

# AAVP Newsletter

American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists

February, 2021

Volume 43, Number 1

## In this issue

<b>IN THIS ISSUE</b> .....	1	<b>SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES</b> .....	13
<b>FROM THE PRESIDENT</b> .....	2	<b>GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL GRANTS (YITGS)</b> .....	14
<b>FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER</b> .....	4	GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF YITGS .....	14
2021 AAVP MEMBERSHIP DUES .....	4	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b> .....	16
<b>66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AAVP – CONFERENCE INFORMATION</b> .....	5	STUDENTS .....	16
<b>MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE</b> .....	5	NOMINATING COMMITTEE .....	17
<b>MEETING LOCATION</b> .....	7	<b>NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES</b> .....	18
<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION</b> .....	8	NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT.....	18
2021 Registration Fees.....	8	<i>Jennifer Ketzis MS, PhD, Assoc Mem EVPC</i> .....	18
<b>HOTEL RESERVATIONS</b> .....	8	<i>Heather D.S. Walden MS, PhD</i> .....	19
Hotel.....	8	CANDIDATES FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....	20
Travel .....	9	<i>John Gilleard BVSc, PhD, DACVM, DEVPC, MRCVS</i> .....	20
Students .....	9	<i>Araceli Lucio-Forster BS, PhD</i> .....	20
<b>SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM</b> .....	9	<i>Molly Savadelis BS, PhD</i> .....	21
General.....	9	<i>Guilherme Verocai MV, MS, PhD, DACVM</i> .....	21
Oral Presentation Guidelines.....	10	<i>Christiano von Simson DVM, MBA</i> .....	22
Audiovisual Support .....	10	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> .....	23
Preliminary Schedule of Events.....	10	FUTURE PARASITOLOGY MEETINGS.....	23
<b>ABSTRACT SUBMISSION</b> .....	11	<i>Future meetings of the AAVP</i> .....	23
General.....	11	<i>World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2021</i> .....	23
<b>CATALYST</b> .....	11	<i>Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2021</i> .....	23
Students .....	12		
<b>AWARDS AND TRAVEL GRANTS</b> .....	12		
AAVP Achievement Awards.....	12		
AAVP Best Student Oral Presentation Award / AAVP- Elanco Poster Presentation Award .....	12		
AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG).....	13		

## From the President



*Doug Carithers  
AAVP President*

Dear AAVP colleagues,

It seems very appropriate that I am writing this iteration of the Spring AAVP 'From the President' update on Ground Hog Day. Much like Bill Murray in the iconic movie, it seems we were forced to initially struggle to figure out a new definition of the meaning of life. Then once we figured out how to survive, we figured out how to thrive, and now we have to prepare to go on with life on our own terms. Ten months ago, we started out with many challenges, and today many of those same tests are no longer challenging to us. While we initially struggled, we learned to work out a system that would allow us to persevere, and we succeeded. Now, I believe we are on the brink, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, and we need to prepare for the coming spring.

This morning Punxsutawney Phil "Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather-Prophet Extraordinary" (as was said in the movie, and by the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1887) that we have six more weeks of winter coming. With that in mind, we can shift our focus like the cynical

weatherman, Phil Connors (Bill Murray) did, and begin moving on to our better lives in the months ahead. We need to plan for life... remember what that was? Traveling to participate at in-person meetings, face-to-face interactions, sharing a handshake or two, kissing your grandbaby! While we aren't quite there yet, I believe in a few months we'll be well on our way.

Daily, I hear reports of family and colleagues who have received their vaccinations. This is great news, and there is promise that more people will be vaccinated as soon as they become eligible, including me! I am planning on attending the June AAVP meeting in beautiful Lexington, KY in person, but I'm also planning on getting my final vaccination at least 6 weeks prior to the meeting. With a fresh immune response on-hand, I'll feel much more comfortable participating in the meeting. Still doesn't mean I'll go around hand-in-hand with our President-Elect and Program Chair, Martin Nielsen, but I'll happily visit with him face-to-face!

