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This newsletter is being mailed to all AAAP members in an attempt to improve communications within the organization. For the present, future mailings are not scheduled but will be made as demand dictates. Your secretary will welcome items which are of broad interest to the membership.

It was a busy week in Detroit, Michigan. On Sunday, July 18, the board deliberated all day on association business. The leukosis symposium, sponsored by the AAAP and developed by its leukosis committee, was held on Monday, July 19. The program was excellent as was the interest and attendance. That evening the annual business meeting of the association was held, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, four half-day scientific sessions were held in the poultry section of the AVMA. These sessions were developed and co-sponsored by the AAAP. Congratulations to Dick Witter and his leukosis committee and to Jack Tumlin and Dick McCapes for jobs well done.

Significant decisions made at the annual meeting include:

1. Officers for 1971/1972. The officers of your association for the next year are as follows:

President.....	Dr. M. S. Hofstad
Vice-President.....	Dr. G. H. Snoeyenbos
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Dr. C. F. Hall
Directors - Northeastern.....	Dr. C. I. Angstrom (1973)
Southern.....	Dr. H. W. Yoder, Jr. (1974)
Central.....	Dr. B. S. Pomeroy (1975)
Western.....	Dr. R. H. McCapes (1972)
At Large.....	Dr. J. A. Newman (1972)
At Large.....	Dr. B. W. Calnek (1973)
Past President.....	Dr. R. A. Bagley

Dr. F. R. Craig (past president), Dr. R. W. Winterfield (central district) and Dr. B. L. McMurray (director at large) were retiring board members. The AAAP owes each a debt of gratitude for their service.

Make your views known to your new officers and make them serve you well.

2. AAAP Dues Increase. The membership fees of the AAAP were increased from \$8.00 to \$20.00. The decision to increase dues to a meaningful level was not accomplished without considerable debate. The legitimate question arose as to how the increased income will be used. None of the increase has been earmarked to date, but it was felt that the association needed real income other than that generated by AVIAN DISEASES. Certainly membership services will be expanded - you can help by telling the board how. Ten dollars of your new fees will be earmarked for dues; the other ten dollars will be applied to your subscription to AVIAN DISEASES.

3. Subscription Rates to AVIAN DISEASES. The subscription rates were increased to \$15.00 (domestic) and \$18.00 (foreign) to compensate for increased costs of publication. The rate increases, the first in 6 years, will hopefully meet the needs of the next 3 to 6 years.

4. Special Issue of AVIAN DISEASES. The papers presented at the Leukosis Symposium will be published in a special issue to be distributed in late 1971 or early 1972. Such issues cost money, but make me proud to be a part of the organization responsible for publication.

5. Diseases of Poultry. Now scheduled for publication, according to Dr. Hofstad, in late 1971 or early 1972 (another reason for pride in AAAP membership).

6. AAAP/AVMA Relationship. The decision was made that the "AAAP shall maintain its relationship to the AVMA, continue to hold its annual meetings in conjunction with the AVMA, and continue to co-sponsor the scientific program of the poultry section of the AVMA". The passage of the above motion was preceded by a review of the AAAP/AVMA relationship by President Bagley, a review of future program operations by Dr. Pomeroy and Dr. Schmittle (assuring the membership that the basic operation of future program planning would be the same as in the past - and that AAAP input would be expected and required), and by lively discussion on the floor. All views were presented in excellent fashion.

The board was challenged to vigorously pursue a program which would improve the status of the AAAP within the Councils of the AVMA. You, as a member of the AAAP, can help by making your views known to your state's representative to the AVMA House of Delegates and to your regional representative to the AVMA Executive Council.

