From Your President

MURRAY BAKST
PSA President

Greetings friends and scholars. These remain exciting times. Of course the big news is the upcoming annual meeting at the University of Delaware. The host committee and our Program Chair, Sally Noll, continue to work tirelessly to organize all aspects of the meeting. Your Board of Directors (BOD) will begin to arrive Thursday, August 8 to prepare for the annual BOD meeting beginning August 9 and running through August 10. Policy and direction will be discussed in the context of where PSA has been and where PSA is going. If a major course change is necessary, it is decided there, and, if and when possible, implementation begins immediately.

As I reflect on the activities of PSA since coming on board as President, it appears that a good deal of energy has been focused and will continue to be focused on outreach. Our outreach effort is directed to three areas.

First, the Nomination Committee is making a concerted effort to have an election slate with the best individuals, who also reflect our membership’s geographic and racial diversity.

Second, Nick Dale is heading an ad hoc committee to improve our relations with our professional colleagues in Central and South America.

And third, Mary Beck is chairing an ad hoc committee that is charged with developing more formal ties with the WPSA.

Similarly, Jim Kessler is working along the same lines with SPSS. It is time to recognize what we all have in common and to capitalize on our strengths and seal up these weaknesses. All of these activities will come to a head in Delaware, as each is addressed by the BOD and/or by the PSA membership. Your input on these matters is encouraged.

I must emend a statement I made in one of my former columns here. Regrettably, the funds, about $24,000, promised to PSA from WPSA as a result of the joint Montreal meeting in 2000 have not materialized. We are in the process of pursuing the matter and will go to legal recourse if necessary. Stay tuned.

Notwithstanding the situation with WPSA, our first quarter budget statement is solid with revenue at 54% of what was budgeted and expenses at only 23% of what was budgeted. Assets are greater than last year. Our cash has increased, which explains the decrease in accounts receivable. Accounts receivable is low, which means that we are collecting the cash due on invoices rather than sitting on unpaid invoices that are owed to PSA. Also, less money is owed to us, and PSA

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owes less than they did last year. The changes on the actual balance sheet are helping to increase our assets, making the society more liquid and keeping the cash flow moving in the appropriate direction for PSA.

If I continue to sound optimistic, it is because I am optimistic. At this time last year, some folks questioned whether PSA would be able to survive another three or four years. Well, in the past 10 months prudent fiscal moves were executed, and a strong, realistic, no-nonsense BOD was able to pull off a significant turn around in the PSA operations. Now, the question is no longer will we survive, but how many of our goals can we realize and in what time frame. We are moving forward thanks to many volunteers on many committees and the yeoman efforts of the BOD, officers, and FASS staff. Everyone has committed to succeeding, and I think we have.

Probably the most significant and positive change the BOD enacted was the hiring of a part-time Executive Director/Busines Manager. Jim Kessler, while only hired in January, hit the road running, and his impact is reverberating throughout PSA. You may not feel it, but Jim is there, behind the scenes, working on a myriad of projects. Here are just a few: monthly budget summaries, Manuscript Central implementation, FeedInfo contract, outreach for new memberships through broader media dispersion, cold calling for industry support, babysitting the BOD, and day-to-day operation of PSA. These efforts along with the efforts of Mary Swenson keep PSA progressively moving forward. When you see Jim and Mary in Delaware, introduce yourself and shake their hands. Both are doing outstanding work for us.

In closing, remember the cliché, you reap what you sow. Donate that time and energy, and PSA will keep moving forward. We need you. Your input is valuable. See you in Delaware!

Unique International Research and Training Opportunity

The position opening is for Coordinator and part-time professor at the Environmental Center for Livestock Waste Management (ECLWM), Animal Science Department. The vacancy is particularly well suited for retired or sabbatical status person. Responsibility is to help in the transition process for an International Technical Advisory Council and related Foundation for the ECLWM at the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology in Southern Taiwan. Programs revolve around collaborative state-of-the-art animal waste management and training for Asia. Duties require good communications and people skills. Contact: Dr. Hsia Liang Chou, Environment and Behavior Unit, Department of Animal Production, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, 1 Hsu-Fu Road, Lao-Pi, N--P, Pingtung, 91207 Taiwan, ROC; Phone: 886.8.7741094; Fax: 886.8.7740984; E-mail: lch sia@mail.npust.edu.tw or Richard Reynells, USDA (Phone: 202.401.5352; Fax: 202.401.6156; E-mail: treynells@reeusda.gov).
From the PSA Nominating Committee

Final Slate of Nominees for PSA 2002–2003 Board of Directors Election

President
Mary M. Beck (University of Nebraska)

First Vice President
Anthony J. Pescatore (University of Kentucky)

Second Vice President
Hector M. Cervantes (Phibro Animal Health – Georgia)
Patricia V. (Scotti) Hester (Purdue University)

Director # 1
Derek A. Emmerson (Aviagen – Alabama)
Michael O. Smith (University of Tennessee)

Director #2
Gaylene M. Fasenko (University of Alberta)
Billy M. Hargis (University of Arkansas)

Hector M. Cervantes

Hector M. Cervantes received his D.V.M. from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the National and Autonomous University of Mexico and his M.S. degree in poultry nutrition from the University of Georgia. He served as an avian medicine intern at North Carolina State’s School of Veterinary Medicine. He is a Diplomat of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians and adjunct Associate Research Professor in the Department of Avian Medicine, University of Georgia. Dr. Cervantes is currently Manager of Poultry Technical Services for Phibro Animal Health, with corporate offices in Fairfield, NJ. Prior to this position, Dr. Cervantes served as Senior Technical Services Veterinarian for Phibro and Pfizer Animal Health, as Director of Poultry Health and Quality Assurance for Peterson Farms, as Director of Technical Services for Champion Agri-International, and as Turkey Production Veterinarian for Cargill, Inc.

Dr. Cervantes has authored 25 articles in peer-reviewed journals and domestic and international poultry publications. He has presented 25 papers at domestic and international scientific meetings and has been an invited speaker at 50 domestic and international meetings.

Dr. Cervantes has served as a member of the Industry Committee of Poultry Science since 1999 and is currently Chair. He served a two-year term as President of the Association of Avian Technical Services Veterinarians and served as President of the Arkansas Poultry Veterinary Association. He received the Peer Recognition in Excellence Award from Pfizer and was recognized in 1998 as the Most Valuable Team Player by the Pfizer Animal Health Poultry Business Unit. He was the recipient of a scholarship from the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology for his Master’s degree work at Georgia.

Dr. Cervantes is an active member of a number of professional associations including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, the American Association of Avian Pathologists, the Association of Avian Technical Services Veterinarians, the United States Animal Health Association, and Southern Poultry Science Society.

