Greetings. It truly has been an exciting year for PSA, and while Indiana winters can be long and gray, the forecast for PSA is sunny. We’re financially strong, our membership is up 27.9% from 2009 to more than 1700 members, and circulation of Poultry Science (PS) and The Journal of Applied Poultry Research (JAPR) are up 36 and 63%, respectively. Our future is certainly bright.

Much of our success is attributed to leadership of our staff, current and prior board, countless hours of volunteers, and strategic partnerships. I am excited to announce that we will be expanding our staff at the beginning of June with the addition of an assistant managing editor and communications specialist, Lindy Froebel. Lindy was raised on a broiler farm in east Texas and has a strong passion for the industry. She has a BS in poultry science and is expected to graduate in May with an MS in agricultural leadership, education, and communications, both from Texas A&M. I am excited for the role that Lindy is stepping into, as PSA has never had anyone who has touched every PS and JAPR article with a dual responsibility of communicating to the membership and to the public.

Both PS and JAPR are doing very well, and with the partnership with Oxford University Press, now have even broader reach. This year, we anticipate additional circulation into library collections that would even more dramatically increase readership and global impact of our journals. In July, JAPR will be transitioning from the outstanding leadership of Jesse Grimes to John Carey. The PSA board and I would like to give a sincere thank you to Jesse for his dedication and ability to steer JAPR forward.

I also am thrilled for our annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. It’s been 19 years since we were last there as an association, but much has changed with downtown Louisville, making it an even more vibrant destination filled with great places to visit and dine. We have heard loud and clear how important it is to be under one roof for our meeting, and this year should more than accommodate that request at the Galt House. Much appreciation is given to Vanessa Kretzschmar, Jeff Buhr, Morgan Farnell, and the program committee for the meeting. I am especially looking forward to the breadth of symposia topics, focus on students, and time to meet and talk with friends and colleagues and garner input on where poultry research should be headed. To that end, the board is committed for the second year in a row to waive registration for those students giving an oral presentation (plus complimentary BBQ and awards celebration tickets), and along with the help of the board, Jones-Hamilton Co., and Biomin America Inc., are offering $24,000 in travel scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.

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As alluded to in my fall newsletter, our plans to reach out beyond our borders is becoming a reality. This need hit me square in the face, with the following statistic—we now have become a 60:40 organization with 60% domestic and 40% international membership. While we remain fundamentally engaged in meeting the needs and value of our US members, we have been striving in recent years to understand roles we can play for our global membership. One of those outcomes has resulted in a PSA-led symposium during the Asociación Mexicana de Especialistas en Nutrición Animal (AMENA) meeting, October 2015. We are very grateful to Gerardo Landín and Sergio Fernández (director of the Scientific Committee and president of AMENA) for the invitation and the opportunity to partner with their organization. We also are in the initial stages of our plans to host a meeting in Brazil during the last quarter of 2016.

I will close with a colossal thank you to all of you that contribute hours to make certain that our journals, meetings, and scientific society continue to evolve to meet the needs of the poultry science community and those of our greater societies. Second, a big thank you to those that have taken the time most recently to nominate and recognize efforts of friends and colleagues. All the best, and I hope to see you in Louisville this July 27 to 30!

From Your Executive Director

Stephen E. Koenig
PSA Executive Director

Greetings to you all. These past few months have been a particularly busy and exciting time for PSA as we continue making good progress on some key strategic initiatives.

PSA has just concluded its first full year of journal production with our publisher, Oxford University Press (OUP), and we can now report that journal revenues and royalties exceeded the expected target levels for year one of the agreement. Journal income represents a major portion of our total operational cash flow, and our six-year OUP contract with guaranteed minimum royalties will provide PSA a strong and stable financial position going forward.

