstanding in their areas of study.

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. Molly Savadelis (molly.savadelis@zoetis.com) and Megan Lineberry (megan.lineberry@zoetis.com) by May 7, 2024.

This year, the AAVP-NCVP Case Based Discussions will be held during lunch on Monday. Tuesday's President's Symposium speakers will include Dr. Robert Cowie, a Professor in the Department of Zoology and Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology at the Pacific Biosciences Research Center at the University of Hawaii and Dr. Michael Yabsley, a Distinguished Professor in Wildlife Disease at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine and Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study.

The 69th Annual Meeting will include, as at past meetings, student presentations and a student competition. Student papers will be integrated into the topical session that is most appropriate. The poster social event will start off with the fun and exciting "Poster-Pitch" session in which each poster presenter will have the opportunity to give a "1 slide / 1 minute" pitch describing their poster. In the planning, though not confirmed, is another silent auction to be held in conjunction with the poster session – keep an eye out for email updates.

As in the past, an excellent series of events is planned for the students to promote student interactions with established workers in different fields of parasitology and to enhance student-to-student interactions. On Saturday there will be a student "Meet and Greet." On Tuesday, a student post-meeting trip is planned, touring the Georgia Aquarium. Departures for the attending students should be planned for Wednesday, July 31st. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be

announced via email. For questions on student events and the post-meeting excursion contact Dr. Elyssa Campbell (ejacob7@uga.edu) or Dr. William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu).

Updates to the program will be shared on the AAVP web site (http://www.aavp.org/). Please note that the final program for the conference will be posted on the AAVP web site, and in the Summer Issue of the Newsletter.

The Program Committee now invites abstracts for oral presentations and posters with a submission deadline of April 24, 2024. 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 Atlanta, Georgia this summer.

Sincerely,

Submitted by Dr. Heather Walden, Program Chair and President-Elect (Email: hdstockdale@ufl.edu)

Abstract submissions open on 3/13/24 and close on 4/24/24.
Registration opens on 3/13/24.

Meeting Location

Atlanta, Georgia

The **American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 69th Annual Meeting** will be held July 27-30, 2024 in **Atlanta, GA, USA**.

Atlanta is a city with towering buildings made of glass and steel, but is also a city in the forest, dotted with expansive green spaces. Money Magazine included Atlanta on its Best Places to Travel list for 2023 and named the city the best place to live in the United States. This urban oasis is a multi-cultural haven for residents and visitors alike, yet exudes Southern hospitality. Individuals from all walks of life add to the city's charm and personality. The recently refreshed Centennial Olympic Park is Downtown's centerpiece and is anchored by the Fountain of Rings, an everlasting reminder of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. The park is surrounded by world-class attractions such as Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame, Georgia Aquarium, National Center for Civil and Human Rights and World of Coca-Cola. The greenspaces in Buckhead include PATH400 for biking, jogging and walking, while more than 260 acres at Chastain Park provides additional outdoor activities and hosts traveling musical acts. (www.discoveratlanta.com)

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Website

https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/atlwb-the-westin-buckhead-atlanta/overview/

Early arrival, staying after – links for local attractions

www.discoveratlanta.com

Conference Registration

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the 2024 meeting. **If you are submitting abstract(s), we require that you register for the meeting by the May 3rd deadline.** 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.).

2024 Registration Fees

Members

- Early bird registration (deadline: May 3, 2024): US $350 (general) / US $150 (student)
- Late registration (after May 3, 2024) or on-site: US $675 (general) / US $375 (student)

Non-Members

- Early bird registration (deadline: May 3, 2024): US $675 (general) / US $375 (student)
- Late registration (after May 3, 2024) 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 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 sessions). Membership dues for 2024 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, 2024. A proceedings book with abstracts, meeting badge, and other information will be available for you onsite. 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.

Veterinary Technician Educators

There are ten Merck Animal Health Travel Scholarships (up to $500) available to offset cost of registration and travel. **Applications are due May 9, 2024**.

AAVP is offering a Veterinary Technician Educator's Early bird registration rate of $475 for non-members and $250 for members (late registration $575 non-members, $475 members) for those teaching parasitology in AVMA CVTEA accredited programs.

To apply for the Merck Animal Health Travel Scholarship or information on how to qualify for this discounted registration rate, please contact the AAVP Program Chair, Heather Walden, hdstockdale@ufl.edu, or access the application **HERE**.