Martin has been working so hard on planning for the upcoming hybrid meeting, working out the logistics, etc. Planning for a virtual meeting is WAY more difficult than planning an entirely face-to-face meeting. I speak from experience on the virtual component, but Martin is taking on the additional challenge, and working diligently on a hybrid meeting! The rest of the Executive Committee, Mason Reichard, Adriano Vatta, Antoinette Marsh, Kathryn Duncan, Julie Thompson, Alan Marchiondo, and I have been involved, participating and acting as a sounding-board to help him in this endeavor. We have been having regular monthly virtual meetings to consider our options to this point, including a virtual mid-year meeting in February. We'll likely begin having meetings every 2 weeks, and even moving to weekly meetings as the AAVP Annual meeting dates approach. The past 12 months really illustrates the importance of getting quality people in our organization's leadership roles. I've been impressed with the passion and drive of your leaders on our Executive Committee, and it is now time for you to get ready to vote for your 2021 slate of leaders! Yoko Nagamori and the rest of the nominating committee have identified quality candidates for Vice President and the Nominations Committee, so please vote for the candidates you feel will represent you best.

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.

Then, once you vote and nominate, be sure to prepare to share your latest research at our upcoming AAVP meeting in Lexington, KY. Everyone can begin practicing and preparing now, as all presentations will be pre-recorded. Be sure to check out the logistics in Martin's newsletter address and the instructions in this newsletter. Whether in-person, or virtually, we look forward to seeing you all in June at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the AAVP!

*Submitted by* Doug Carithers, AAVP President

[doug.carithers@boehringer-ingelheim.com](mailto:doug.carithers@boehringer-ingelheim.com)

770-331-6069

### 2021 AAVP Membership Dues



Dr. Adriano Vatta  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Thank you to those who have paid their 2021 membership dues.** As of February 20, 2021, we had 235 regular members, 71 student members, and 24 emeritus members, for a total of 330 paid-up members. This is a great start to 2021!

**Remember that having an up-to-date membership with the AAVP is one of the ways to obtain a lower registration fee for the 2021 AAVP Annual Meeting and is required for students to qualify for a Young Investigator Travel Grant.**

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

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

If you prefer to pay your dues by check, please mail a check payable to AAVP to me at the address below. **But to be perfectly honest, I'd much rather you paid online!**

Members who are in good standing may purchase an online subscription to *Veterinary Parasitology* for an additional \$50.00 per year. The subscription will be valid for calendar year 2021. You will need to have your dues paid up. Click on the "AAVP Member Only Area" link at the top of the web page and then on the dropdown menu for "Member Only Resources." Then click on the "Subscribe to *Veterinary Parasitology*" and proceed with payment

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

Dr. Adriano F. Vatta  
Secretary-Treasurer, AAVP

Submitted by Dr. Adriano Vatta, Secretary/Treasurer, AAVP  
Email: [adrianovatta@gmail.com](mailto:adrianovatta@gmail.com)

**Dues Reminder**  
**January 31, 2021**

...**WAS** the deadline  
for payment.

Pay your 2021 dues  
online at:

[https://www.aavp.org/  
aavp-membership-](https://www.aavp.org/aavp-membership-)

### Message from the Program Committee



*Dr. Martin Nielsen,  
President-Elect and  
Program Chair*

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) will hold its 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on **June 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** in Lexington, KY. With the COVID-19 pandemic still raging and vaccinations rolling out slowly, it remains difficult to predict how things will look by June 2021. Therefore, we are planning for a **hybrid format** meeting, which can be attended both remotely as well as in-person. By doing so, we can move to a 100% virtual meeting, if required. However, we will also maintain the flexibility for the traditional meeting format to the extent this remains possible and our membership is able to and interested in doing so. The main consequence of the hybrid format is that, like last year, **all presentations should be pre-recorded** and uploaded onto the meeting submission portal. All videos will be available within the meeting widget for **two months (until August 22, 2021)**, after which they will be taken down. During this time, only registered meeting attendees will be able to access and view these presentations. Although we emphasize that capturing or screenshotting of videos

cannot be allowed, we do encourage presenters to be vigilant with public disclosure of sensitive information and carefully consider which material to present.