In January of this year, we moved all of our journal production from in house to OUP. As of this writing, the production transition is essentially complete, due to the extra efforts of those working behind the scenes in the production and editorial process. Editorial change only adds to the burden of our already overburdened volunteer, peer-review staff. So, to our editors-in-chief, Tom Porter and Jesse Grimes, as well as to our 23 section and subject editors, we express our sincere appreciation for their extra efforts to facilitate the transition. We also want to recognize and express our appreciation to OUP’s managing editor, Nery Diaz, who has shouldered much of the transition workload required to keep the journals on schedule.

I’ve reported previously that our journals are developing and implementing strategic plans to increase their value and readership to PSA members and nonmembers who access the journals. We currently have two internal committees focused on this initiative, as this effort requires the coordinated planning of both Publications and Publishing Committees. The Publications

Future PSA Annual Meeting Locations

2015 PSA Annual Meeting
July 27–30, 2015
The Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

2016 PSA Annual Meeting
July 11–14, 2016
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, Louisiana

2017 PSA Annual Meeting
July 17–20, 2017
Orlando World Center Marriott
Orlando, Florida

2018 PSA Annual Meeting
July 23–26, 2018
Marriott RiverCenter
San Antonio, Texas

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Committee (consisting of the editors-in-chief and section/subject editors) focuses on improving the quality and caliber of the journal’s scientific content. The Publishing Committee is focused on the marketing of the journals, including capturing the value in increased subscriptions and growing readership and citation. OUP is also engaging its marketing staff to assist us with reaching out to a global audience.

PSA is becoming more and more a truly global organization, with now roughly 40% of our membership outside of the United States. For the past 10 years or more, the association has worked to implement strategic plans for international expansion, and we are definitely seeing steady progress in recent years. Our expansion efforts have certainly been facilitated by the globalization of the commercial poultry industry and strong international growth in the poultry sciences. PSA is working diligently to facilitate a collaborative global science community, including the hosting of various types of international scientific meeting forums, that will facilitate and strengthen the research, extension, and production efforts of all.

We’re sending a small delegation to Mexico this October to present a symposium on PSA, its journals, and its future. One of the topics is an area of great interest to us all, and yet, it is an area that presents a great amount of uncertainty...the future of research funding. This isn’t my area of expertise, but frankly, who knows what the future holds for the funding of the poultry sciences and related disciplines? From my perspective, this is an area where PSA is going to have to become more proactive. With the heavy pressure to gain research funding, researchers have had little choice but to “chase the dollars.” In effect, this puts those who control the funding dollars in control of the general direction which science is moving. Of course, the downside is that today it moves in one direction and tomorrow in another, which is no way to orchestrate scientific progress. There seems to be a need for some form of global direction, as it pertains to the funding of the poultry sciences. Therein may lie an opportunity for our association to become more active in facilitating long-term career development of the young professional, especially as it pertains to the influences of research funding. Our new PSA Fellows often speak of how PSA membership has been such a key part of their career success. Yet, for those just starting their careers, they surely must hear those words and wonder if the same will be true for them. What will be those factors that shape careers over the next 25 to 30 years, and in particular, how will research funding affect them? Therein lies yet another opportunity for the association to ensure that member participation will continue to serve a vital role in the progression of a successful and fulfilling career.

As always, I encourage your participation in the various PSA committees and functions, and send out my sincere appreciation to all whose efforts continue to make it possible. If you have any questions or feedback as to how we might better serve you as a member, please feel free to contact me.
Candidate Bios

President:
David J. Caldwell
Texas A & M University

David Caldwell has been a member of the Poultry Science Association since 1991. He served as a member of the PSA board of directors from 2009 to 2012, PSA second vice president from 2013 to 2014, and currently serves as first vice president for the association. Caldwell has also served several consecutive terms as an associate editor of Poultry Science. He was the 2008 recipient of Poultry Science Association Teaching Award and is a member of the Southern Poultry Science Society and the Texas Poultry Federation. David is currently professor and head of the Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1997. He earned a BS in poultry science and MS/PhD degrees in veterinary microbiology at Texas A&M, completing his doctoral work in 1996. During his career at Texas A&M, he has taught courses in avian anatomy and physiology (undergraduate), career planning and professional development (undergraduate), and immunology (graduate). His research interests include pre- and postharvest food safety microbiology and enteric disease resistance/immunology in commercial poultry. To date, he has been senior author or co-author on three book chapters and 68 peer-reviewed journal articles. David has also served as major graduate advisor for 21 MS students and 10 PhD students.