Patricia “Scotti” Hester

Patricia (Scotti) Hester, Professor of Animal Sciences, has been a member of the Purdue University faculty since December 1976. Her 80% research appointment has centered on leg abnormalities with a recent interest in osteoporosis. She teaches Commercial Poultry Management and Avian Physiology to upperclassmen and graduate students and also assists with the Avian Physiology, which is taught at the Midwest Poultry Consortium at the University of Wisconsin. Her B.S. in poultry science and Ph.D. in poultry physiology are from North Carolina State University. She has been a member of PSA since 1977.

As a recipient of a Nicholas Fellowship sponsored by Cuddy Farms, she spent a six-month sabbatical in Strathroy, Ontario in 1987. Additional professional memberships include the World’s Poultry Science Association (current Director), American Poultry Historical Society, CAST, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi. She is currently an elected school board member of her local community.

Previous services to the PSA include the membership (4 years), constitution (2 years), resolution (2 years), careers (2 years), finance (3 years), poultry welfare research award (2 years), and student research manuscript award (2 years) committees, serving as chair to four of these committees. She has served three terms as Associate Editor of Poultry Science and is on the Editorial/Review Board for the Journal of Applied Poultry Research. She helped organize the scientific sessions of the 1980 PSA meetings and the physiology session of the 1983 PSA meetings. She has judged graduate student competition at several meetings. Dr. Hester served as secretary-treasurer of PSA for three years (1991–1994) and Board Director of PSA for two years (1994–1996).

Derek A. Emmerson

Derek Emmerson received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Tech and his Ph.D. in poultry genetics from The Ohio State University. During his professional career, Derek has worked in the allied poultry industry with Hybrid Turkeys and Aviagen North America, for an integrated food company with Campbell Soup Company, and in academia as Associate Professor at Virginia Tech. Derek Emmerson is currently Vice President of Research and Development for Aviagen North America based in Huntsville, Alabama.

Derek has authored or co-authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications and five abstracts. He has been an invited speaker for PSA and WPSC symposia and has given presentations at numerous industry-oriented seminars and symposia.

Derek has been an active member of PSA since 1988 and has served two terms as an Associate Editor in the Breeding

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and Genetics section of Poultry Science. He has been a regular evaluator of graduate student presentations at the PSA Annual Meeting and served as the genetics section chair for the 1998 PSA Annual Meeting at Penn State University.

Michael O. Smith

Mike Smith is Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has been an active member of the Poultry Science Association since 1984, serving in many capacities. He has served as session chair for both the Nutrition section and the Environment and Management section. He has served as a member and then chair of the Pfizer Extension Award Committee and as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. Mike is a member of the World’s Poultry Science Association and was a member of the Youth Committee of that organization. He has also served for many years on the College Student Career Program Advisory Committee of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association and is on the Editorial/Review Board of Journal of Applied Poultry Research.

A native of Jamaica, Mike holds the Diploma in Agriculture from the Jamaica School of Agriculture and received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. He was employed as an agricultural extension officer with the Jamaican Ministry of Agriculture and as an agricultural science teacher with the Ministry of Education. After completing his doctoral degree in 1986, he was employed at Oklahoma State University as Research Associate. In 1989, he took a research and teaching position at the University of Tennessee, where he has been involved in teaching the undergraduate poultry production courses as well as mentoring graduate students and conducting research in nutrition-environmental temperature interaction in poultry. He also served as Interim Assistant Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. In that latter position, he was responsible for graduate school activities as well as undergraduate and graduate student recruitment.

To support his teaching and research activities, Mike has obtained extramural support from federal, university, and industry sources. He has published over 80 scientific articles including 25 papers in refereed journals, 29 abstracts from national presentations, 19 technical articles, and 11 proceedings; he has also given 10 invited presentations. Mike was twice nominated for the PSA Purina Mills Teaching Award and received the E.R. “Prof” Lidvall Outstanding Teaching Award and the Chancellor’s Citation for Extraordinary Service from the University of Tennessee. He is an active member of Gamma Sigma Delta National Honor Society of Agriculture as well as the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Gaylene Fasenko

Gaylene Fasenko was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She completed her B.Sc. in agriculture in 1989 (specialization—animal science) at the University of Alberta and stayed on to complete an M.Sc. in animal reproduction with Dr. Frank Robinson. In 1996, she received her Ph.D. in avian physiology from North Carolina State University under the direction of Dr. Vern Christensen. From 1997 to 2002, Gaylene returned to the University of Alberta as a research associate to conduct research on the effects of egg storage on broiler embryonic growth, development, and chick quality. In February of this year, she was appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Nutritional Science at the University of Alberta. Her current research involves studying breeder strain and age effects on embryonic metabolism, the effects of egg storage on embryonic cell viability, and the effects of probiotics and embryonic yolk sac absorption on chick quality. Since receiving her Ph.D., she has been actively involved in the Poultry Science Association. From 1998 to 2001, she was a member of the Alltech Student Research Manuscript Awards Committee, serving as chair of this committee in 2001. In 2000, she served as session chair (Environment/Management) at the 89th PSA Annual Meeting in Montreal and also evaluated oral presentations for the graduate student certificate of excellence award. In 1999, she was the section chair Environment/Management) and again evaluated graduate student presentations at the 88th PSA Annual Meeting in Springdale, Arkansas. Prior to this meeting, she spearheaded the revision of the graduate student presentation evaluation sheet and also helped put together tips for graduate students on how to prepare posters and oral presentations. In 1997, she was session chair (Physiology) and graduate student oral presentation evaluator at the 86th PSA Annual Meeting in Athens, Georgia.

Billy M. Hargis

Billy M. Hargis is a Tennessee native and received his undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota (B.S., 1980), his Master of Science Training at the University of Gerogia (poultry science, 1983), and his D.V.M and Ph.D. training at the University of Minnesota (Ph.D., 1987). From 1987 to 2000, Hargis was a faculty member in the Departments of Veterinary Pathobiology and Poultry Science, Texas A&M University (1987–2000), where he was promoted through the ranks of Assistant Professor to Professor. Dr. Hargis relocated to the University of Arkansas Poultry Science program September 1, 2000 as Professor and Director of the Poultry Health Research Laboratory. Dr. Hargis, a diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, teaches in the undergraduate and graduate poultry science program. He has an active research program in poultry health and ante mortem food safety intervention with interests in poultry immunology and endocrinology. Dr. Hargis has advised or co-advised more than 60 M.S. and Ph.D. students and has published numerous manuscripts and book chapters relating to food safety, poultry health, and poultry physiology. Dr. Hargis is Past President of the Southern Poultry Science Society and, in 1999, was inducted as a member of the Mexican National Veterinary Medical Academy. His laboratory has been recognized by several awards, including the Carrington
AAAS Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology

The AAAS Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology, established in 1987, recognizes scientists and engineers who make outstanding contributions to the “popularization of science.” A monetary prize of $5,000, a commemorative plaque, complimentary registration, and reimbursement for reasonable travel and hotel expenses to attend the AAAS Annual Meeting to receive the prize are given to the recipient.

