American Association of Avian Pathologists Report

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What is the AAAP?

• The American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) is an international organization whose mission is to promote scientific knowledge to enhance the health, well-being, and productivity of poultry to provide safe and abundant food for the world.

• Membership is open to anyone engaged in some phase of poultry health and avian diseases. Our 914 active members include veterinarians and scientists engaged in providing health care to domestic poultry and researching solutions to poultry disease issues in the Americas and around the world, with 7 student including 2 new chapters at Western University and Iowa State University.
What Does AAAP Do?

• The AAAP publishes the journal Avian Diseases, one of the world’s premier scientific journals devoted to the health and diseases of domestic poultry, as well as the standard text on poultry diseases, Diseases of Poultry – the 14th edition is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

• AAAP also publishes a variety of manuals, slide study sets, and other educational and resource materials. New material in 2018 includes Gross Pathology of Avian Diseases and slide study sets on chicken anemia virus, viral arthritis and inclusion body hepatitis of chickens.
AAAP’s 16 task force committees and interest groups offer members a forum for discussion and action on specific poultry topics and issues. Via the work of these committees, AAAP publishes white papers and position statements on important public issues involving the poultry industry. The most recent papers and statements include Judicious Use of Antibiotics in Poultry Production and Core Principles of Antimicrobial Stewardship in Veterinary Medicine.

AAAP also works closely with a variety of other animal agriculture organizations as a constituent member of organizations such as the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Council on Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST), the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA), the Animal Agriculture Coalition (AAC) and others.
• Because of the increasing consumer interest in small flock production the AAAP has initiated communication with the Association of Avian Veterinarians to coordinate efforts to improve outreach efforts.

• Through the AAAP Foundation, over $67,000 for 15 scholarships and awards, as well as 16 preceptorships were given to support those who are interested in careers in poultry medicine and to acknowledge outstanding achievements in the area of poultry medicine and research.
AVMA/AAAP Annual Meeting

• Each year AAAP conducts a scientific program and symposium in conjunction with the AVMA Annual Convention, where the latest findings and issues regarding diseases in poultry are shared and discussed

• The 2018 Annual Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado and was preceded by The 2nd International Conference on Necrotic Enteritis with 260 in attendance and 38 speakers. The proceedings will be published in Avian Diseases next year

• The annual meeting scientific program had 148 presentations and 98 scientific posters on topics including; Management, Bacteriology, Reovirus, Antimicrobials, Mycoplasma, Case Reports, Immunology, Virology, Salmonella, Vaccinology, Enteric Health, Parasitology, Infectious Bronchitis Virus, Marek’s Disease, Diagnostics, and Avian Influenza
• The annual meeting started off with a symposium on Advances in the Management of Enteric Health in Poultry which complimented the Necrotic Enteritis Conference.

• The Keynote address by Dr. Haroldo Toro was entitled “Understanding the Success of Infectious Bronchitis Virus.”

• The History Lecture by Dr. Mo Saif reviewed “The History of Infectious Bursal Disease.”
• New for this year, AAAP Members provided a Small Flock Program for all AVMA veterinarians which was well received
• The 2019 AAAP meeting will be held August 2-6 in Washington DC