First Vice President:
Randolph D. Mitchell
Perdue Farms LLC

Randolph D. Mitchell is vice president of technical services for Perdue Foods LLC in Salisbury, Maryland. His responsibilities include the nutrition program, feed mill quality control, analytical laboratory, and live poultry research program. Mitchell joined Perdue in 1998 and served as director of nutrition until being promoted in 2012. He was formerly manager of research and development with British United Turkeys of America. Mitchell received a master’s degree and PhD in poultry science from the University of Georgia in 1992 and 1995, respectively, and an MBA from Salisbury University in 2006. Mitchell has been a member of PSA since 1991, served on the board of directors from 2007 to 2010, and is currently the chair of the Industry Committee.

Second Vice President:
Mark E. Cook
University of Wisconsin

Mark E. Cook received his PhD in poultry nutrition and immunology at Louisiana State University in 1982 and immediately joined the University of Wisconsin–Madison Poultry Science Department (now the Animal Sciences Department), where he currently holds the position of professor. Cook currently teaches the introductory course in Animal Sciences, a course in Animal Law and Ethics, and Avian Health in the Midwest Poultry Consortium. Cook was a founding member of the Midwest Poultry Consortium, an undergraduate program that for 19 years has provided 18 credits of poultry instruction to university students in 13 states. Cook has received numerous awards for his teaching. Cook’s research focuses on novel dietary mechanisms to control inflammation and increase animal growth and development. Cook has more than 120 peer-reviewed scientific papers and 40 US patents (approximately 200 worldwide). He has been co-founder of three companies and has helped bring innovative products for humans, agricultural animals, and pets. His latest spin-out (Isomark) involves a breath biosensing technology that detects the onset of infections in animals and critical ill patients. Cook has received several awards for his entrepreneurial activity and recently chaired the construction and launch of Discovery to Product (D2P, a $5.6M platform for technology transfer at UW–Madison). Recently, Cook played a leadership role on the UW–Madison campus, having chaired the University Committee (executive committee for the senate), D2P, Vice Chancellor for Research Search and Screen Committee, and UW’s Research Council, as well as serving as a member of many university and departmental committees. Cook has served as a director of the Poultry Science Association and is currently an associate editor and fellow of PSA.

Second Vice President:
Donald R. McIntyre
Diamond V

Don McIntyre lives in Pageland, South Carolina, and works for Diamond V conducting applied and field type research projects concentrating on the health and well-being of birds. He also provides technical service to poultry producers and integrators in a variety of disciplines, including reproduction, meat production, processing, and welfare. McIntyre’s technical training began at NC State University with B.S. degrees in Poultry Science and Animal Science. He then earned an MS degree from Colorado State University in reproduction and later returned

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to NC State University for his PhD in physiology.

McIntyre’s experience includes R&D positions at Hybrid Turkeys and Oscar Mayer. He also worked as a live production manager for Louis Rich and Pilgrims, was president of British United Turkeys of America (BUTA) and Colorado Quality Research (CQR), and traveled in technical service for Hendrix Genetics and Adisseo North America.

In addition to his responsibilities at Diamond V, McIntyre currently serves on the Foundation Research Committee of the US Poultry & Egg Association (USPEA). He is assistant section editor for the *Poultry Science Journal* and past president of the Southern Poultry Science Society. McIntyre is a PAACO certified Poultry Welfare Auditor and Trainer and maintains his ARPAS certification as a Professional Animal Scientist.

McIntyre has served on the board of directors of PSA, USPEA, NC Poultry Association, SC Poultry Association, and National Turkey Federation.