Hotel Reservations

*Reduced Rate until **July 5, 2024***

The negotiated room rate for attendees is $169/night plus local and state taxes. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Credit cards will not be charged a deposit, but held and charged at the actual meeting. In case of 'no-show', a deposit will be charged to the card.

Hotel

To make your hotel reservation you can:

1. Access the AAVP hotel link via the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) web site (www.aavp.org) and then follow the instructions.
2. Or, click on the following hyperlink: https://book.passkey.com/event/50775504

   There you will be able to book and hold your reservation with a credit card. Note that bookings may only be done online for the period July 25-30, 2024. If you wish to book additional stays outside these dates, please call the hotel (see below).
3. Or, you can call **1-404-365-0065.** Guests must identify themselves as members of the group and ask for the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologist Conference.

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

Make your room reservations by July 5, 2024. 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 **July 5, 2024** deadline.

Travel

Airport

The airport for the meeting is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. (airport code: ATL).

Airport Transportation

Travel between the airport and the hotel can be done by Uber, Lyft or city taxi. Additionally, the local transportation (MARTA) starts at the airport and comes north. The Buckhead Station is 1 block from the hotel and is an easy walk.

Parking

Self-parking is available for a $10 discount for overnight and daily drive-in guests.

Students

Roommates for Atlanta: Students looking for room share should contact Dr. Elyssa Campbell (ejacob7@uga.edu) or Dr. William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu) and we will send the 'google doc' for roommate matching.

Scientific Program

General

The 2024 program continues with many of the previous approaches, which we believe will enhance an already fun and informative veterinary parasitology meeting. Special sessions on invasive species, zoonotic parasites, novel cases and anthelmintic resistance are planned, dependent on abstract submissions.

Saturday afternoon starts with the President's opening remarks immediately followed by the 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 Symposium and 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. Lunch will be provided by IDEXX during their noontime Symposium. The day will conclude with poster sessions and a Boehringer Ingelheim Symposium and Social.

Monday morning will begin with scientific presentations followed by the AAVP Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in the second half of the morning. Lunch will be provided for afternoon AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions. Thereafter, scientific presentations will continue for the rest of the day. The day concludes with the Antech Symposium and Social and the YITG live auction.

Tuesday morning starts with a special session followed by the President's Symposium which has the theme of "Invasive Parasites: Dynamics of Expansion, Transmission and Control".

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.

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.

A speaker ready room will not be available. Use good judgement in the selection of colors, fonts and image size. If you must preface a slide with "…You probably can't see this…" or "…This may be hard to see …" then it should not be in your presentation. Expect that room lights will be on at least midway in the meeting room.

A "green…yellow…red" light system will be placed on each podium to provide speakers with notices of the time remaining for their talk. When the light turns red, the microphone and slides **will be turned off**. This may seem 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 labelled by presentation number and last name of presenter. An audiovisual technician will be onsite during the first hour before the day's sessions begin to check uploads. If last minute changes are required, new files can only be uploaded during the first hour of the day. To lessen the expenses of the meeting, we are not paying for a technician to sit throughout the day to load presentations. 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.

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 27

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM:	AAVP Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:	Student Meet & Greet
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:	Veterinary Technician Educators Meet & Greet
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM:	Welcome and Plenary Session
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:	AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Elanco Symposium and Welcoming Reception

Sunday, July 28

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM:	AAVP Committee Meetings (with breakfast)
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM:	On-site Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:	IDEXX Symposium and Lunch
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 Symposium and Reception

Monday, July 29	
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	On-site Registration
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP Business Meeting / Awards Ceremony
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:	AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions and Lunch
1:45 PM – 3:30 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM:	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM:	ACVM Diplomate meeting
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:	Antech Symposium and Reception, YITG live auction

Tuesday, July 30	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:	Special session
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:	AAVP President's Symposium
1:00 PM – 12:00 PM:	Student excursion

Please note: the conference program is still in development. The final program will be posted on the AAVP website (www.aavp.org) by **June 22, 2024**.

Abstract Submission

*Abstract submission closes **April 24, 2024***

General

As in previous years, the word limit for abstract text (excluding author names and addresses) is **300**. Abstracts should be one paragraph and may not contain tables. Abstracts should not be hypothetical in nature and should contain reference to real data. The submission portal allows you to submit an abstract and make changes until **11:59 PM EST on April 24, 2024**, 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 by **June 4, 2024,** whether their abstracts have been accepted.

