Report on the American Association of Avian Pathologists 2017 Annual Meeting

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About 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.
- Approximately 800 members:
  - ~57% DVM active, life, and retired members
  - ~27% domestic and international Associate members—research scientists, allied industry, etc.
  - ~16% Student members
AAAP Services and Activities

- Quarterly journal Avian Diseases, one of the world’s premier scientific journals devoted to the health and diseases of domestic poultry
- The standard text on poultry diseases, Diseases of Poultry, now in its 13th edition, 14th edition in press
- A variety of manuals such as Isolation, Identification, and Characterization of Avian Pathogens, symposium proceedings, slide study sets, and other educational and resource materials
- 16 task force committees and interest groups offer members a forum for discussion and action on specific poultry topics and issues
- White papers and position statements on important public issues involving the poultry industry, such as antibiotic use and welfare issues
AAAP Services and Activities

- White papers and Position Statements
  - Available at the website – [https://www.aaap.info/positions-statements](https://www.aaap.info/positions-statements)
  - White Papers
    - Poultry Welfare and Antibiotic Use in Poultry
    - Judicious Use of Drugs Fed to Poultry and Risks to Human Health
    - AAAP-AVMA Guidelines to Judicious Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Poultry
  - Statements
    - Hormone Use in Poultry
    - Antibiotic Feed Additives
    - Stunning of Commercial Poultry in North America
AAAP Foundation

- AAAP Foundation Poultry Scholarships for DVM and undergraduate study in poultry health, welfare, or food safety
- Kenneth Eskelund Preceptorship Poultry Medicine Training Program
- L. Dwight Schwartz Student Travel Scholarship to attend the AAAP annual meeting
- AAAP Foundation/Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program: 10, $5,000 scholarships to second and third year DVM students
- Elanco Memorial Scholarship: a $2,000 undergraduate and a $3,000 DVM student scholarship in poultry medicine
- 2 student paper awards, student poster award, best case report at the annual meeting
- 7 awards recognizing achievements and contributions by members
AAAP Annual Meeting

- Scientific program and symposium held yearly in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Convention
- Presents the latest findings and issues regarding diseases in poultry
- Business meeting for AAAP, and an excellent venue for networking with colleagues in the industry
- 2017: July 21-25 in Indianapolis, IN
- Featured 68 scientific posters and 149 scientific presentations
AAAP Annual Meeting 2017

- Each meeting includes a half-day symposium on a current prominent issue in the poultry industry, sponsored by one of our task force committees
- Featured presentations on the AVMA Governmental Relations Division, FDA regulatory processes, veterinarians in Congress, current legislative issues, and other political topics.
- Yearly keynote address on a critical issue for the profession
- 2017: “Global Competitiveness Focusing on Broilers, Turkeys, and Table Eggs” by Mr. Brett Stuart of Global Agritrends, an engrossing discussion of looming issues with the global food supply
The annual History Lecture by Dr. John Donahoe reviewed “Early Poultry Vaccine Company Development; the Era of Entrepreneurs”

Among the wide variety of diseases and topics covered in the poster and scientific sessions were the ever-popular case reports as well as sessions on Avian Influenza, Coccidiosis, Marek’s Disease, Mycoplasma, Salmonella and Food Safety, Infectious Bronchitis Virus, Newcastle Disease, Reovirus, Bacteriology, new Diagnostic Technology, Vaccine Technology, Management, Welfare, and a variety of other poultry diseases and issues.
AAAP 2018

- July 13-17 in Denver, CO
- Will be preceded by the Second International Conference on Necrotic Enteritis in Poultry, to be held July 10 – 11, 2018.
- See you there!!!