As you prepare your presentations, do make sure you take the time to record them and save the files as MP4. Last year, we all learned how this can be done in a multitude of ways. You can do it directly in PowerPoint, through Zoom, or use your iPhone with video capture and edit it in iMovie. In addition to this, our meeting partner, Omnipress, offers the opportunity to record your presentation directly into the submission website. This list is not exclusive as there are likely other ways to generate your MP4, depending on your resources.

As you know, we have surveyed the membership three times to gauge the in-person attendance, and we will continue to repeat these surveys over the coming months. These data will be very valuable for us as we will need to renegotiate our contract with the Hilton Hotel in downtown Lexington, Kentucky regardless of how we move forward. Either we will be meeting in person, but with a reduced attendance compared to normal years, or circumstances could force us to cancel the in-person component, in which case the meeting will be 100% virtual like in 2020. To prepare for these scenarios, we are collecting data through these surveys to provide the best basis for a negotiation with the hotel. The response rates have been very high, and we really appreciate the support from the membership!

The 2021 Program Chair, Dr. Martin Nielsen, and the Program Committee, Drs. Doug Carithers, Mason Reichard, Antoinette Marsh, Adriano Vatta, Kathryn Duncan, Julie Thompson and Al Marchiondo are currently assembling an outstanding scientific program. The theme of this year's meeting is "**Avenues Ahead**". The plenary talks on Saturday will describe current and future approaches to parasitology research. Dr. Matthew Denwood, University of Copenhagen, will talk about challenges with statistical analysis of parasitology data, and what to do about it, and Dr. Erik Andersen, Northwestern University, will give a presentation about his work with genetic crosses and mapping anthelmintic resistance in free-living and parasitic worms. We will be hosting live Q&A sessions in a Zoom-type format, so all attendees (in-person as well as online) can participate. For the President's Symposium, we have invited Dr. Jocelyn Poissant, University of Calgary, to talk about his work with using molecular tools in wildlife parasitology and ecology research. Last but not least, Michael Kimber, Iowa State University, will give a presentation about the role of nematode extracellular vesicles in the host-parasite interface.

We will offer poster sessions again this year. For those attending in person, we will offer the short poster pitch session, which is a fun and effective way for poster presenters to highlight their key message(s) and encourage delegates to visit their posters. However, like last year, short 3-minute poster presentations will be prerecorded and uploaded prior to the meeting for remote attendees to view at their leisure.

As has been the long practice of the AAVP, the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will include student presentations and student competitions for both posters and oral presentations. Given the hybrid format, this competition will be based on the prerecorded videos, as this will create a level playing field for all presenting students. While this presents some logistical challenges for the competition and the judging, we know from last year that this can be done in a Zoom-meeting format. The program will also include presentations by recipients of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, and the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award, provided we receive nominees! Please submit your nominations to Drs. Molly Savadelis ([Molly.savadelis@zoetis.com](mailto:Molly.savadelis@zoetis.com)) and Shelly Michalski ([michalsk@uwosh.edu](mailto:michalsk@uwosh.edu)) by April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

With the hybrid format, the student activities will be slightly different, but we will strive towards making these as close to “normal” as possible with scheduled lunchtime meetings with live on-line streaming for those attending remotely. Among other things, our student representatives are planning a live online special panel of Editors-in-Chief who will be sharing advice on how to prepare scientific manuscripts for submission. For those attending in person, our host Dr. Martin Nielsen will offer the students a guided tour of the M.H. Gluck Equine Research Center and the equine research farm featuring the famous parasitology research herds. Following the tour, students will have dinner in downtown Lexington, and 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be emailed after the deadline for abstract submissions. For any questions, contact Dr. Kathryn Duncan ([katdunc@ostatemail.okstate.edu](mailto:katdunc@ostatemail.okstate.edu)) or Dr. Julie Thompson ([jmthompson2961@gmail.com](mailto:jmthompson2961@gmail.com)).