If you have any questions regarding program, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Chair, Dr. Heather Walden at hdstockdale@ufl.edu. Likewise, for technical issues regarding abstract submission click on the "***Support***" button, on the top right of the screen within the abstract submission web site, for assistance.

Please remember, final acceptance of your abstract is contingent upon confirmation of receipt of the registration fee by **May 3, 2024**.

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/aavp2024
2. Click **Sign In** at the bottom of the page.
3. Enter your email address and password, then click **Sign In**.
4. At the bottom of the Home page click **New Submission** to create a 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.

If you do not have an account in CATALYST, follow these instructions below.

1. Click on the following link to create a submission: https://catalyst.omnipress.com/aavp2024
2. Click **Sign In / Create Account** at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the **Create New Account** to register an account.
4. Enter your email address, password and confirm password. 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**.
7. Once logged in, at the bottom of the Home page, click **New Submission** to create a submission.
8. 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.
9. Click **Submit** on the bottom right of your screen when you are ready to submit your abstract.

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."

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 web site 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 web site. If you have any questions, please contact Elyssa Campbell (ejacob7@uga.edu) & William Johnson (williamjohnson@vet.k-state.edu)

Awards and Travel Grants

AAVP Achievement Awards

The awards committee is soliciting nominations for the following awards:

- AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award honoring contributions of a current or former member of the AAVP to veterinary parasitology that are widely recognized internationally as significant and important to the understanding and control of parasitic diseases of animals.

- AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award based on veterinary parasitology research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

- AAVP-William C. Campbell One-Health Award to recognize and celebrate remarkable veterinary parasitologists who have made extraordinary contributions to One Health, which is defined as the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines—working locally, nationally, and globally—to attain optimal health for people, animals, AND our environment.

- AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease - The award is made based on veterinary parasitology research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

The guidelines for application and nomination can be found on the AAVP website

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

The awards are given to undergraduate/graduate students who compete successfully in the Student Presentation competition. Both presentations award three places. All students who submit applications for the AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants should indicate on the Annual Meeting web site if they wish to be part of the 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 web site or during abstract submission. Judges at the meeting will use the checklist available below to help rate the presentations.

Oral Presentation Judge's Checklist **Poster Presentation Judge's Checklist**

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG)

The travel grants are competitive grants awarded to full-time DVM or undergraduate / graduate students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning and pursuing studies in veterinary parasitology, 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. To receive a YITG award, recipients must be registered as an AAVP member, have an abstract accepted for presentation, provide a mentor letter verify student status at the time of application, and present at the AAVP meeting. 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.

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

Summary of Important Dates

April 24:	Deadline for submission of abstracts and registration for authors
May 3:	Deadline for payment for early bird registration
July 5:	Deadline for payment of early bird hotel room rate at the Hilton Hotel
June 22:	Conference program posted on AAVP web site and June Newsletter
July 27-30:	Conference in Atlanta, Georgia

Annual Meeting 2024 Important Dates

Abstract submission website closes April 24, 2024

Conference registration deadline for authors: May 3, 2024

Early bird meeting registration deadline is May 3, 2024

Hotel special room rate deadline is July 5, 2024

Guidelines for the Administration of Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITGs)