To nominate an individual you should provide name, position, institution, professional address and e-mail, professional phone and fax, home address and home phone number of the candidate; name, position, institution, and professional address and phone of the nominator; a statement of the action or actions that form the basis for the nomination; the candidate’s vita; the names of two supporting persons whom AAAS may contact for more information on the candidate and his/her contributions; and at least one representative sample that illustrates the nominee’s contribution. Books, videotapes, brochures, magazine articles, or other materials are appropriate. Nominations must be received by August 1.

Eligible individuals include scientists and engineers (individual or a small group) from all disciplines (including social sciences and medicine) engaged in research, teaching, and related activities that have contributed substantially to the public’s understanding of science or technology. Only materials produced for general audiences, as opposed to professional or trade audiences, will be considered.

Please submit all information to Public Understanding Awards Coordinator, Education & Human Resources Directorate, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1200 New York Avenue, NW Room 608, Washington, DC 20005; Phone: 202/326-6670; FAX: 202/371-9849.

For more information visit the AAAS web site at www.aas.org/aaas/award.html.

Animal Health and Production Compendium Released by CAB International

CAB International has announced the launch of the Animal Health and Production Compendium, available on CD-ROM and the Internet.

The Animal Health and Production Compendium focuses on all aspects of animal health and production, including diseases, pharmacology, nutrition, husbandry, breeding, food, and other products. It will be updated annually.

The 2002 edition comprises modules on pigs, poultry, and small and large ruminants (including sheep, goats, cattle, buffaloes) and comprehensively covers several hundred topics in food-animal production including husbandry, housing, handling, identification, transport, behavior, nutrition, genetics, reproduction, techniques, welfare, slaughter, meat, milk, eggs, products, and legislation.

Key features of the Compendium include comprehensive, illustrated datasheets on over 200 diseases; illustrated datasheets on over 150 livestock and poultry breeds; over 1,000 images, allowing easy identification; bibliographic database with over 50,000 records; and an interactive glossary with more than 60,000 definitions.

For further information, contact Veronica Giles, Product Manager, CAB International, Nosworthy Way, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 8DE, UK; E-mail: v.giles@cabi.org; Phone: 44(0) 1491 832111; FAX: 44(0) 1491 829198.

Welcome to Delaware!

Bill Saylor
Host Committee Chair

The faculty, staff, and students at the University of Delaware welcome you to our campus and look forward to your arrival in “The First State” in August. We have been working hard on your behalf to organize facilities and events that will make your stay here comfortable, enjoyable, and memorable. You will find a host of association activities listed in the program and on the meeting web site along with numerous spouse and youth tours. In addition, the tri-state area has almost limitless attractions for you and your family to engage in before, during, or after the meetings.

This year’s opening session will feature renowned Delaware historian, Dr. William H. Williams, Professor Emeritus of History, who will take us on a time voyage describing the intriguing development of business, industry, and agriculture in Delaware, focusing on the birth and expansion of Delmarva’s poultry industry. Following the opening session, our traditional ice cream social, sponsored once again by Elanco Animal Health, will be held under the elms on the beautiful UD mall, centrally located among some of the most striking buildings on our primarily Georgian campus. In case of a forecasted East Coast summer storm, the opening session and ice cream social will be held at the Clayton Hall Conference Center. Watch the Sunday edition of the daily newsletter for updates.

We hope you plan to join your friends and colleagues on Monday evening at this year’s barbecue at the Brandywine

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USA Branch Information

The Board of Directors for the USA Branch will meet on the University of Delaware campus in Newark, DE from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, August 11, in Room 111, Clayton Hall. A USA Branch Membership luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 13, also in Clayton Hall, Room 111. All Branch members are encouraged to attend. Luncheon tickets can be purchased through the PSA registration process.

The USA Branch by-laws that were revised in 1998 require that four new members be elected to the Board of Directors in the 2nd year following each World Poultry Congress. At the January Board Meeting, I appointed a Nomination Committee, headed by Vice President Drew Giesen, to seek out individuals from among the membership who would be willing to serve on the Board. We thank Nick Dale, Mike Darre, Bob Elkin, Barry Kelly, Chris McDaniel, Mamdouh Sifri, and Paul Twining, Jr., for agreeing to have their names placed on the ballot. The ballot was sent to all members in mid May, and the four individuals who are elected will be invited to attend the summer Board Meeting. They will officially take office to serve their 2003–2006 terms in January 2003. They will be working with me, Vice President Giesen; Secretary/Treasurer Carm Parkhurst; Directors Bob Buresh, Sheila Scheideler, Scotty Hester, and Dave Wicker; and student member Chris Fritts as we move forward toward the World Congress that will be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2004.

Membership—As some of you are aware, we have had some problems at the FASS office getting our membership information entered correctly and coordinated with the WPSA office in The Netherlands. Partially, this has been due to the cumbersome membership system that FASS had been using, which required FASS staff to re-enter all information for each individual for each organization joined and for each journal ordered through the joint membership/subscription mailing sent out in November of each year. A new system has been installed that will allow the FASS office to enter the individual’s name, address, phone, fax, e-mail, etc., and then simply check off the organizations and journals that he/she is paying for. This should greatly reduce the number of membership errors in the future. I’m letting you know this because some who had paid their membership dues in 2001 were never entered into the FASS WPSA membership role, and, in a few cases, names that were entered on the FASS role were not forwarded on to the WPSA Office in The Netherlands. Therefore, neither one of these groups of individuals received their 2001 issues of the Journal. We sincerely regret that this occurred, and, hopefully, most of those situations have now been identified and have been accommodated one way or another. We have instituted a new communication system among the FASS Office, the USA Branch President and Secretary/Treasurer, and the WPSA office in The Netherlands. We have also instituted a 2nd mailing reminder that will go out in January to all members from the previous year who have not renewed their membership with a note that their names will be removed from the role if their membership is not renewed by mid February. This will stop the mailing of the WPSA Journal to those who have not renewed. As of May 1, the USA Branch membership totals 380 (i.e., 9 affiliates, 279 individual, 56 life, and 36 students). Please encourage your colleagues and students to become members of WPSA. Regular Membership is $35/year; student membership is $10/year. Contact Carmen Parkhurst, Secretary/Treasurer (E-mail: Carm_Parkhurst@ncsu.edu) for more information on membership.