Committee meetings will likely have to be held online to allow all committee members to participate, but should be scheduled in conjunction with the meeting, if possible. The AAVP business meeting will still be scheduled for Monday, June 21, and will be online as well.

Depending on in-person attendance, our evening socials will likely look different this year, but we hope to be able to work with our sponsors to offer our nightly socials in some form for those attending. As we move closer to the meeting, we will have a better idea of the in-person attendance, and will plan the socials accordingly.

Updates to the program, as it continues to develop, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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 either in Lexington, Kentucky - or online - this summer.

Sincerely,

*Submitted by Dr. Martin Nielsen, Program Chair and President-Elect*

Email: [martin.nielsen@uky.edu](mailto:martin.nielsen@uky.edu)

**Abstract submissions open on 2/22/21 and close on 4/15/21.  
Registrations open on 2/25/21.**

## Meeting Location

---

### *Lexington, Kentucky*

The **American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** will be held June 19–22, 2021 in **Lexington, KY, USA – and online.**



Lexington, Kentucky is located in the Bluegrass Region, which is often referred to as the horse capital of the world. Surrounded by horse farms and rolling green hills, this area has the largest concentration of horses in the world. With this comes also a high level of equine veterinary expertise and a track record of equine research excellence at the M.H. Gluck Equine Research Center. The area offers two historic race tracks and several horse farms offering guided tours. The Central Kentucky region is also bourbon country with several famous distilleries present, all offering guided tours with sample tasting. The meeting venue is the Downtown Hilton Hotel within a short walking distance from several cozy restaurants, cafes, bars etc.

### *Address*

**Hilton Lexington/Downtown**

**369 W. Vine St.**

**Lexington, KY 40507**

**USA**

### *Telephone*

859-231-9000 (Contact number only. Do not use this number to make reservations.)

### *Website*

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lexdthf-hilton-lexington-downtown>

## Conference Registration

---

It is highly recommended you pre-register for the 2021 meeting. **If you are submitting abstract(s), we require that you register for the meeting by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.** You can register by clicking on-line at [www.aavp.org](http://www.aavp.org). On-line payments can be completed by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc.).

### 2021 Registration Fees

---

To keep things simple, there is no early-bird registration rate. Instead, we offer the following registration fees throughout.

#### Members

- Registration: US \$165.00 (general) / US \$65.00 (student)

#### Non-Members

- Registration: US \$250.00 (general) / US \$100.00 (student)

**A proceedings book will be printed as in previous years and can be acquired for an additional \$45 for attendees. For people not attending the meeting, the proceedings are \$55 each.**

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 2021 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, 2021. For people attending on-site, a proceedings book with abstracts (if purchased), meeting badge, and other information will be available. 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 May 18, 2020*

The negotiated room rate for attendees is \$149/night. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Reservations canceled after 24 hours prior to day of arrival will be charged for the first night's room and tax.

#### 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](http://www.aavp.org)) and then follow the instructions.
2. Or, click on the following hyperlink: [https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/L/LEXDTHF-AAVP21-20210607/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/L/LEXDTHF-AAVP21-20210607/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG). There you will be able to book and hold your reservation with a credit card. The **group code** is **AAVP21**. Note that bookings may only be done online for the period June 18-24, 2021. If you wish to book additional stays outside these dates, please call the hotel (see below).
3. Or, you can call **1-877-539-1648** or **1-859-231-9000**. Guests must identify themselves as members of the group using **Group Code: AAVP21**.

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 May 18, 2021.** 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 **May 18, 2021** deadline.

## Travel

---

### *Airport*

The airport for the meeting is Lexington Bluegrass Airport (airport code: LEX).

### *Airport Transportation*

Travel between the airport and the hotel takes approximately 20 minutes. Complimentary airport shuttles are available. Guests should call the Hotel as they land (859-231-9000), and a shuttle will be dispatched.