7. Newcastle disease. You should be on a constant alert for Newcastle disease and other exotic diseases of avian species. Dr. Lyle Hanson discussed the exotic Newcastle disease problem and noted that a number of exotic bird importations from Latin America and Asia have been infected with Newcastle disease (confirmed by virus isolation). Birds

from such shipment have had widespread distribution in the U.S. and constitute a distinct threat to the domestic poultry industry, zoological gardens, etc. The following letter was sent to Secretary Hardin of the USDA on July 26, 1971, with copies going to key industry groups and other interested parties:

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The American Association of Avian Pathologists assembled in Detroit, Michigan, on July 19, 1971, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, passed the following resolution which it wishes to bring to your attention:

"WHEREAS: highly virulent Newcastle disease has been diagnosed and confirmed by virus isolation in imported birds in several states and whereas such diseased imports constitute a threat to domestic poultry, the American Association of Avian Pathologists requests that the United States Secretary of Agriculture develop appropriate measures to minimize the opportunity for introduction, through importation of birds, of highly virulent avian diseases such as fowl plague, exotic forms of Newcastle disease, duck virus enteritis and ornithosis."

The American Association of Avian Pathologists will be happy to lend its assistance in the development of appropriate programs. The current catastrophe of Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis emphasizes the need for action to be taken now.

Sincerely,

C. F. Hall, D.V.M.
Secretary Treasurer

Life Membership. Dr. J. F. Witter of Orono, Maine, was conferred life membership in the AAAP. Introduced by his son, Dr. R. E. Witter, Dr. J. F. Witter joins the select company of Dr. C. A. Bottorff and Dr. W. R. Hinshaw in this honored category of membership.

Note to Members. Life membership is not automatic upon retirement nor is it something which is applied for. Eligible AAAP members must be nominated, with letters of support, to the membership committee headed by Dr. S. A. Vezey, Hoke Smith Annex, Room 313, Athens, Georgia, 30601. Please read your constitution.

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The 1971 American Feed Manufacturers' Association Award was presented to AAAP member, Dr. R. A. Bankowski, at the plenary session of the AVMA on July 20, 1971. Congratulations to Ray on a well deserved honor.

The 1971 AAAP Research Paper Award for the best paper published in Volume 14, 1970 of AVIAN DISEASES was presented to Dr. William Okazaki, senior author of the paper "Protection Against Marek's Disease by Vaccination with A Herpesvirus of Turkeys". Dr. Okazaki is associated with the Regional Laboratory at East Lansing, Michigan.

Continuing Education. Dr. Ed Stuart has done a remarkable job this year with his committee on continuing education. A formal report will be in a subsequent mailing. But you should know now that there are scheduled workshops in the mill for fiscal 1972. Among these are:

1. Cell Culture Techniques - See the attached brochure.
2. Fish Diseases - Dr. G. W. Klontz.

This 2½ day workshop will be held at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, on November 17-19, 1971. The course will be limited to 25 veterinarians and cost \$25-\$30. Each participant will receive a complete set of notes and a few histological sections.

3. Anaerobic Bacteriology - Drs. Lillian Holdemand and W.E.C. Moore.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, are giving a course in anaerobic bacteriology November 8 to 19, 1971. AAAP members are invited to attend this 80 hour course on the anaerobes and spirochetes. If sufficient veterinarians attend, they may enlist help from the Veterinary Science Department. Tuition, which does not include travel, room or board is \$200.

Dr. Louis DS Smith and his staff have great reservations in presenting a 3-5 day workshop in this field.

4. Bacteriology - Drs. B. L. Moseley, W. F. McCulloch, E. L. McCune and Leroy Olsen.

The University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, have committed themselves to a workshop on cultural methods used for Mycoplasma, Pasteurella, Salmonella and anerobic bacteria for AAAP members sometime between January 5 and January 17, 1972.

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The committee is trying to arrange workshops in poultry nutrition, fluorescent microscopy, histopathology and mycoplasmosis. The concept of regional workshops which would cover more than one subject in a week is under study.

AAAP Emblem. Dr. L. C. Grumbles conceived the idea of developing an AAAP emblem which could be used on letterheads, membership cards, AVIAN DISEASES, etc. Several suggestions have already been made. Do you have an idea? If so, submit it to Dr. L. C. Grumbles, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843 as soon as possible.

Fall Mailing. This will be made in October and will include the official minutes of the 1971 meeting, committee reports, committee assignments for 1972, etc. If you have an item for inclusion, please send it to me. Committee chairmen with reports still out, please send them to me.

Let's make this a good year for the AAAP!

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