Travel Grants Program—Several individuals have applied in time for the May 1 deadline for the new USA Branch Travel Grants program that was mailed to all individuals earlier this year. Those applications are being considered by the Travel Awards Committee, and two grants will be awarded before the end of June 2002. The next Travel Award submission deadline is November 1, 2002, and two additional grants for travel in the first six months of 2003 will be awarded before the end of December 2002.

WPSA Speaker’s Bureau—The list of those who have volunteered to serve as speakers for poultry groups in third world countries has been passed along to the worldwide WPSA office. Anyone who would like to have his/her name and area of expertise added to this list should contact Dr. Ralph Ernst at the University of California, Davis; E-mail: raein@ucdavis.edu.

WPSA Lecturer for the 2001 PSA Meeting in Newark, Delaware—The Board considered a list of about 20 names submitted for consideration as potential speakers for the WPSA Lecture that is held during the annual PSA meeting. Five individuals were chosen from the list, and Dr. Sally Solomon from the University of
Glasgow, Scotland has since accepted the invitation to be this year’s speaker. She will be addressing the topic “The Egg—An Every Day Story of a Prolate Spheroid.”

**Website for WPSA**

Be sure to visit the WPSA website (http://www.wpsa.com). This site has information on the WPSA organization worldwide, membership, branches, a calendar of events, the Federation of WPSA, the WPSA Journal, and the WPSA Newsletter. A page with links to other important websites related to education, science, and the poultry industry is currently under construction. Branch news information and information about all WPSA-sponsored symposia and other meetings can be sent to the webmaster, E-mail: piebebv@xs4all.nl, for publication on the website.

**11th European Poultry Conference, Bremen Germany, September 6–10, 2002**

The 2nd announcement for the 11th European Poultry Conference that is held every four years in between the World Poultry Congresses has been mailed (see contact information below). We encourage our US Branch members to participate. The website for the European Conference, which will be held in Bremen, Germany, is http://www.epc2002.de. The program, registration, and housing information are online. Abstracts for papers and/or posters were due June 1, 2002. For information, contact Conference Chairman, **Dr. D. K. Flock**, Akazienweg 5, D-27478 Cuxhaven, Germany; Phone: 49-4723-3501; Fax: 49-4723-713564; E-mail: dkflock@t-online.de.

**Other WPSA Symposia and Meetings**

The European Federation of WPSA Branches and the Asian/Pacific Federation, as well as some of the individual WPSA Branches around the world, host a number of poultry conferences and symposia each year. Following are a number of conferences and symposia that will take place over the next couple of years; you may want to consider participating.

**2nd International Symposium on Candidate Genes for Animal Health, August 16–18, 2002, Montpellier, France.** For more information: http://cgah.cirad.fr/


**Joint Nutrition Symposium, August 21–25, 2002, Flanders Congress and Concert Centre, Antwerp, Belgium.** Contact: JNS Secretariat, Laboratory of Animal Nutrition, Ghent University. For more information, E-mail: nutrition@rug.ac.be; web site: www.jns.be

**New Zealand Poultry Industry Conference, October 2–3, 2002, Palmerston North, New Zealand.** Contact: **Blake Camden**, Secretary/Treasurer NZ Branch WPSA, C/- Poultry Research Unit, Massey University, Private Bag 11-222, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Phone: +64 6 350 5253; Fax: +64 6 350 5667; E-mail: B.J.Camden@massey.ac.nz

**7th WPSA Asia Pacific Federation Conference, October 6–10, 2002, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia in conjunction with the 12th Australian Poultry & Feed Convention.** For information contact **Dr. R.A.E. Pym**, School of Veterinary Science, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Queensland 4072, Australia; Phone 61-7-3365-2604; Fax 61-7-3365-1288; E-mail: r.pym@mailbox.uq.edu.au or apfc2002@tourhosts.com.au; web site: www.tourhosts.com.au/apfc2002/

**3rd International Workshop on the Molecular Pathogenesis of Marek’s Disease and The Avian Immunology Research Group Meeting, October 6–11 2002, Grand Nirwana Hotel, Dead Sea, Israel.** For information: MAREKS-AIRG at Target Tours, PO Box 29041, Tel Aviv 61290, Israel; Phone: +972 3 517 5150; Fax: +972 3 517 5155; E-mail: mareks-airg@targetconf.com

**27th Poultry Science Symposium, July 7–20, 2003, The Jarvis Ramada Plaza Hotel, Bristol, UK.** Contact: Conference Organiser, **Dr. Graham Perry**, Division of Animal Health and Husbandry, University of Bristol, Langford House, Langford, Bristol, BS18 7DU, UK; Phone: +44 117 928 9474; FAX: +44 117 928 9582; E-mail: graham.perry@bristol.ac.uk

**14th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition, August 10 - 14, 2003, Lillehammer, Norway.** Contact: The Norwegian Branch of WPSA, c/o Centre for Poultry Science, Box 4377 Torshov, N-0402 Oslo, Norway; Phone: +47 22 79 8773; Fax: +47 22 79 8771; E-mail: marlene.furnes-bagley@fjorfe.org

**XVIIth European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat and Xth European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products, September 23–26, 2003, Sant-Brieuc-Ploufragan, France.** Contact: **Genevieve Clement**, ISPAIA - ZOOPOLe development BP 7, 22400 Ploufragan, France; Phone: +33 2 96 78 61 30; Fax: +33 2 96 78 61 31; E-mail: wpsa2003@zoopole.asso.fr; web site: www.zoopole.com/ispaia/ wpsa2003.htm
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Thank you to our Individual Sustaining Members (Current as of 5/28/2002)

Picnic Park, located along the scenic Brandywine Creek in historic Chester County, Pennsylvania. You will be provided an all-you-can-eat meal of barbecued chicken, spare ribs, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, watermelon, and much more. After dinner, sit back and relax or take in one of the many activities the park has to offer from canoeing or paddle boating on the Brandywine to miniature golf, horseshoes, and lots more. Check out the Picnic Park at www.picnic.com.

We have an elegant evening scheduled for you on Wednesday at the annual Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held in the First USA Riverfront Arts Center in the waterfront district of Wilmington along the Christina River. Come celebrate the achievements of the PSA 2002 award winners and recognize the achievements of our students.

We’re excited about hosting PSA in Delaware and having you visit the Diamond State. Delaware is the second smallest state in the union with a total land area of just under 2000 square miles. The state is only 96 miles long and ranges in width from 9 to 35 miles. But within the borders you find many miles of beautiful country, an abundance of productive farmland, a host of state and county parks, and literally hundreds of attractions. We boast 28 miles of beaches along the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay. August in Delaware can be quite hot and humid, with temperatures climbing into the mid 90s at times, so be sure to bring comfortable clothing. (Temperatures along the Atlantic Coast tend to run about 10° cooler in summer).

