



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is managing to stay safe and warm following the big freeze of the past week. Just a short message this newsletter and based around one thing – the 2011 NZSP Conference. The organising committee has done a great job of planning what should be a thoroughly memorable event. We have some great speakers confirmed, however the success of these event depends on the participation and involvement of delegates, therefore I encourage all members to register and attend this years conference.

Finally, the organising committee have assured me that we will be able to toast an All Black World cup victory with the Conference whiskey at the event dinner. Dave Cole and Paul Mason are called upon once again to select the tipple.

Colin



#### NZSP CONFERENCE 2011

**ICLT, Massey University  
Palmerston North  
27 & 28 October**

Confirmed guest speakers are Australian entomologist **Dr Garry Levot**, principal research scientist, microbiological diseases and diagnostic research, at the Elizabeth MacArthur Agricultural Institute in New South Wales. Garry leads research into the control of animal ectoparasites and also the small hive beetle, an exotic pest of bee hives.

Lincoln College **Professor Susan Worner** will be presenting a paper on biosecurity, looking at modelling and mapping to predict which insects and pest species might arrive in New Zealand, where they could establish and what impact they would have on NZ agriculture.

**Professor Robert Poulin**, leader of the wildlife parasite research group at Otago University will also be addressing the conference.

Conference registrations can be made on-line from the web page <http://nzsp.science.org.nz>.

Registrations close on **01 October 2011**.

The form for submitting abstracts is appended to this newsletter and is also available on-line.

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## CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

### WAAVP Conference

21 – 24 August 2011

Buenos Aires

The 23rd WAAVP conference was held during late August in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The conference attracted approximately 760 delegates from around the world including 50 from Australia and New Zealand. The NZSP was represented by, among others (and apologies to those missed off this list), **Bill Pomroy, Ian Sutherland, Andy Greer, Robin McAnulty, Trevor Cook, Barry Hosking, John Moffat and Tom Watson**. There was a good variety of topics during the oral, poster and symposium sessions during the four days of conference and overall the Argentinians ran a tight show. There was a concern that the conference would be dominated by livestock parasitology but at the end there was a significant companion animal component as well. We were well fed (the average steak was probably close to 500 g) and watered (often with a very nice Malbec), and also entertained with a live natural history show before the gala dinner. A number of delegates stayed on in Latin America after the conference to visit what are some very nice countries.

The Peter Nansen Young Scientist Award was won by Laura Rinaldi (Italy), while Jozef Vercruyse (Belgium) and Lyddon Polley (Canada) were awarded the Bayer Prizes for their contributions to parasitology.

Peter Holdsworth (Australia) is the new President of the WAAVP and **Bill Pomroy** will continue for a further two years as the Secretary/Treasurer. **Barry Hosking** was elected to the Executive Committee.

The 2013 conference will be in Perth and it was announced that Liverpool, UK won the bid for the 2015 conference.

*... from Barry Hosking*

*Congratulations **Barry** on your election to the WAAVP Executive.*

### 2011 ASP Annual Conference

10 - 13 July 2011

Cairns

This year's ASP meeting was held in the North Queensland city of Cairns. Cairns in July was not quite as warm as I'd hoped, but it was still significantly hotter than Palmerston North. While the theme of the conference was Tropical Parasitology, this was mostly confined to the plenary sessions, and the contributed

### Australasian Section Wildlife Disease Association Conference

25-30 September 2011 at Coorong Camp, Meningie, South Australia

<http://www.wda-aust.org/index.html>

### 6<sup>th</sup> European Meeting on Viral Zoonoses

1 – 4 October 2011

St. Raphaël, France

[www.euroviralzoon.com](http://www.euroviralzoon.com)

**“Transmission of human and animal infections: effects of climate, ecology and preventative actions” [Workshop]**

05 October 2011

St. Raphaël, France

### ITM / DVTD Joint Colloquium on Zoonoses and Neglected Diseases in Africa

1 – 4 November 2011

Johannesburg, South Africa

*See April Newsletter for further information*

### 30<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science

18 – 22 August 2012

Berlin, Germany

[www.ifbls-dvta2012.com](http://www.ifbls-dvta2012.com)

papers reflected the usual broad mix of topics. I gave two talks, with the first taking place in a session chaired by a certain Professor Hein, now of James Cook University.

Following several years of ARC Network funding, which had resulted in an expansion of

delegate numbers and a relatively healthier budget for the conference organisers, this year saw a return to an ASP-only event. Despite this, approximately 300 delegates made the trip to tropical Queensland, demonstrating the

discipline is still alive and healthy across the Tasman.

*...from Ian Sutherland*

## **2011 NZVA Conference**

**21 - 24 June**

**Hamilton**

This meeting was an opportunity to celebrate 250 years of the veterinary profession, since its beginnings in France in 1761. The event took place at the new Claudelands Events Centre – in fact I'm pretty sure it was the very first event to use the new venue, following the unfortunate need to relocate from Christchurch.

A number of NZSP members presented at the conference, most if not all in the Sheep & Beef

Special Interest sessions. Parasitology was heavily featured in these sessions, with a mixture of presentations by veterinarians and researchers.

Meanwhile, over in the trade exhibition, our President could be spotted drinking endless cups of coffee at the Novartis stand...

*...from Ian Sutherland*

## **NZSP CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS**

No member feedback was received on future publication of the conference abstracts. This will now become an Agenda item for the AGM on 27 October 2011.

### **WHAT'S YOUR DIAGNOSIS?**

These pictures were sent by a recent Massey graduate now working in Adelaide. A 12 year old Labrador was in the clinic to get some subcutaneous lumps removed. Whilst on the operating table, an abdominal mass was palpated and a laparotomy was performed. The photos show what greeted them when the abdomen was opened.....



**Come to the conference and find out!**

Or submit your diagnosis to Tania ([tania.waghorn@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:tania.waghorn@agresearch.co.nz))

**Situation Vacant**  
**Secretary of the NZSP**

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**New Zealand Society for Parasitology Annual Meeting No. 39:  
Ira Cunningham Lecture Theatre, Institute for Veterinary Animal and Biomedical  
Sciences Building, Massey University, Palmerston North  
27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Please complete the following and return to Heather Simpson, Abstracts Editor  
2011 Conference.**

**I wish to present the following:- Poster / Oral presentation (Delete one).**

**Title:**

**Authors:**

(underline presenting author)

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(Full Postal Address)

**Abstract (limit of 300 words):**



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**Instructions for Authors for the Preparation of Abstracts**

The abstract should be self contained, readable and easily understood by people not intimately involved in the field. The abstract should contain clear objectives, appropriate data (with statistical parameters such as standard error of means or probability estimates) and conclusions as appropriate. Unnecessary jargon and abbreviations, and information not relevant to the objectives and conclusions should be avoided.

**Please ensure that:**

- 1.** The title and names of all authors are provided.
- 2.** The name, address, phone, fax number and email address of the corresponding author are given to facilitate contact regarding your submission.
- 3.** The abstract is set (excluding title and authors) in 12 point Times Roman. A maximum of 300 words is allowed. **Do not include headings, tables, equations or references.**
- 4.** If possible please submit the abstract electronically to the Abstracts Editor. The abstract form can be requested from the Secretary. Email the abstract in Microsoft WORD format to the Abstracts Editor. The abstract may be mailed to the Abstracts Editor if you do not have access to email.
- 5.** Abstracts must be received by the **15th September 2011**.