### *Parking*

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

## Students

---

**Roommates for Lexington:** Students attending the meeting in-person and looking for room share should contact Kathryn Duncan ([kathryn.duncan@okstate.edu](mailto:kathryn.duncan@okstate.edu)) or Julie Thompson ([jmthompson2961@gmail.com](mailto:jmthompson2961@gmail.com)) and we will send the ‘google doc’ for roommate matching.

## Scientific Program

---

### General

---

With the hybrid format, the 2021 program will likely look somewhat different than in pre-pandemic years, but we will try to stick to our traditional outline as much as possible. All presentations will be prerecorded and made available online for two months, after which they will be taken down. Those attending in person will also get to give their presentation in a traditional poster or podium setting.

**Saturday afternoon** starts with the President's opening remarks immediately followed by the plenary session with a theme of “*Avenues Ahead*”.

Following the plenary session and ensuing coffee break, presentations will be made by this year’s recipient of the AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and the winner of the 2020 AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award. The day’s activities will culminate a social event.

**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 social event.

**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.

**Tuesday morning** starts with the President's Symposium which has the theme of “*Different angles to parasitology research*”. The morning will conclude with a session devoted to 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.

## 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. Video presentations should be of similar duration. Please remember to summarize and repeat questions before responding so that the audience can clearly hear and understand. Audience microphones will **not** be available this year so repeating the question is imperative. Computer monitors will not be on the podiums this year.

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. 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 prior to the start of your session. An audiovisual technician will be onsite to help with this. Sufficient time (30 minutes) is provided between sessions that include successive papers to accomplish this task. Please plan to load and, if time permits, quickly view your presentation during this time. You will not be permitted to load your talk when you reach the podium to present. PowerPoint is the only software supported for electronic presentations. Slides (2 X 2) and overhead projectors will NOT be available.

## Preliminary Schedule of Events

---

### Friday, June 18

<b>10:00 AM – 2:00 PM:</b> AAVP Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
--

### Saturday, June 19

<b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM:</b> Student Meet & Greet / Facilitated discussion on "Getting a Job"
---

<b>12:00 PM – 6:00 PM:</b> On-site Registration
---

<b>2:00 PM – 4:30 PM:</b> Welcome and Plenary Session
---

<b>5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:</b> AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award and AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award
---

<b>6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:</b> Welcoming Reception
---

### Sunday, June 20

<b>7:00 AM – 8:30 AM:</b> AAVP Committee Meetings (with breakfast)
--

<b>8:30 AM – 6:00 PM:</b> On-site Registration
--

<b>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:</b> Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
---

<b>10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:</b> Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
--

<b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:</b> Zoetis Lunch / AAVP Student Lunch: Discussion on Publishing
--

<b>1:30 PM – 3:00 PM:</b> Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
--

<b>3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:</b> Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
--

<b>6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:</b> Event
---------------------------------

### Monday, June 21

---

<b>8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:</b>	On-site Registration
<b>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:</b>	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
<b>10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:</b>	AAVP Business Meeting / Awards Ceremony
<b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:</b>	Lunch / AAVP Student Lunch: Elections and Student Chapter Reports
<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM:</b>	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
<b>3:30 PM – 5:00 PM:</b>	Concurrent Oral Paper Sessions
<b>5:15 PM – 6:15 PM:</b>	ACVM Diplomate meeting
<b>6:30 PM – 9:30 PM:</b>	Event

---

### Tuesday June 22

<b>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM:</b>	AAVP President's Symposium
<b>10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:</b>	AAVP-NCVP Parasite Case Discussions

**Please note:** the conference program is still in development. The final program will be posted on the AAVP website ([www.aavp.org](http://www.aavp.org)) by **May 23, 2021**.

## Abstract Submission

---

*Abstract submission closes **April 15, 2021***

### 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 allows you to submit an abstract and make changes until **11:59 PM EST on April 15, 2021**, 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 **May 4, 2021**, whether their abstracts have been accepted. Uploading of video presentations will be possible throughout the abstract submission period, but the final deadline for this is **June 4, 2021**.