For its size, Delaware is an economic dynamo. It is the corporate home of nearly 60% of the companies listed on the New York and American Stock Exchanges and more than half of the Fortune 500 firms. Many international companies interested in doing business in the US and worldwide incorporate in Delaware because of its favorable corporate law structure, stability, and reputation as the American Corporate State. Delaware also serves as the home to a huge banking and manufacturing sector. But by far, the largest contributor to Delaware’s economy is agriculture. Production agriculture contributes more than $800 million to the state economy. Of that total, Delaware’s production of 247 million broilers adds about $500 million to the economy. Delaware ranked 7th in the nation in 2001 in value of broiler production, and Sussex County (the southernmost of our three counties) ranks first among America’s counties in broiler production. Poultry companies with growers or facilities in Delaware include Allen Family Foods, Mountaire Farms, Perdue Farms, and Tyson Foods. Delaware is part of the three-state “Delmarva” (Delaware-Maryland-Virginia) poultry-producing region in the mid-Atlantic area. Delmarva broiler production exceeds 3 billion pounds of

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Coming Events!

JULY 16–18, 2002
POULTRY & MEAT MARINATION TECHNOLOGY SHORTCOURSE, University of Georgia, GA. For information contact Marian Wendinger 706-542-2574; marianw@arches.uga.edu.

JULY 28–30, 2002
2002 SOUTHERN FEED AND GRAIN 2ND ANNUAL CONVENTION, Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort, Destin, FL. For information contact Ray Wilson, Tennessee Feed and Grain Association, PO Box 2141, Smyrna, TN 37167; 615-459-7930; 615-459-7931 (Fax).

AUGUST 5–7, 2002
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SEMINAR, Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, FL. For information contact U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, 1530 Cooledge Road, Tucker, GA 30084-7303; 770-493-9401; 770-493-9257 (Fax); seminar@poultryegg.org.

AUGUST 11–14, 2002
91ST PSA ANNUAL MEETING, University of Delaware, Newark, DE. For information contact PSA, 1111 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, IL 61874; 217-356-3182; 217-398-4119 (Fax); www.poultryscience.org.

SEPTEMBER 22–23, 2002
CALIFORNIA POULTRY FEDERATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Monterey, CA. For information contact CPF, 3117 McHenry Ave., Modesto, CA 95350; 209-576-6355; 209-576-6119 (Fax); calipoultry@cs.com.

OCTOBER 6–8, 2002
GRAIN EUROPE, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. For information contact info@graineurope.com; www.graineurope.com.

OCTOBER 6–10, 2002
7TH WPSC ASIAN PACIFIC FEDERATION CONFERENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH 12TH AUSTRALIAN POULTRY AND FEED CONVENTION. For information contact APFC 2002 Conference Secretariat, GPO Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia.

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OCTOBER 6–11, 2002
WORKSHOP ON MOLECULAR PATHOGENESIS OF MAREK’S DISEASE AND AVIAN IMMUNOLOGY, Limassol, Cyprus. For information maresk-airg@targetconf.com; www.aap.info/meetings/cyprus.pdf or www.msu.edu/~silvar/abk.htm.

JANUARY 21–24, 2003
NATIONAL POULTRY AND FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Atlanta, GA. For information contact NPFDA, 958 McEver Rd., Extension, Unit B-5, Gainesville, GA 30504; 770-535-9901; 770-535-7385 (Fax); info@npfda.org.

JANUARY 22–24, 2003
INTERNATIONAL POULTRY EXPOSITION, Atlanta, GA. For information contact expogeneralinfo@poultryegg.org; www.poultryegg.org/Exposition/exposition.html.

JULY 19–23, 2003

Web-Based Submission and Review via Manuscript Central

The Poultry Science Association is pleased to announce the launch of Manuscript Central, a web-based system for submission and review of manuscripts. Our journals, Poultry Science and Journal of Applied Poultry Research, will use this system to manage the entire submission and review processes electronically, using the speed of the Internet to replace lengthy mailing times and processing steps. Two identical demonstrations on how to submit and review papers on this system will be presented at the 2002 PSA Annual Meeting in the Extension/Instruction Session (Monday, August 12, 9:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., Pencader 115B).

As of August 20, 2002, authors will begin submitting manuscripts electronically to our journals. Before starting the submission process, authors should prepare the following files and data to be uploaded or copied and pasted into text boxes:

- Text (main document) of your article; tables should be included in this file, after the references section.
- Any figures to be included with your manuscript.
- Author names, affiliations, and e-mail addresses (if you want them to be copied on the status of the manuscript)
- Manuscript title and key words
- Abstract
- Cover letter

Authors will also use this site to upload revisions of their papers and can check the progress of their papers during the review process. Papers already in the review process before August 20 will not be moved onto the new system.

Reviewers will use this e-mail-driven system to receive assignments to evaluate papers. Those papers will be posted to the Manuscript Central web site, where a .pdf (Adobe Acrobat file) can be read online or downloaded and printed out. When ready to make comments on a manuscript, reviewers may type comments to the editor and to the author into a word processing document so that the text will be ready to copy and paste into text boxes on the Manuscript Central site. To score a paper, reviewers will access the online score sheet and comments boxes. If interrupted during this process, the score sheet can be saved and completed later.

As we near the launch date, instructions for submitting and reviewing papers will be posted on the PSA web site.
**News & Notes**

**Alabama**

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**Ground Broken on Auburn University Poultry Science Building**

Ground was broken recently on a new poultry science building at Auburn University that will benefit the $8.5 billion Alabama poultry industry and consumers across the world.

The groundbreaking ceremony, which took place March 21 and included representatives from academia and industry, involved several years of planning and fund raising to make the new $20 million building possible. The 85,000-square foot building will house Auburn’s Department of Poultry Science as well as faculty from the AU College of Human Sciences’ Department of Nutrition and Food Science (NFS).

According to Don Conner, Head of the Poultry Science Department, it will offer a wealth of opportunity for students and the poultry industry, but also for consumers who will benefit through more affordable and nutritious poultry products.

The building, said Conner, will house laboratories, classrooms, and office space for the more than 20 poultry science department faculty, as well as staff and graduate students working with teaching, research, and extension programs. “Most importantly, expansions of department programs enabled by this new building will directly support undergraduate students majoring in poultry science,” he said.

Research programs underway in the department include poultry health, nutrition, reproductive physiology, management, and genetics. A broad program in food microbiology, food safety, and food quality also will be conducted in the facility.

