



PARASITOLOGY

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President's Post

Happy New Year everyone! I hope the year has got off to a good start for you all.

The Australian and NZSP committees have been hard at work organising the combined ANZSP Conference to be held in Auckland this year at the Crowne Plaza, with at this stage, the annual Parasite Advisory Day due to follow it on the 3rd July.

Students – you may wish to note that your presence is welcomed at the conference, especially if you are able to help in exchange for potentially no /low registration fees. If you are interested please get in touch with li-sa.jones1@jcu.edu.au.

We have been quite successful in gaining some very generous sponsorship (from the New Zealand side) from Zoetis, New Zealand Vet Pathology, PGGWrightson and Merial, so far. Our industry partners recognise this is an important event and we are very pleased to accept their continued support.

I hope you are all setting at least part if not all of that week aside in your diaries, to attend the conference. It promises to be very interesting with several overseas speakers and a focussed veterinary parasitology day on the 2nd July (check the website for programme details <http://parasite.org.au/2015conference/program>)

Wishing you all the best for 2015!

Victoria Chapman



Crowne Plaza, Auckland

29 June—02 July 2015

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Conference 2015

NZSP-ASP 2015 joint conference is becoming a reality now.

2015 NZSP & ASP Annual Conference, which will be held at Crowne Plaza Auckland, New Zealand from Monday 29 June (5pm) – Thursday 02 July 2015, inclusive.

See this link for further details www.parasite.org.au/2015conference.

As after last year's meeting, A Wormwise Advisory Day is planned for the 03 July. More details to follow.



Abstract Submission

Abstract submission deadline day: Friday 10 April 2015

The program is available on http://nzsp.science.org.nz/nzsp_conference.htm

Early-bird Registration (register by Friday 10 April 2015)

Member	full conference	\$495.00
Student Member	full conference	\$395.00
NZ-based non-member	full conference	\$695.00

See the NZSP website for further details.

Registration

The **registration form** is now available online. PLEASE NOTE: all NZ delegates must **register online and** submit the registration form separately.

Accommodation

Conference delegates are reminded to make their own bookings for accommodation. Check the **conference site** for details <http://parasite.org.au/2015conference/venue/>

Help for Students

Limited financial assistance is available to students seeking to attend the conference. To qualify the student must be a Society member. Information on how to apply is available on the NZSP website. Applications should be sent to the Secretary.

In the News

Parasitic worm erupts from a spider's body

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11398186

From their hairy bodies to their rippling legs, spiders can strike terror into even the most seasoned nature lover. Now a new video showing a giant parasitic worm bursting from the body of a huge Australian arachnid may push arachnophobes over the edge.

In the News

Journalist infested himself with tapeworm for BBC documentary

Science journalist and presenter Michael Mosley deliberately infested himself with tapeworms to explore the astonishing world of parasites for a new BBC documentary.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/science/science-news/10607615/Journalist-infested-himself-with-tapeworm-for-BBC-documentary.html>



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Faecal Transplant At Home – DIY Instructions

<http://thepowerofpoop.com/epatients/faecal-transplant-instructions/>

[based on the experiences of one person—it does come with a disclaimer]

Above—the items on your shopping list

In the News

Theileria ikeda hits nearly 1300 farms

The latest official update on the spread of the cattle disease *Theileria ikeda* shows 1268 herds have now been hit (05 Feb 2015). The Ministry for Primary Industries report shows in December, about 22 new herds a week were being hit by *Theileria ikeda* which can make cattle severely anaemic and killed in some cases.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/rural/265347/theileria-ikeda-hits-nearly-1300-farms>