If you have any questions regarding program, please do not hesitate to contact the Program Chair, Dr. Martin Nielsen at [martin.nielsen@uky.edu](mailto:martin.nielsen@uky.edu) or 859-218-1103. 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 **April 15, 2021**.

### 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/aavp2021>
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.

All emails come from [noreply@omnipress.com](mailto: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](#).

**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/aavp2021>
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](mailto: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 Dr. Kathryn Duncan ([katdunc@ostateemail.okstate.edu](mailto:katdunc@ostateemail.okstate.edu)) or Dr. Julie Thompson ([jmthompson2961@gmail.com](mailto:jmthompson2961@gmail.com)).

## [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.

## [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.

### [Student Oral Presentation Award Judging Check List](#)

## [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 15:** Deadline for submission of abstracts and registration for authors
- May 23:** Conference program posted on AAVP web site and June Newsletter
- May 26:** Deadline for payment of early bird hotel room rate at the Hilton Hotel
- June 4:** Deadline for uploading of presentation videos in MP4 format
- June 19-22:** Conference in Lexington, Kentucky and online

# Annual Meeting 2021

## Important Dates

**Abstract submission website closes April 15, 2021**

**Conference registration deadline for authors: April 15, 2021**

**Early bird hotel special room rate deadline is May 18, 2021**

**Deadline for uploading of videos is June 4, 2021**

### 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 of the AAVP.

## Committee Reports

### Students

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

**Lunchtime meetings:** In preparation for all potential formats (virtual and in-person attendance), we plan to stream in-person lunch meetings through zoom so all student attendees can participate. Saturday (June 19<sup>th</sup>) will be a meet-and-greet lunch, Sunday (June 20<sup>th</sup>) we will host a special panel of Editors-in-Chief who will share with us some advice as you prepare your publications, and Monday (June 21<sup>st</sup>) we will hold student representative elections. Further details will be shared and finalized with you as the conference gets closer.

**Student trip:** This year's excursion will depend on the format of the meeting, but if in-person attendance is permitted, we will be touring the historic Maine Chance Farm and Gluck Equine Research Center under the direction of Dr. Martin Nielsen following the NCVP Clicker Case Session on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have dinner downtown 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Final trip details and enrollment instructions will be emailed after the deadline for abstract submissions.

**Young Investigator Travel Grants:** If attending in-person, 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](#).

**Roommates for Lexington:** Students attending the meeting in-person and looking for room share should contact Kathryn Duncan (kathryn.duncan@okstate.edu) or Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com) and we will send the 'google doc' for roommate matching.

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

Respectfully,

Kathryn Duncan (kathryn.duncan@okstate.edu) and Julie Thompson (jmthompson2961@gmail.com)



Kathryn Duncan (2021)



Julie Thompson (2022)

## Nominating Committee

---



Yoko Nagamori, Chair  
Nominating Committee

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

### Term Ends

2021	Yoko Nagamori Lindsay Starkey
2022	Alice Lee Andrew Moorhead
2023	Brian Herrin Jessica Rodriguez

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, 1 nominee for Secretary/Treasurer, and, as required by the by-laws, 5 nominees for the Nominating Committee. Their biographies are in this issue of the Newsletter. Electronic voting will begin **March 1<sup>st</sup> and end April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Good luck to all the nominees!

### Vice President

Jennifer Ketzis  
Heather D. S. Walden

### Nominating Committee

John Gilleard  
Araceli Lucio-Forster  
Molly Savadelis  
Guilherme Verocai  
Cristiano von Simson