**Secretary-Treasurer:**

**Theresia K. Lavergne**

*Louisiana State University*

Theresia Lavergne is a professor and extension poultry specialist in the School of Animal Sciences at the Louisiana State University AgCenter. She received her BS in animal science from Auburn University, her MS in animal science from Mississippi State University, and her PhD in nonruminant nutrition from Louisiana State University. She has been a poultry specialist for the past 15 years at the LSU AgCenter.

As Poultry Extension Specialist, she has both adult and youth work responsibilities. In coordination with other LSU AgCenter faculty, she has provided educational programs to the poultry industry and growers in the area of nutrient management and regulations, on-farm biosecurity, avian influenza, and poultry production management and techniques. Also, she has conducted demonstration trials on alternative litter and mortality management programs.

Lavergne has served on a number of PSA committees (Extension/Outreach Committee, Maple Leaf Farms Duck Research Award, Alltech Student Research Manuscript Award, Committee on Environmental Quality, Evonik Degussa Award for Achievement in Poultry Science, Long Range Planning Committee, Membership Committee), and on the board of directors as a director from 2008 to 2011.

**Director #1:**

**E. David Peebles III**

*Mississippi State University*

Dave Peebles earned his degrees from the University of South Carolina (BS), College of William and Mary (MA), and North Carolina State University (PhD). Upon receiving his PhD, Peebles received a postdoctoral fellowship with a joint appointment as a research physiologist with USDA-ARS (Southeast Poultry Research Lab, Genetics Unit) and as an adjunct research associate at the University of Georgia. In 1988, he joined the faculty of the Poultry Science Department at Mississippi State University (MSU). He is currently a professor with a teaching, research, and administrative appointment in the Poultry Science Department and with an adjunct appointment in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. His research program encompasses broiler hatchery egg incubation and in ovo injection technologies, as well as the development of Mycoplasma gallisepticum vaccination regimens in commercial layers. Additionally, Peebles served as coordinator of the interdisciplinary genetics graduate program and as interim head of his department at MSU. He has trained 25 masters and 6 PhD students and has 416 career publications, including 253 published abstracts and 144 peer-reviewed journal articles. He received Sigma Xi (1994) and Gamma Sigma Delta (2002) research awards and an MSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station Faculty Research Award (2010). He is an active member of PSA, SPSS, and WPSA. Peebles was a member of the Membership Committee for PSA (1993–1996), and a member of the USPEA Poultry Science Education Funding Committee and Harold E. Ford Foundation Board of Directors (2011–2012). He has served as chairman of the Southern Regional Poultry Breeding Project (1997–1999), was chairman of the Resolutions Committees for SPSS (1994) and PSA (2010–2013), and served as chair of the Agriculture and Plant Science Division of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences (2011–2012). He has also served as president of the MSU chapters of Sigma Xi (1996–1997) and Gamma Sigma Delta (2001–2003). Additionally, Peebles has served as associate journal editor for Poultry Science and is currently subject editor of the Breeding and Hatcheries section of the Journal of Applied Poultry Research (2012–present).

**Director #1:**

**Wayne D. Daley**

*Georgia Tech Research Institute*

Wayne Daley, in his role as associate division chief of FPTD (Food Processing Technology Division), provides technical guidance to a multidisciplinary team that does prototype systems development and evaluation for flexible industrial automation. Daley’s current research interests include the development of techniques for designing algorithms for visual and audio sensing based on models of the primate visual system along with digital signal processing for more general sensing and automation problems.

Application areas of interest include process automation, roadway maintenance automation, medical device capability augmentation, and general human performance support. Daley has a BME, MSME, and PhD from the Georgia Institute of Technology.
Proposed Changes to the PSA Constitution and By-Laws

David J. Caldwell
PSA Constitution Committee Chair

PSA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 7

Officers and Governing Bodies

Section 5 currently reads: The Secretary-Treasurer may not be elected to serve for more than three consecutive years.

Proposed Amendment: The Secretary-Treasurer may not be elected to serve for more than six consecutive years.

PSA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 11

Meetings

Section 2 currently reads: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President and must be called upon the written request to the President by five members of the Board of Directors or one-fifth of the membership of the Association.

