



The British Veterinary Poultry Association

(A division of The British Veterinary Association)

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Dear All

I hope that all Members enjoyed the festive break and were not too much inconvenienced by the weather.

I thought that the snow had finally gone here in East Anglia when I started writing this but I was wrong!!

It has been a difficult month particularly for some of our free range farmers where there have been problems with water freezing up and difficulty in maintaining shed temperatures for birds. On the plus side, maybe the prolonged freeze will have killed off a few "bugs".

Meetings

We had a very enjoyable Winter meeting in Bristol. Numbers attending were slightly down compared to the previous years' Winter meeting but those who attended enjoyed an excellent meeting with a good selection of speakers and an enjoyable dinner where we were pleased to welcome Bill Riley, President of BVA, as our after dinner speaker. The gamebird session on the Friday proved very popular

A big thank you to all the speakers at the Winter meeting and to the BVPA committee members involved with the meeting organisation.

We are now looking forward to our Spring meeting in Harrogate on 18 and 19 March 2010.

As you will be aware, this meeting has been arranged to mark the amazing contribution that the team at Liverpool University have made to poultry science the poultry industry. As both Professor Janet Bradbury and Professor Dick Jones "retired" from the University in September 2009 this seemed an appropriate time to arrange this event.

Adrian Mockett, our meetings organiser, is still putting the final touches to the programme for the meeting but he has an impressive array of International and UK speakers lined up, most of whom have some connection with the Liverpool team.

Our confirmed speakers so far for the meeting are Dr Nestor Mossos from Columbia, , Professor El Houadfi from Morocco, Dr Anna Ramirez from Gran Canaries, Dr Nick Etteradossi from France, Dr Feberwee from The Netherlands, Professor Stan Kleven from the USA, Dr Chris Morrow from Australia, Professor Stewart McNulty from Northern Ireland, Dr Vilmos Palya from Hungary (who will be giving the Keith Gooderham water fowl lecture) and, from the UK, Dr David Cavanagh. Dr Jane Cook, Dr Kenton Hazel, Philip Hammond, Dr Ganapathy, Dr Clive Naylor and Dr Adrian Mockett.

We have so far received very generous sponsorship from a number of companies. We are most grateful for sponsorship promised so far and will acknowledge all sponsors at our Spring meeting.

With this mailing, you will receive hotel booking details. Please make your booking as soon as possible as we expect this to be a very popular meeting.

A detailed meeting programme will follow shortly.

Please also return your confirmation that you are attending the meeting to David Schofield as soon as possible as this makes planning much easier and helps the committee to ensure that everything runs smoothly for the meeting.

Future meeting dates for your diaries are:

BVPA Summer 2010 meeting at ADAS, Stratford on Avon on June 16.

BVPA Winter 2010 meeting, 25th and 26th November 2010, Thistle East Midlands Airport Hotel. The theme of this meeting will be enteric disease with also a section on game birds following on from the successful game bird presentations at the Winter 2009 meeting.

Other meetings in which members may be interested:

12th -13th March 2010 Turkey Science and Production, Shrigley . Contact james@jsbentley.co.uk

19th April 2010 Incubation 2000 . Contact info@positiveaction.co.uk

20th-23rd April 2010 VIV Europe

11th-12th May 2010 Pig and Poultry Fair , Stoneleigh

27th-29th May 2010 8th International Symposium on Turkey Diseases, Berlin (Contact Prof H M Hafez – hafez@vetmed.fu-berlin.de

News

Members will be saddened to learn of the death of Norman Fowler on 15th January. Norman was a member of BVPA for many years. He qualified in 1951 after war service in the Royal Navy where he was proud to have had a destroyer watch keeping certificate when he was 21. He had two destroyers sunk under him and, on one occasion, was adrift in a lifeboat for 36 hours in the mid Atlantic.

Norman was an excellent and versatile veterinary surgeon who ran a successful general practice in Canterbury for many years in the 50's and 60's and had a wide range of veterinary expertise and interests in small animal, cattle and horses. Norman eventually joined the feedstuffs and vitamin premix company of Colborn Dawes in Canterbury for whom he undertook a lot of overseas advisory work and provided UK and International nutritional and poultry advisory work. After his retirement, he ran a small animal consultation practice for several years from his home near Canterbury and was a consultant for the hip dysplasia scheme.

In addition to his varied veterinary career, Norman had many outside interests and skills. He was an excellent wood worker and small boat sailor and built and raced professionally turned out dinghy.

He made the curtains and drapes from ceilings to floor for a beautiful Georgian house where he and his wife lived. He had an impressive garden and was a good cook.

Norman is survived by his two daughters, their husbands and grandchildren to whom we send our condolences.

I am indebted to Olaf Swarbrick, for providing details of Norman's impressive career.

Members will also be saddened to hear of the recent death of Molly Kelly of Kelly Turkeys. The Kelly family have been great ambassadors for the turkey industry in the UK and Paul Kelly, Molly's son, has spoken at several BVPA meetings.

Congratulations to Sara Perez of The Minster Veterinary Practice , York on her engagement. Sarah is to be married later this year.
Congratulations to Mike Clark also of the Minster Veterinary Practice who is getting married in September 2010.

Congratulations also to Philip Hammond who has successfully completed the first year of Avian Health online masters and achieved his post graduate certificate in Avian Health. Philip received sponsorship towards his Masters certificate from the BVPA Trust Fund.

Congratulations also to Stephen Lister who has taken over the role as President of the Poultry Veterinary Study Group of the EU.

Jerry Glover of Elanco will be running two marathons, Paris and London in 2010 for the Help for Heroes Charity. If anyone would like to support Jerry in this, please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/jerrydoesdoublemarathon>.

I was pleased to be invited by BPC to a presentation at the House of Commons to Richard Bailey who won one of the Poulterers Awards in recognition of work for his PhD on dysbacteriosis in broilers carried out at the Institute of Food Research in Norwich. Richard is now moving on to join Aviagen and we wish him every success in his future career. We look forward to Richard presenting his work at a future BVPA meeting as gut health remains a very topical subject for our members.

If any members have any news items for further newsletters or meetings they would like to publicise please let me know

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Harrogate for what I hope will be a very special and memorable meeting.

With best wishes for 2010.

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**Claire Knott
BVPA President**