## Nominee Biographies

### Nominees for Vice President

---

#### Jennifer Ketzis, MS, PhD, Associate Member EVPC

---



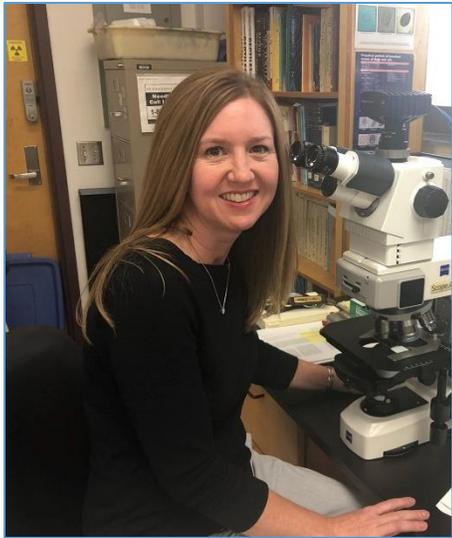
Dr. Jennifer Ketzis received her MS (1996) and PhD (1999) from Cornell University. After her post-doc, she joined Novartis Animal Health in Switzerland where she worked on the development of natural-based products including *Duddingtonia*, and later, on oral and topical endoectoparasiticides for dogs and cats. From 2005 to 2012, she managed a parasitology laboratory for Charles River in Ireland where she served as the parasitologist or investigator on a variety of endo- and ectoparasiticides working with fleas, ticks, lice, mites, trematodes and nematodes with poultry, livestock and dogs and cats. In 2012, Dr. Ketzis left industry and joined the faculty of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine where she leads the core parasitology course and laboratories and maintains an active research program. In addition, she teaches in the MPS Parasitology program at Cornell University, is the Secretary of the TroCCAP Board and co-editor in chief of *Veterinary Parasitology: Regional Studies and Reports*.

Dr. Ketzis's roots in parasitology started with a summer job at a veterinary and medical entomology lab and developed under the guidance of Dr. Dwight Bowman who introduced her to AAVP in 1998. She strives to increase student enthusiasm for parasitology by including DVM students

in her research and encouraging them to present at AAVP.

## 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 and currently as the Education Committee chair and member of the Archive Committee.

She organized and hosted the 2019 AAVP Educators Meeting at the University of Florida, and recently 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.

## Candidates for the Nominating Committee

---

### John Gilleard BVSc, PhD, DipACVM, DipEVPC, MRCVS

---

Dr. John Gilleard's research interests are in the field of drug resistance and molecular diagnostics in parasites. His research group integrates parasitology, genetics and genomics to investigate the molecular basis, emergence and spread of anthelmintic drug resistance and to improve diagnostics. Dr. Gilleard's research program uses the small ruminant parasite *Haemonchus contortus* as a model and studies both livestock and human gastrointestinal nematode parasites in the field.



Dr. Gilleard qualified as a veterinarian from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Liverpool, UK. After three years in general veterinary practice, he undertook a PhD at the University of Glasgow and 5 years post-doctoral research at the Wellcome Centre for Molecular Parasitology, at the Department of Genetics, University of Glasgow. Dr. Gilleard was awarded a Wellcome Trust Travel Fellowship in 1998 to spend 2 years in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary before returning to a faculty position at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Glasgow, UK. In 2007, he was appointed full Professor of Veterinary and Molecular Parasitology at Glasgow before moving to the University of Calgary in 2008 as Professor (Parasitology). He has held positions of Associate Dean Research, in Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary (2012-2017 and 2019) and President of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitology (2018).

### Araceli Lucio-Forster, BS, PhD

---

#### **Lecturer, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine**

Dr. Lucio-Forster earned her B.S. and her PhD in Microbiology from Cornell University in 1995 and 2007, respectively. Here she studied zoonotic waterborne and soil-transmitted parasites. After graduation, she accepted a position in Cornell's Department of Microbiology and Immunology, where her main focus is teaching Clinical Diagnostic Parasitology to 3rd and 4th year veterinary students. Additionally, she is a lecturer in the Masters in Professional Studies in Veterinary Parasitology program, and an invited lecturer in several veterinary and undergraduate courses. Dr. Lucio-Forster has authored a number of manuscripts on parasite detection and identification, and has contributed chapters for the new editions of Georgis' Parasitology for Veterinarians, Infectious Disease Management in Animal Shelters, and Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat. Dr. Lucio-Forster is currently a member of the AAVP's Educators Committee.