Guidelines for the Awarding of YITGs

1. *Eligibility for AAVP YITG funding*. Only AAVP members who are graduate students (MS or PhD), post-doctoral associates in the first 3 years of their training program, veterinary students, or undergraduate students should be eligible for a YITG award. Priority for awards should be graduate students and post-doctoral associates first, and veterinary students and undergraduate students second. To receive a YITG award, recipients must be registered as an AAVP member, have an abstract accepted for presentation, provide a mentor letter at the time of application (see #4 below), and present at the AAVP meeting.
2. *Not eligible for AAVP YITG funding*. Although everyone with relevant interest is encouraged to participate in the annual AAVP meeting, YITGs will **not** be awarded to post-doctoral associates more than 3 years out from their PhD, or any other individuals (faculty, post-DVM trainees not enrolled in a MS or PhD program (interns, residents), research scientists, MPH students, etc.) regardless of when they completed their graduate or professional degree.
3. *Addressing budget shortfalls*. If sufficient funds are not available to support all individuals in a given category in a particular year, then YITGs should be awarded first based on the quality of the abstract, and then by PI/mentor (each mentor only receives funding for 1–2 students depending on availability of funds) and by order of seniority (students in training longer receive priority). For example, if 5 veterinary students apply and funds are only available for 2, then the 5 will be ranked by quality of abstract and the two best abstracts will be awarded. If budget shortfalls continue or escalate, additional limitations to the program should be revisited in the future.
4. *YITG application process*. To verify student status (MS, PhD, veterinary, post-doc in first 3 years after receiving PhD, or undergraduate) and ensure eligibility for the YITG, a mentor (PI, principal investigator) letter should be included with each application. The letter should specifically state (1) student status at the time of presentation; (2) start date of student in current training program; (3) if a post-doctoral associate, the month and year the PhD was awarded; and (4) if matching funds will be provided by the mentor/PI or the home institution.
5. *Review of YITG applications*. The Executive Committee delegates the responsibility for the allocation of awards in accordance with these guidelines to the awards committee, with the student

representatives of the Executive Committee designated as advisors to the awards committee chair. In the case that the review of abstracts is required, the Program Chair will be responsible for assigning reviewers. Prior to awarding any funds, the awards committee chair or their designee should evaluate the applications and confirm each student: (1) is an AAVP member in good standing; (2) has an accepted abstract at the upcoming AAVP meeting; and (3) is eligible to receive a YITG based on their trainee status at presentation. Incomplete applications that do not include a mentor/PI letter validating student status should be considered invalid and funds not awarded. It is not the responsibility of the awards committee chair, the student representatives, or the AAVP Secretary/Treasurer to solicit letters or request dues payments be made to ensure applications are complete.

6. *Amount to be awarded*. The maximum spend on AAVP YITGs each year is $20,000, but this figure will be reviewed from time to time and may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the AAVP Executive Committee. Further, the maximum amount to be paid each student will be $700 in matching funds. In years when more students apply than funds are available to support; the AAVP will prioritize students who are funded rather than reducing the amount awarded to each individual student (see #3 above).
7. *Process for receiving funds*. To be reimbursed, each student must submit scanned receipts for all usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR) travel expenses to the AAVP Secretary/Treasurer within 2 weeks following the meeting. Travel expenses include transportation, hotel, meals, taxi or ride share, airport parking, registration, and similar expenditures associated with attending the meeting. *Per diem* will not be considered; actual receipts (scanned) for food purchased while in transit or while attending the meeting are required. To avoid confusion, each receipt should be explained in brief, e.g. “lunch in transit 19 June 2020”. Each student may receive up to $700 matching funds so long as receipts are provided for UCR travel expenses justifying that amount (i.e. at least $1,400 in total expenses must be documented to receive the maximum $700).
8. *Matching funds*. Matching funds from the mentor or home institution should be expected but not required. If matching funds are not available, the mentor must provide a letter certifying that matching funds are not available (see mentor/PI letter above). So long as otherwise qualified, students without matching funds would still be eligible for the lesser amount of 50% the cost of attending the meeting or $700. However, no YITG recipient will receive more than the maximum amount allowed (50% expenses up to $700).
9. *Cap on the amount of money spent or the number of grants awarded each year*. No more than $20,000 will be spent on the YITG program each year, unless this amount is modified by the Executive Committee, and each recipient will receive only up to $700 per year in matching funds. If all students request the maximum, then only ~ 28 awards could be made each year. However, usually ~50% of students request the maximum amount. Accordingly, up to 32 YITGs may be approved to qualified applicants. In addition, the YITG program will be re-evaluated on a yearly basis by the Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting to ensure the aims of the grants are met by the $20,000 budget cap while also ensuring that the funding fits within the overall budget or the AAVP.

Committee Reports

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The AAVP Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee has met twice throughout the fall and winter months to continue working on several objectives. Working groups were formed to continue development of:

(1) AAVP Mentoring Initiative

(2) DEI Content at the Annual Meeting

(3) Newsletter Content

For interested folks, we wanted to share this RECENT ARTICLE published in the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education about a student led community-based veterinary clinic for disabled and low-income clients. This is a great read about access to veterinary care.