Proposed Amendment: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President and must be called upon the written request to the President by five members of the Board of Directors or one-fifth of the membership of the Association. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the Board of Directors. A simple majority of those present will be required for passage of an issue at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Voting on issues by members of the Board of Directors may be conducted electronically. A unanimous vote will be required for the passage of an issue by electronic voting.

Absence Ballots Available

The election of PSA officers and directors will be conducted electronically, beginning June 1. However, anyone not able to vote electronically may request an absentee ballot by contacting Jon Cole, director of business operations, at 217-356-5285 or jon.cole@poultryscience.org.

The PSA Business Meeting will be held the morning of Wednesday, July 29. Winners will be announced at that time.
Annual Meeting Highlights

Vanessa Kretzschmar-McCluskey
Program Chair

The PSA 2015 Annual Meeting is sure to be one of our best yet! With an overwhelming 573 abstracts submitted this year, we have the highest number of presentations since at least the 2003 meeting. Located in the heart of horse country, our meeting will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. This beautiful hotel and conference center is conveniently located to the airport and has a 2:1 parking space ratio per guest room to allow easy parking for those driving to the meeting.

The Program Planning Committee has been working very hard to plan a meeting that would be of interest to a wide variety of disciplines. Although we will hold the Golf Scramble on Sunday, July 26, at the Shawnee Golf Course, the meeting will officially begin on Monday, July 27, with our opening session. Student presentations will follow until lunch, with the Informal Nutrition Symposium: Response Measurements and Decisions and the National Extension Workshop in the afternoon, ending with the Welcome Reception.

Tuesday morning will begin early with the PSA Chicken Trot/Fun Run and the remaining student presentations for the morning session. This will be followed by the Student Luncheon, two symposia, From Egg to Plate—The Influence of Gut Health and Animal Welfare—Challenges for Today and Tomorrow. The day will conclude with the Student Poster Competition and the Wine and Cheese/Poster Reception.

Wednesday will also be a full day, with the PSA Business Meeting, WPSC Lecture, scientific sessions, the Ice Cream Social, and two symposia, Emerging Meat Quality Problems in the Broiler Industry and Keel Bone Damage—A Global Issue and the PSA/WPSA Student Mixer (held after the BBQ). The evening will end with quite a treat—the PSA BBQ held at the Kentucky Derby Museum! This will be an amazing opportunity to mingle, network, and take in the history of this legendary national event.

The final day of our meeting will have scientific sessions, two symposia, Adapting the Chicken for Climate Change and Changing Insight into the Role of Minerals, and will end with the Awards Celebration that evening. More information regarding the meeting schedule can be found at http://www.poultryscience.org/psa15/.

This meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to bring your family out to enjoy the sights and sounds of one of America’s greatest cities. The Louisville Zoo, Muhammad Ali Museum, Louisville Slugger Museum, and endless shopping areas are sure to impress, not to mention the music venues and wonderful restaurants conveniently located within walking distance of the hotel. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us for the meeting!

PSA Hatchery Update

The PSA Hatchery has had a productive year with membership in the PSA Hatchery steadily increasing for both graduate and undergraduate students. Student director, Alamanda Calvert, represented PSA and the Hatchery at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, last October to further encourage young minds to become student members involved with poultry.

At the International Poultry Scientific Forum and Production Expo in January, the PSA Hatchery sponsored a breakfast meeting for student ambassadors to connect with the student directors and the PSA Hatchery advisory committee. Ambassador duties were further defined and discussed to increase the awareness of the PSA Hatchery among University students.

Similar to last year’s annual meeting, for the upcoming PSA Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, students taking part in the oral presentation competition will receive complimentary tickets to both the BBQ and Awards Celebration. The Hatchery will host its annual student meeting and luncheon where students will vote for the next Hatchery director. Additionally, the Student Mixer, co-sponsored with WPSA-USA, will be held at the Tavern on 4th where multiple interactive games (darts, cornhole, billiards, and classic arcade games) will be available for the students. We encourage all student members to attend the mixer, not only to benefit their educational, social, and cultural skills, but also to interact and enrich themselves while having a good time.