Bob Brewer, retired Head of the Poultry Science Department who spearheaded the building planning and fund raising effort, noted that it took almost a decade to raise money for the building, beginning with a discussion between the Poultry Science Advisory Committee of the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association and AU poultry science faculty. The groups realized that, while Auburn’s Poultry Department was rich in the desire to help the industry, it was lacking in high quality facilities, and faculty and support personnel numbers were inadequate to meet the ever-increasing needs of the poultry industry and consumers. A proposal for a new building was submitted to Auburn University administrators, and the work began to secure funding for the dream.

Gerald Bailey, chairman of the Alabama Poultry & Egg Association’s (AP&EA) building fund-raising committee that was instrumental in securing the needed funding, provided a retrospective on the history of this effort at the groundbreaking ceremony.

A partnership of industry, federal and state governments, and Auburn University began to work together with Congressional and legislative leaders to identify sources of funding, said Brewer. That work led to a combination of resources including $6 million from a USDA-CSREES Building and Facilities Program grant, $6 million from a State of Alabama Agricultural Bond Issue, $5 million from Auburn University, and $2 to 3 million from the Alabama poultry industry.

“This building will be one more example of the strong partnership between the poultry industry and Auburn University,” stated Conner. “With this new building, the future is bright for growing this relationship to the betterment of the state and the people of Alabama. The impact of the programs supported by this new building will have regional, national, and even global benefits.”

“The new poultry science building at Auburn will not only attract the brightest and the best students and faculty but will also stand as a monument to the ongoing partnership of Alabama’s poultry industry and Auburn University,” stated Johnny Adams, Executive Director of the AP&EA.

“This new building will help Alabama’s poultry industry—in fact the poultry industry throughout the region and the nation—make great strides in providing high quality food products to consumers,” said AU Trustee John Blackwell during the ceremony. “It will help poultry producers and processors find better ways to make that food available, and it will help the industry find better, more economical ways to do so while still protecting the environment.”

AU College of Agriculture interim Dean John Jensen noted at the groundbreaking that the new building also represents Auburn’s and industry’s commitment to the world’s consumers and to collaborative and interdisciplinary science.

“One floor has been set aside for the College of Human Science’s Department of NFS,” said Jensen. “On that floor will be laboratory and office space for 10 NFS faculty members who are working in a wide variety of areas related to food safety and human nutrition. It also will be home to their graduate students, post doctoral fellows, visiting professors, and

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Left to Right: Bob Brewer, Emeritus Head of Department of Poultry Science; John Jensen, interim Dean of College of Agriculture; Johnny Adams, Alabama Poultry and Egg Association; Gerald Bailey, Alabama Poultry and Egg Association; Willaim F. Walker, AU Interim President; Howell Heflin, former U.S. Senator; Richard Guthrie, Associate Dean of Agriculture; John Blackwell, AU Trustee; and Don Conner, Professor and Head of Department of Poultry Science.
staff who are so vital to the teaching, research, and extension efforts in NFS.”

“We are proud that this building represents such an exceptional collaboration of disciplines and ideas. We look forward to great things coming from all floors of this new building,” he added.

William Walker, interim President of Auburn University, also noted during the ceremony that the building is a stepping stone to further, sustainable growth for Alabama’s poultry industry and ultimately further growth and benefits for all Alabamians. “As we break ground on this new building, we are preparing new ground for a brighter future in Alabama, where knowledge and information can grow,” he stated.

Arkansas

Dr. Walter Bottje was recently appointed Interim Director of the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science and Department Head. Bottje is a faculty member of the University of Arkansas’ Poultry Science Department and was previously Associate Director of the Center. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Eastern Illinois University, an M.S. from Southern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. Bottje has been at the University of Arkansas since 1985.

Several faculty and students in the University of Arkansas Poultry Science Department received honors at the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, & Life Sciences Honors Convocation. Dr. Robert Wideman Jr., physiologist, received the John W. White Outstanding Researcher Award; Dr. Jason Emmert, nutritionist, received the John W. White Outstanding Teaching Award; Jill Townsend, senior poultry science major, received the John W. White Outstanding Student Award; and Stacy Higgins, graduate student, received the Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar Award and scholarship.

California

Cal Poly Professor David Wehner has been named dean of the university’s College of Agriculture.

Wehner has a background in agronomy and horticulture and has served as interim Dean of the College of Agriculture since July 2001. He succeeds Joe Jen, who accepted an appointment in July 2001 as U.S. Undersecretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics in Washington, DC. The university conducted a national search for Jen’s replacement before appointing Wehner on April 15.

Wehner joined the faculty at Cal Poly in 1994 as Head of what was then called the Environmental Horticultural Science Department. In addition to serving as Department Head, he taught courses in introductory and advanced turf-grass management. In 1996, he became interim Assistant Dean in the College of Agriculture, continuing his previous duties but also coordinating the College’s graduate program and assisting faculty members with research and public service programs.

In 1997, Wehner was named Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture, becoming primarily responsible for the undergraduate program and directing the College’s Multicultural Agriculture Program Center. Since Jen’s departure last year, Wehner has overseen the merger of the Environmental Horticultural Science and Crop Science Departments into the unified Horticulture and Crop Science Department, the formalization of a graduate education partnership with UC Davis and ongoing planning for a new wine and viticulture major tentatively set to launch within the next three years.

Wehner earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1972 from the University of Notre Dame and a master’s degree in agronomy in 1975 from The Pennsylvania State University. He earned his doctorate in agronomy from Penn State in 1979. Before coming to Cal Poly, he taught in the Agronomy Department at the University of Maryland and then in the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s Department of Horticulture.

Cal Poly’s College of Agriculture has announced the appointment of Elizabeth Koutsos to the Foster Farms Professorship in Poultry Science. Koutsos is currently a research associate in the Avian Immunology/Nutrition Laboratory of the UC Davis Animal Science Department.

Koutsos has held fellowships provided by the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association and has collaborated with researchers at many leading institutions including the Washington National Zoo Nutrition Library. She has provided extension services to the Maryland Egg Council, San Diego Zoo, and Pfizer Pharmaceutical Co. Her research has focused on relationships between immunity and nutrition and the mechanisms by which nutrition and immunology affect commercial poultry production.

Koutsos is completing her doctorate in nutrition. She received a bachelor’s degree in animal science from the University of Maryland, College Park, and master’s degree in nutrition from UC Davis. Her appointment to the Foster Farms Professorship in the College of Agriculture will be effective December 16, 2002.

Georgia

Dr. Adam Davis, Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, was honored at the recent American Society for Nutritional Sciences annual meeting as the 2002 recipient of the Milton L. Sunde Award. This award recognizes outstanding experimental, applied, or fundamental research in nutrition related to avian species published in the Journal of Nutrition.