The DEI Committee would also like to share an updated roster of our members:

Co-Chairs: Meriam Saleh (she/her), Andrew Peregrine (he/him)

Members: Lauren Camp (she/her), Frank Hurtig (he/him), Malika Kachani (she/her), Andrew Moorhead (he/him), Ashley McGrew (she/her), Araceli Lucio-Forster (she/her), Jessica Rodriguez (she/her), Timothy Wu (he/him), Julie Thompson (she/her), Corinna Hazelrig, Grace VanHoy (she/her), Megan Wamback (she/her), Kathryn Duncan (she/her), Roger Ramirez-Barrios (he/him), Caroline Sobotyk (she/her), Kaori Sakamoto (she/her), Cameron Sutherland (he/him), Kamilyah Miller (she/her)

DEI Committee at the Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY in June 2023

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Meriam Saleh, Chair, DEI Committee
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Education Committee

Planning for the 2024 Educator's Symposium at University of California-Davis has begun for the week following conclusion of Fall Semester (the week of **December 16th**).

One of the main projects of the committee over the next year is an update of the AAVP Competency Standards, with a goal of publication of this set of recommendations in the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education. The Competency Standards Working Group will be updating and mapping each of the AAVP Competency Standards to the Competency-Based Veterinary Education framework. The goal is to write an updated review on how parasitology fits into this new framework. While this is currently a work in progress, a preliminary draft will be presented at the 2024 annual meeting in Atlanta.

Submitted by Grace VanHoy, Education Committee Chair

Students

The AAVP student committee is excited to share what we have been working on for this year's meeting!

Saturday, July 27th

Committee Meetings: Students make up almost 30% of AAVP and as the new generation of parasitologists, it's never to early to make an impact by joining one of the AAVP committees. All committees meeting Saturday morning over breakfast. This is a great way to learn about what the different committees are, how you can be involved, and to network with other students and members.

Student Meet and Greet: The student committee welcomes you to the annual meeting with a meet and greet lunch! It's a great way to meet other student members, learn about the student committee, and the student officers will answer any questions you have about the AAVP meeting, student trip, etc. We may even play a bit of parasitology trivia, so brush up on your fun facts!

Tuesday, July 30th

Student Trip: Students are welcome to attend the student trip, which takes place after the end of the meeting! This year, we will be doing a behind-the-scenes tour of the Georgia Aquarium and chatting with their veterinarians about their care of the animals. We were told that the veterinarians are excited to talk to us parasitologists, so come ready with questions! **We only have 32 spots reserved for this trip**. If you are interested, please email aavpstudentcommittee@gmail.com. We expect the spots to fill quickly!

We will make hotel arrangements for that night for all attendees who need it. Departures for those attending the student trip should be planned for late Tuesday evening or Wednesday, July 31st. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be emailed after the deadline for abstract submissions.

Young Investigator Travel Grants: Be on the lookout for updated Young Investigator Travel Grant application and reimbursement forms. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your student officers.

Roommates for Atlanta: We know hotels can be expensive for student budgets! Anyone looking for room share should contact your student officers: aavpstudentcommittee@gmail.com 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.

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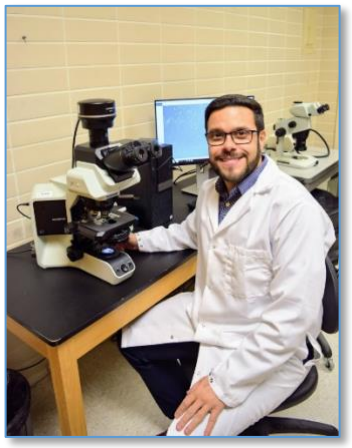
Nominating Committee



Gui Verocai, Chair of Nominating Committee

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

Term Ends	
2024	Gui Verocai John Gilleard
2025	Pablo Jimenez Castro Meriam Saleh
2026	Grace VanHoy Kathryn Duncan

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

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

Committee members proposed several people for each position, and then the list was ranked by the committee. The top ranked nominees for each position were contacted and asked to serve. This year there are 2 nominees for Vice President and, as required by the by-laws, 5 nominees for the Nominating Committee.

New to this year, we will be voting on our student officers as they officially join the executive committee! For this election, William Johnson will be running unopposed for the 1-year student executive position, as he is already the first year student officer. We also have two candidates for the new 2-year student executive committee. In future years, we will only have to vote on the new 2-year position.