We are accepting student nominations for unfilled positions of university and regional ambassadors. The Hatchery website containing the list of ambassadors and where nominations can be filed is http://www.poultryscience.org/hatchery.asp. In addition, the nomination for student director for the upcoming year will soon be advertised and nominations accepted on the PSA hatchery website with elections to take place during the Student Luncheon at the Annual Meeting. The student directors, Alamanda Calvert and Indu Upadhyaya, welcome
Building Momentum

The PSA Foundation board of trustees, under the dedicated leadership of Chairman Ernie Pierson, has very exciting news to report following a very busy fall in 2014 and IPPE in January 2015. Pierson and Jim Denton conducted PSA Foundation Awareness Seminars with faculty at the University of Arkansas, University of Missouri, Mississippi State University, University of Georgia, Auburn University, and Texas A&M University resulting in multiple generous contributions and pledges in support of the PSA Foundation. These generous PSA member donations are recognized on the PSA Foundation Donor Wall on the PSA website for their vision and passion in supporting the PSA Foundation. Our PSA Foundation board of trustees also recognizes its financial support as well as for the trustee time and energy commitment to the Charting Our Course—Securing Future Leadership for Poultry campaign.

The PSA Foundation is very excited to announce the launch of the Andrew F. Giesen III Undergraduate Internship Program (Giesen Internship Program) with the joint sponsorship and support of six institutional partners with research topics including Aviagen—Incubation, BioResource International Inc.—Animal Experimentation, Feed Logic Corporation—Avian Disease Risk Modeling, Hy-Line International—Perching Behavior in Layers, Novus International Inc.—Nutrient Digestibility, and Perdue Farms Inc.—Bird Behavior and Care, Especially Poultry House Enrichments. Undergraduate student applicants are being encouraged to participate by working in cooperation with the internship coordinators at our universities. The program is designed to support the PSA Foundation effort to develop the next generation of scientific leaders for the industry by encouraging future graduate-level education through MS, DVM, or PhD degrees. The PSA Foundation board of trustees extends its gratitude to Linda and the Giesen Family and Chris Knight and the Novus Family for their kindness and generosity in making this education opportunity possible.

The PSA Foundation is delighted to announce that during the IPPE in Atlanta in January, Pierson and Denton received confirmation of the major gift pledge of $100,000 from DSM Nutritional Products LLC. The allocation of the gift is 50% in support of the Giesen Internship Program with the remaining 50% to be used in support of Undergraduate Scholarship, Graduate Fellowship, Travel Grant, and Preceptor-Mentor Programs. The PSA Foundation expresses their profound gratitude to Terry Torrance, sales director—DSM Nutritional Products LLC, for his vision and commitment in securing this generous gift in the early stage of our campaign.

The PSA Foundation, under the leadership of Tony Pescatore, is working as a partner with the PSA to ensure that the PSA Travel Grant program continues to thrive and grow in support of the needs of qualified graduate and undergraduate students for travel expenses to participate in the annual meeting as well as the International Poultry Scientific Forum (IPSF) in conjunction with the IPPE in Atlanta and other international research conferences.

The PSA Foundation board of trustees chairman, Ernie Pierson, and the Capital Campaign Committee chairman, Jim Denton, challenge the individual members of the PSA to reflect on what the PSA has provided them in student-program support, professional development opportunities, and career validation by participation in the greatest industry in all of animal agriculture. Many of us have been privileged to spend our careers in this industry from the time it was small and fragmented until the current time, during which it grew to become the envy of the rest of American agriculture and the world. We truly do feed the world, and it is our obligation to ensure that the bright young people in the generations following us have the opportunity to experience a similar sense of accomplishment.

We encourage and challenge each member to consider a single gift or a multiyear pledge to ensure the sustainability of the PSA with a future that is financially sound and continues serving its mission. Thank you for your support of our students and the PSA Foundation.