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The Poultry Science Department of the University of Georgia is very pleased to announce the addition of two new faculty. Dr. Brian Fairchild was recently hired as Extension Poultry Scientist specializing in broiler management and production. Dr. Fairchild is a native of North Carolina and received his M.S. and Ph.D. from North Carolina State. Dr. Amy Batal joined the faculty in March. Dr. Batal is originally from California. She earned an M.S. from Iowa State and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. She will be teaching and conducting research in the area of nutrition.

The UGA Poultry Science Department sponsored its 9th annual Georgia International Poultry Short Course. Over 90 participants from Nigeria, Ghana, Indonesia, China, Thailand, and the Carribean basin attended. Drs. Nick Dale and Scott Russell coordinated this very successful educational event.

Mississippi

Mississippi State University Captures Collegiate Poultry Judging Championship

The Mississippi State University Poultry Judging Team won the 55th U.S. Poultry & Egg Association National Poultry Judging Contest held at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA on April 11-12, 2002. Team members were Ellen Phillips from Bay Springs, MS; Shelley Hill from Laurel, MS; Corey Davis from Fulton, MS; and Judd Stevens from Clara, MS. The team was coached by Dr. Tim Chambless, Associate Professor of Poultry Science, and Assistant Coach, Jimmy Rushing, from Louisville, MS. Eleven teams from across the nation competed in this annual contest. The contest is composed of three divisions: production, breed selection, and market products. Team and individual awards are presented in each of the three divisions of the contest and for the overall contest. Mississippi State placed first in production, third in breed selection, second in market products, and first overall. Shelley Hill received an award for fifth high individual in production. Ellen Phillips received awards for second high individual in production and fourth high individual in the entire contest. Corey Davis received awards for first high individual in production, fifth high individual in breed selection, and first high individual in the entire contest.

North Carolina

NC State University Annual Poultry Science Awards Banquet

The NCSU Poultry Science Department Awards Banquet was held April 19, 2002 at the NCSU McKimmon Center. One hundred twenty-six students, parents, faculty, industry guests, and scholarship donors attended the banquet. Over $65,000 in scholarships were awarded to 35 current and incoming students. Following are the scholarships and their recipients.

2001–2002 NC State Poultry Science Scholarship Recipients: Alltech, Inc. Scholarship, Kacie Elizabeth Schmitt (Cumberland, MD); T. T. Brown Scholarship, Lucinda Scott (Danbury, NC); Carolina Turkey Scholarship, Katie Hendrix (Rose Hill, NC); Central Soya Scholarship, Kristen Roza (Weddington, NC); Freeman W. Cook Scholarships, Summer Russell (White Oak, NC), Adam McGarity (Charlotte, NC), Virginia Ann Plummer (Raeford, NC), Wesley Winfield Stephens (Council, NC), Jessica Lemieux (Spruce Pine, NC), Christina Davis (Pfafftown, NC), Katie Hendrix (Rose Hill, NC), and Bryan Michael Redfern (Indian Trail, NC); Robert E. Cook Scholarship, Leigh-Anna House (Raeford, NC); Franklin R. Craig Scholarship, Jeffrey Broadaway (Monroe, NC); Daniel Fromm Scholarship, Amelia Mallner (Wilmington, NC); Tom Hester Scholarship, Ashley Tyner (St. Pauls, NC); Holly Farms Scholarship, Natasha Evans (Wilkesboro, NC) and Matt Love (Pilot Mt., NC); Hubbard Farms Scholarship, Devorah Marks (Greensboro, NC); H. Connor Kennett, Jr. Scholarship, Rebecca Robbins (Aberdeen, NC); William Little Scholarship, Caitlin Boon (Huntersville, NC) and Derek Beane (Seagrove, NC); Don Mabe Scholarship, Jeffrey Brandon Broadaway (Monroe, NC), Mary Kathleen Beam (Lawndale, NC).
NC State Poultry Science Graduate Student Award: Dr. Gerald Havenstein, Head of the NC State University Department of Poultry Science, is shown congratulating Miss Onduola Foye, a Ph.D. student in nutrition working under the direction of Dr. Peter Ferket, on her selection as “The Outstanding African American Graduate Student” in the NC State University Department of Poultry Science. The award was presented by the NC State African American Association of Graduate Students at their April 17th banquet.

Three M. B. “Dutch” Gardner Graduate Student Thesis Awards were presented. Mrs. Marion T. Gardner and her family established an endowment in 1981 in memory of M. B. “Dutch” Gardner for his contributions to the North Carolina poultry industry. This endowment is used to honor both undergraduate and graduate achievement. The award winner for the M.S. Thesis Award was Christina Moore (Professor Brian Sheldon) for “Development of Time-Temperature Integartor Tags for Tracking Poultry Throughout the Chill Chain.” The winners of the Ph.D. Dissertation Awards were Shannon D. Peak (Professor John Brake) for “Development of a Bioenergetic Model to Determine the Effect of Feed Allocation Program on Male Broiler Breeder Growth and Performance” and Christopher B. Moore (Professor Tom Siopes) for “The Role of Melatonin in Modulating the Avian Immune Response.”

NC State University Distinguished Alumni Awards

Rex Thompson, Pinehurst, NC, is this year’s recipient of the NC State Department of Poultry Science’s Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is given each year to an alumnus of the Department who is either well established in his active career, or who has retired, and who has made outstanding contributions to the North Carolina, national, or worldwide poultry industry.

Rex was born in Apex, NC, graduated from NC State in 1970, and started working for Perdue Farm’s Statesville, NC, complex as a breeder service manager in 1970. He has served the Perdue company in a number of capacities since that time, including Live Production Manager for the Delmarva complex, involvement in planning and construction of the Lewiston complex (Perdue’s largest, and the first complex constructed off of the Delmarva peninsula); Complex Manager for the Robersonville, NC, complex; Sales and Marketing; Complex Manager for the Rockingham, NC, complex (Perdue’s 2nd complex for roasters); Director of Roaster Operations (three complexes); Director of White Bird Operations; and Vice President of Retail Operations.

In 2000, Rex was named Senior Vice President of Retail Poultry Operations for Perdue Farms with responsibility for the genetics program, six breeder operations, and seven complexes that include hatcheries, feed mills, live operations, and both roaster and broiler processing plants. He continues in that position.

Rex is a past officer and Director of the North Carolina Poultry Federation and served as President in 1997. He has also been active for a number of years in the North Carolina Ag Council and in the Delmarva Poultry Industry. Rex and his wife, June, continue to live in Pinehurst, NC.