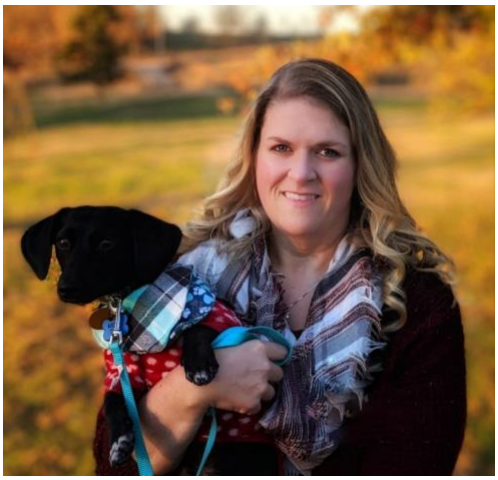
Their biographies are in this issue of the Newsletter. Electronic voting will begin **April 10th and end May 10th**. Good luck to all the nominees!

Vice President	Secretary-Treasurer	Nominating Committee	Student Officer
Lindsay Starkey	Dean Dailey	Camila Queiroz	Nichol Ripley
Adriano Vatta		Caroline Sobotyk	Rachel Smith
		JB Collins	
		Roger Ramirez-Barrios	
		Manigandan Lejeune	

Nominee Biographies

Nominees for Vice President

Lindsay Starkey DVM, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)



Dr. Starkey earned her DVM from Oklahoma State University in 2011 and was one of the inaugural NCVP residents from 2011–2015 while concurrently earning her PhD from Oklahoma State studying tick-borne pathogens of dogs under the advisement of Dr. Susan Little. She then served on the faculty of Auburn University for 7 years as Assistant then Associate Professor before getting the chance to return to her alma mater for a faculty position back at Oklahoma State, beginning July 2023. Her main research interests continue in the field of vectors and vector-borne pathogens. She provides countless hours of continuing education to practicing vets centered around the topics of ticks, tick-borne pathogens, and heartworm. Recently she also co-authored chapters in Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat (5th Ed.) as well as Ettinger's Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine (9th Ed.).

Dr. Starkey has been an active member of AAVP since the last time the meeting was held in Atlanta in 2010 where she attended as a 4th year veterinary student presenting research on *Hepatozoon* in coyotes. Committee involvement has included the Awards committee (2016–current; with 4 of those years as chair), Nominating committee (2018–2021), and now the education committee (2022–current). Outside of AAVP, she's the editor for the American Heartworm society, co-director for the NCVP, and previously served the ACVM via the Board of Governors as well as the Parasitology Examination committee (2017–2022; chair 2019–2022).

Adriano Vatta, BVSc, MSc, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)

Adriano Vatta graduated as a veterinarian in 1998 at the University of Pretoria, South Africa and completed a Masters (University of Pretoria) and PhD (University of KwaZulu-Natal) in South Africa before emigrating to take up a position as assistant professor of parasitology at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, Saint Kitts, West Indies. Adriano then undertook post-doctoral studies at the University of Georgia under the mentorship of Adrian Wolstenholme and Ray Kaplan, before accepting a position in pharmaceutical clinical development at Zoetis, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (parasitology specialty) in 2017. After 8 years of working in industry, Adriano returned to academia as an associate professor of parasitology at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Adriano served as secretary-treasurer of the AAVP from 2018-2022 and was instrumental, together with the executive committee, in keeping the finances of the society in the black as we navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and had to adapt our in-person conferences to virtual (2020) and hybrid (2021) formats. During his term as secretary-treasurer, Adriano was vocal in supporting a transition to a new way in which the day-to-day functions of the society were to be managed. He played a pivotal role within the executive committee in identifying and interviewing potential management companies who might assist the AAVP in this endeavor, finally transitioning the administrative duties of secretary-treasurer to our new management company. Adriano is in the somewhat uncommon position of having successfully worked both in industry and academia and is well versed in the management of the AAVP. He is passionate about veterinary parasitology and as vice president of the AAVP, he would be a strong advocate for veterinary parasitology teaching within evolving veterinary school curricula, for increased parasitology research funding, and for the development of new antiparasitics and new, sustainable approaches to manage parasites in our domestic animals and wildlife.