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more questions or suggestions about the Hatchery and its programs. Please contact them at hatchery@poultryscience.org. All members are encouraged to join our Facebook Page and read our posts, events, and more! Looking forward to our meeting in Kentucky, see you all in July!
USA Branch of WPSA

E. Ernest M. Pierson
USA Branch President and Foundation Trustee

The USA Branch of the WPSA is moving forward in the areas of professional development, international cooperation, and member support. We inhabit an ever increasingly global community in which the USA Branch allows us an opportunity for dialogue, networking, friendship, and fun with like-minded people from around the world.

In collaboration with our brethren in the Canada branch, the branch is planning to have an interesting and timely speaker for WPSA Symposium at the upcoming annual meeting to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, July 27 to 30, 2015. It is our expectations that the subject matter will be thought provoking, topical, and useful for those in attendance.

There are two areas under the auspices of the WPSA that should be of interest to young professionals. Any member of USA Branch of the WPSA can register with the speaker’s bureau of the World Branch. WPSA branches from various countries often request speakers from the bureau to participate in scientific symposia. For example, the Chile Branch of the WPSA is now (March 2015) interested in finding a speaker on the topic of poultry litter management and use for an upcoming Chile Branch Symposium. Those with interest should contact Bob Buresh, USA Branch Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, the European branch, in particular, has scientific working groups, which can provide the opportunity for aspiring scientists to network with professionals from Europe having similar interests. Dr. Chris Ashwell at North Carolina State University can be contacted for guidance on how to proceed for anyone interested in learning more about the WPSA working groups.

It is not too early to begin making plans to participate in the 2016 World’s Poultry Congress to be held in Beijing. The China Branch of the WPSA and the Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine will cohost the event, which is scheduled for September 5 to 9, 2016. The USA Branch has made available competitive travel grants (Cliff Carpenter Student Program Essay) contest to full-time undergraduate or graduate students to attend World Poultry Congresses. A USA Branch member can apply for a travel grant to present an oral or poster presentation at the 2016 WPC, or any other WPSA-sponsored symposium or meeting. In order to be eligible for a travel grant to the 2016 WPC, the applicant must be a member in 2015 as well as 2016; the USA Branch Secretary is the contact.

The USA Branch of the World’s Poultry Science Association wants to bring interesting and worthwhile opportunities to its membership with the objective of helping each member attain professional and personal growth.
Coming Events!

ANECA 40th Annual Convention
April 29–May 2, 2015
El Dorado Royale
Riviera May, Mexico

Turkey & Broiler Health Management School
May 4–5, 2015
Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Layer Health Management School
May 6–7, 2015
Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Multi-State Nutrition Conference
May 19–21, 2015
Marriott East
Indianapolis, Indiana

AVMA/AAAP Annual Meeting
July 10–14, 2015
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center
Boston, Massachusetts

ADSA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting
July 12–16, 2015
Rosen Shingle Creek
Orlando, Florida

International Association for Food Protection
July 25–28, 2015
Oregon Convention Center
Portland, Oregon

PSA Annual Meeting
July 27–30, 2015
Galt House Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky

20th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition
August 24–27, 2015
Prague Congress Centre
Prague, Czech Republic

Arkansas Nutrition Conference
September 8–10, 2015
Embassy Suites
Rogers, Arkansas

Symposium on Animal Mortality Management
September 28–October 1, 2015
Penn Square Marriott Hotel
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
The Poultry Science Association invites you to participate in our 2015 Annual Meeting. More than 900 scientists, production specialists, educators, students, and industry suppliers are expected to attend for four days of scientific sessions, symposia, networking, and social events.

Scheduled Symposia

- Response Measurements and Decisions
- From Egg to Plate—The Influence of Gut Health
- Changing Insight Into the Role of Minerals
- Keel Bone Damage—A Global Issue
- Emerging Meat Quality Problems in the Broiler Industry
- Animal Welfare—Challenges for Today and Tomorrow
- Adapting Chicken Production to Climate Change Through Breeding
- WPSA Lecture

More information is available at www.poultryscience.org/psa15/