Dr. Tara Walsh, Fayetteville, North Carolina, was named as the recipient of the NC State Poultry Science Department’s Distinguished Young Alumnus Award for 2002.

Tara is a native of Southern Pines, NC, and received her B.S. (1989, Zoology), M.S. and Ph.D. (1993 and 1996, respectively, poultry science) degrees from North Carolina State University. Her Ph.D. was from the University’s interdepartmental nutrition program. Her major research and industry interests are in broiler breeder and hatchery management and nutritional management and its influences on reproductive behavior and reproduction. Tara was an excellent graduate student who earned a number of honors during her graduate career including a Certificate of Excellence Award for her presentation at the 82nd annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association (1993), a Certificate for Outstanding Teaching as an NC State Graduate Student (1993), an Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation award at the Southern Poultry Science Society Meeting (1996), and the M. B. “Dutch” Gardner Award for the best Master’s thesis (1994) and Ph.D. dissertation (1997) related to poultry at NC State. The latter is open to all graduate students working on a poultry-related topic, regardless of their home department.

In 1996, Dr. Walsh was hired by Novus International as their Manager of Product Development. She has served in that capacity to the present time and has traveled the world making technical presentations for the company. She has been (continued pg 14)
come extremely well known in the industry as a well-trained poultry scientist, and her efforts have and will continue to reflect well, not only on the company, but on NC State University and this department.

Dr. Rex Thompson, center, and Dr. Tara Walsh, right, pictured here with Dr. Gerald Havenstein. Head of the NC State University Department of Poultry Science, recently were honored as NC State University Distinguished Alumni.

## Michigan

### Retirement of Dr. Larry D. Bacon, East Lansing, Michigan

**Dr. Larry D. Bacon**, microbiologist at the Avian Disease and Oncology Laboratory, East Lansing, MI, has decided to retire on July 3, 2002 after approximately 25 years of service with ARS. Dr. Bacon, a native of Topeka, Kansas, obtained his B.S. degree in poultry husbandry and M.S. and Ph.D. in genetics in 1961, 1967, and 1969, respectively, from Kansas State University. Dr. Bacon joined ARS in 1978 after several years of research experiences as Postdoctoral Fellow [New York Medical College, New York, NY (1969–1971)]; Research Assistant Professor, Microbiology [SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (1971–1973)]; and Assistant Professor, Microbiology [Wayne State University, Detroit, MI (1973–1977)].

Over Dr. Bacon’s career, his research has primarily been aimed at understanding the genetic basis for disease resistance and vaccinal immunity in chickens. He developed techniques including a simple bloodtyping method and several specialized chicken lines (B congenic and recombinant congenic); all have been shown to be valuable tools for researchers studying the genetic basis for disease resistance in the U.S. as well as in various countries around the world. Dr. Bacon is also noted for several significant scientific contributions including his work that was first to show 1) the enhancement of a retrovirus-induced lymphoma by a herpesvirus Marek’s disease vaccine virus, 2) the close linkage between an endogenous avian leukosis virus and the slow-feathering genes, and 3) the influence of B genes on vaccinal immunity in chickens. Dr. Bacon’s achievements and contributions to agricultural science are documented in over 110 publications including book chapters; he is a world authority on avian immunogenetics, particularly as it relates to disease resistance.

Dr. Bacon received numerous honors and awards, including the 1993 P. P. Levine award for the best paper published in *Avian Diseases* and the Bart Rispen Award for the best paper published during 1995 and 1996 in *Avian Pathology*. Dr. Bacon also served as Section Editor and Associate Editor for *Poultry Science*.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Bacon the best of luck in his retirement after a most rewarding research career. If you wish to send a note or letter to be given to him at his retirement party scheduled for the evening of Sunday, June 30, 2002 in Williamston, MI, please send to Dr. Aly M. Fadly, USDA-ARS-ADOL, 3607 East Mount Hope Road, East Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail: fadly@msu.edu.

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Laboratories Research Award (1991), the Poultry Science Association Research Award (1993), USDA Certificate of Merit for Scientific Leadership (1994), the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Faculty Research Award (1994), the National Broiler Council Research Award (1998), and the Texas A&M University Vice Chancellor’s Award in Excellence for Research (2000). In 2001, his laboratory was honored by the Poultry Science Association Award for Achievement in Poultry Science.

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broilers each year with a value of about $1.4 billion.

One final note: We have received a number of questions from members concerned about traveling to Delaware for the PSA meetings in light of the avian influenza situation in some states in the East. First, it is important to note that PSA ’02 is being held on the UD campus in Newark, DE, which is located at least 80 miles north of the concentrated poultry-producing region of the Delmarva Peninsula. Other than the research/teaching poultry on our University farm, there are no poultry production facilities within the area. Also, we don’t see any greater risk in hosting PSA ’02 here at the University of Delaware than if we were to host it in Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Chicago. And finally, we don’t anticipate any greater risk in holding PSA this year than in previous years when we have always had folks attending from foreign countries or who have recently traveled to foreign countries, where this and other diseases are prevalent. We simply ask that those attending take proper, common-sense biosecurity measures (clean clothing and shoes) before coming to and upon returning home from the meetings.

Again, we are excited about your visit to Delaware in August and look forward to your attendance at PSA ’02. Have a safe trip.
Fullbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering 37 lecturing, research, and lecturing/research awards in agriculture for the 2003-2004 academic year. Awards for both faculty and professionals range from two months to an academic year.

Although many awards specify project and host institution, there are a number of open “any field” awards that allow candidates to propose their own project and determine their host institution affiliation. Foreign language skills are needed in some countries, but most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English.

Application deadline for 2003-2004 awards is August 1 for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide. For information, visit www.cies.org or contact The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street, N.W., Suite 5L, Washington, D.C. 20008; Phone: 202-686-7877; E-mail: apprequest@cies.iie.org.

Deadline for Articles for the October 2002 Issue of the Poultry Science Newsletter

Please have all submissions for the next issue of the PSA Newsletter to Amy Kemp (amyk@assochq.org) by August 15, 2002.

Meat and Poultry Magazine Ranks Top 10

Meat and Poultry magazine recently released a “Top 10” ranking of universities offering meat and poultry-related programs. The results were as follows: 1) Texas A&M, 2) Iowa State, 3) Kansas State, 4) Colorado State, 5) Arkansas, 6) Nebraska, 7) Virginia Tech, 8) Penn State, 9) Ohio State, and 10) Oklahoma State.

The Editorial and Sales staff of Meat & Poultry conducted informal surveys of professionals working in all segments of the industry and asked them how they would stack up the leading programs to determine the top 10 contenders. Results showed that a handful of universities have established reputations within the industry for supplying a steady stream of quality students, while also offering low-cost problem-solving services.

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