Candidates 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 various projects focused on parasitology education in service of the veterinary healthcare team and pet owners. Dean has been an AAVP member since 2013 and has served on the AAVP Awards Committee and the Electronic Media Committee. Currently, Dean serves as AAVP Secretary Treasurer, completing one 2-years term, and running for another term.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Camila Queiroz DVM, MS, PhD

Dr. Camila Queiroz is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, passionate about Parasitology, Public Health, and Food safety. She completed a master's degree in Medical Sciences before joining her dream job at the Inspection Agency of Fortaleza (Brazil) as a Food Safety Veterinarian. She was responsible for making sure places that produce, transport and sell food of animal origin were in compliance with the regulations. It was also part of her job to educate people on food safety, adapting the technical knowledge to different audiences. She was the author of the first regulation in sushi production in Brazil, currently in effect city-wide. She then had the opportunity in 2016 to pursue a PhD in Veterinary Medicine at University of Calgary, under the supervision of Dr John Gilleard. She applied DNA metabarcoding and molecular epidemiology to diagnose and investigate the arise and spread of anthelmintic resistance in sheep GI nematodes. She has presented her results at AAVP every year since 2016, being awarded four times for her presentations, including the best poster presentation in 2018. She was part of the Publications, Outreach and Research committee of AAVP from 2018-2023. After defending her PhD in 2020, she worked as a Post-doctoral fellow at Saint George's University, in partnership with University of Calgary. Currently, Dr. Queiroz is a Research Scientist at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Saskatoon, serving as Adjunct Professor at University of Saskatchewan and University of Calgary. She enjoys working with and for people, feeling that her job is having a positive impact in society.

Caroline Sobotyk DVM, MSc, PhD

Dr. Sobotyk is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Parasitology at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn). Dr. Sobotyk completed her DVM in 2013 at Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM) in Santa Maria, RS, Brazil and earned a MSc (2015) and PhD (2019) degree in Veterinary Parasitology in the same institution. In 2019, Dr. Sobotyk accepted a postdoctoral position at Texas A&M University (TAMU), while also undertaking her veterinary clinical parasitology training. Her research focuses on the improvement and development of conventional and molecular diagnostic techniques for detecting parasitic infections with the aim to improve the general health and well-being of domestic and wild animals and better understand treatment and prevention strategies.

JB Collins BS, PhD

My name is JB Collins, and I have been a member of AAVP since 2017, first as a student in Dr. Ray Kaplan's lab, and now as a Post-Doc in Dr. Erik Andersen's lab. My primary research interest is investigating benzimidazole resistance in ascarid parasites, and how it differs from resistance as we normally see in strongylids. I've come to know many wonderful people in my time as part of AAVP, and as many can attest to, I'm always ready to dive in and geek out over parasites, regardless of the area of focus. I am grateful for the nomination to the Nominating Committee, and I am committed to doing my part to ensure the success of the organization as a whole, as well as bringing younger perspectives to the table. Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Roger Ramirez-Barrios DVM, MS, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)

Dr. Roger Ramirez-Barrios is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM), Virginia Tech, and the Parasitology Section Head at the Virginia Tech Animal Laboratory Services. Originally from Venezuela, he received his DVM from the University of Zulia and his MS in Teaching from the University Simon Rodriguez, both in Venezuela, and his PhD in Veterinary Parasitology from the University of Cordoba, Spain. Recently, Dr. Ramirez became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, certified in Parasitology (2023). Dr. Ramirez' duties at the VMCVM include teaching parasitology in the veterinary curriculum and parasitology to undergraduate students. Previously to his current appointment, Dr. Ramirez taught veterinary parasitology in the veterinary school at the Universidad del Zulia, Venezuela for 18 years. His research focuses on vector-borne pathogens (especially *Trypanosoma cruzi*) and echinococcosis.

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

Dr. Lejeune is an Associate Professor of Practice and the Director of Clinical Parasitology and Molecular Diagnostic Labs at the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine at Ithaca, New York. Before his position at Cornell, 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 is rooted in training undertaken during his bachelor's degree at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education & Research (RIVER) and his master's at Sri Venkateshwara Veterinary University, India. He completed his Ph.D. in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the University of Calgary-Faculty of Medicine on work elucidating the mechanisms by which *Entamoeba histolytica* causes diarrhea in humans. Dr. Lejeune currently oversees the 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. His current role also includes training NCVP residents at Cornell University towards their success in the ACVM board certification in parasitology.