## Molly Savadelis BS, PhD

---

### Senior 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 in the reduction of *Wolbachia*.

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 2 years, over which time she has contributed to many different early lead-seeking programs. Dr. Savadelis has been an AAVP member since 2015 and is currently co-chair of

the AAVP Awards Committee.

## Gui Verocai MV, MS, PhD, DACVM (Parasitology)

---



Dr. Guilherme (Gui) Verocai is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the Parasitology Diagnostic Laboratory in the Department of Veterinary Parasitology at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Gui earned both his MV (DVM equivalent, 2005) and MS (2008) in Veterinary Parasitology from the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro. He was fascinated by parasites early on in veterinary school and started working in Parasitology in 2002. He earned a PhD in Veterinary Medical Sciences from the University of Calgary, Canada (2015) working on the biodiversity of parasites of wild ungulates using both classical and molecular approaches. He is proud to have described a new parasite species, *Varestrongylus eleguneniensis*, the caribou lungworm. Gui is also a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (Parasitology), (2014), and serves on the board examination committee. In 2015, Gui moved to the United States for a post-doctoral fellowship at the

Department of Global Health of the University of South Florida where he worked on River Blindness in Sub-Saharan Africa, and canine onchocercosis in North America. In 2016 he became a faculty member and director of the Parasitology Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Georgia for 2.5 years before moving to Texas. Gui is one of the creators of the VetPDx listserv, a network widely utilized by AAVP members and the greater veterinary parasitology community. In his current position at TAMU, Gui teaches first, second, and fourth year veterinary students, and has an active research laboratory focusing on advancing the knowledge on biodiversity and diagnostics of parasites of domestic animals and wildlife, with a special focus on vector-borne and zoonotic nematodes, including heartworm and *Onchocerca*. He has a strong track record of peer-reviewed publications and grant funding, and currently supervises a NCVF resident, a graduate student, and several veterinary and undergraduate students. Gui has been a member of AAVP since 2014, and is serving his second term on the Awards committee, and his first term on the Education committee.

## Cristiano von Simson DVM, MBA



Dr. von Simson is originally from São Paulo, Brazil, where he received a Veterinary degree from the São Paulo University in 1989. He started his career as an Equine Practitioner for 5 years, before joining the Animal Health Industry as a Technical Services Veterinarian. Dr. von Simson completed an MBA degree while working on the launch of Frontline® and has been involved with parasiticide research and education since then. He and his family have lived in the United States since 2001, as he continued his career in industry with jobs of increasing responsibility in the technical and marketing areas. He had the opportunity to lead R&D teams for equine parasiticides and to design and manage several canine heartworm, flea and tick studies, working in collaboration with several of the leading parasitologists in the US. Dr. von Simson is also a board member and past Vice-President of the American Heartworm Society.

He is currently the Director of Marketing and Technical Services for Virbac in the US, and continues to promote and support research and education in parasitology.

## Announcements

---

### Future Parasitology Meetings

---

#### Future meetings of the AAVP

---

67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: June 25-28, 2022 in Snowbird, UT

#### World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology 2021

---

The 28<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will be held at the Convention Center Dublin, Ireland, 18-22 July 2021. [WAAVP](#)

#### Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) 2021

---

The 2021 CRWAD meeting will be 3 – 7 December 2021 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](#)



## The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists

Editor: Frank Hurtig  
Virbac  
1301 Solana Blvd, Building 2, Ste 2400  
Westlake, TX 76262  
Phone: 682.647.3529  
Email: [frank.hurtig@virbacus.com](mailto:frank.hurtig@virbacus.com)

Associate Editor: Brian Herrin  
KSU CVM  
Manhattan, KS  
Phone: 405.756.7629  
Email: [bhh@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:bhh@vet.k-state.edu)

The American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists Newsletter is published three times each year with issues in February, June and October. Contributions to the Newsletter are highly encouraged and should be submitted by the dates listed below.

### **AAVP Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions**

<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
February 2021	January 15, 2021
June 2021	May 15, 2021
October 2021	September 15, 2021

Please contact the editor with questions regarding these dates.