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

Candidate for the 2-year Student Officer

Nichol Ripley AA, BS, PhD student

Nichol Ripley is a Veterinary Science doctoral candidate at the University of Kentucky, with Dr. Martin Nielsen as her major advisor. Nichol's research focuses on parasitic nematode biology and evolution by using genomic tools to understand biological mechanisms and changes that occur throughout the lifecycle of the equine bloodworm, *Strongylus vulgaris*. She obtained her associate degree in liberal arts from Saint Leo University during her 16-year career in the US Navy, and after leaving the Navy, she completed her bachelor's degree in Agribusiness Management at Eastern Kentucky University. She then began her PhD studies in August 2020 and will defend in Fall 2024. She has served as a teaching assistant for the Ag Equine Programs in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at UK, including first-year courses, restructuring a Peer Mentorship through a Pedagogy course for Juniors and Seniors, and has supervised 18 undergraduate researchers in the Nielsen Lab. She has been a reviewer for numerous parasitology journals and has had six scientific publications since 2020. Nichol has been a member of AAVP since 2020 and has presented several talks and posters at the annual conferences, served on the student committee, and coordinated two successful AAVP student trips. Outside of veterinary parasitology, Nichol loves spending time with her husband, Britt, a Navy Veteran and professional musician. Together, they have three adult children: Brittany, who is an Insurance Adjustor; Ryan, who is a Cyber Warfare Technician in the US Navy; and Kadie, who is a freshman at the University of Louisville studying Criminal Justice. Upon successful defense, Nichol plans to become a post-doctoral scholar focusing on parasitic nematode evolution and hopes to continue her passion for mentoring students and research.

Rachel Smith BS, PhD student

Rachel Smith is currently a doctoral student in the comparative biomedical science program at the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Rachel earned her BSc in animal science at Auburn University in December 2020 and joined the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine veterinary biomedical sciences graduate program in January 2021. In August 2023, she transferred to the OSU CVM to follow her advisor, Dr. Lindsay Starkey, and complete her doctorate there. At OSU, Rachel serves as a teaching assistant and enjoys giving lectures and assisting with the parasitology lab for the vet students. Rachel is interested in vector-borne disease, primarily tick-borne and zoonotic diseases. Her dissertation research is focused on evaluating the prevalence of vector-borne pathogens in cats and ticks collected from cats, as well as biomarker discovery for early diagnosis of the feline pathogen, *Cytauxzoon felis*. Rachel is a member of the AAVP and the American Heartworm Society and has presented her research at meetings for both organizations. Beyond her academic interests, Rachel is an avid runner, hiker, and nature enthusiast, usually with her dog following closely behind.

Announcements

Parasitology Provenance

At the AAVP meeting in Snowbird 2022, Dr. Pat Conrad encouraged the membership to share their “Origin Story”. Each are unique, fascinating, and often involve a mentor who profoundly changed the trajectory of one’s career. With that, we would like to start up a place for AAVP to share that story! If you feel compelled, please send your “origin story” to the AAVP Newsletter (aavpnewsletter@gmail.com) to be included in future newsletters.

Future Parasitology Meetings

Future meetings of the AAVP

69th Annual Meeting: July 27 – 30, 2024 in Atlanta, GA

Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2024

The 2024 CRWAD meeting will be 21-23 January, 2024, 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

American Society of Parasitologists 2024

The 99th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists will be held at Westin Denver Downtown in Denver, CO, USA, 13-16 June, 2024. ASP

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) 2024

The 73rd annual meeting of ASTMH will be held at the New Orleans Ernest M. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA, 23 – 27 October, 2024. ASTMH.

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2025

The 30th International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held in Brazil. More information to come. WAAVP

Receiving AAVP Listserv Messages

The AAVP listserv is our primary means of contacting the membership. These emails are sent from "support@aavp.org." To ensure you receive these messages, please whitelist “support@aavp.org” by adding it to your approved senders list. All you need to do is open an email message and verify the sender can be trusted. However, the exact procedure to whitelist a sender will depend on your email client. In addition to adding the AAVP address to your “Approved Senders List”, other commonly used options among email clients are “Add Contact, Add to VIPs, Add Sender to Safe Senders List, or add to Primary,” among others. If you are not receiving messages from support@aavp.org at all, contact your IT department for assistance.

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AAVP Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

Newsletter	Deadline
March 2024	February 18, 2024
June 2024	May 15, 2024
October 2024	September 15, 2024

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.