



The British Veterinary Poultry Association

(A division of The British Veterinary Association)

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Dear All

I hope that all members managed to have a break over the Summer. Here in East Anglia we continue to enjoy a prolonged Indian Summer which is not such good news for local farmers as we have had no serious rain for weeks!

We had an extremely successful Summer meeting at Intervet Schering Plough Animal Health Headquarters at Milton Keynes.

Thanks go to David Schofield and his team for providing the venue, an impressive selection of speakers and a delicious lunch. Members also enjoyed tours of some of the facilities at Milton Keynes. I understand from David this was one of the largest attendances we had had at a Summer meeting in recent years!

Very many thanks also to all the speakers at the Summer meeting and to other BVPA committee members, in particular Adrian Mockett, who were also involved with the meeting organisation.

We are now looking forward to our Winter meeting in Bristol. This meeting will take place on 19 and 20 November 2009. Details are attached with this mailing.

Adrian Mockett, our Meetings Organiser, has put together a very exciting programme with a wide range of speakers on some interesting and topical subjects. The main focus of the meeting is on welfare and game birds.

We are delighted to have Bill Reilly, BVA President, as our distinguished after dinner speaker.

I would ask that if you wish to attend the meeting you reply as soon as possible, both to David Schofield and to the hotel as this makes the organisation of the meeting much easier for all concerned and helps to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Future meeting dates:

BVPA Spring 2010 meeting, Harrogate. Provisional dates: 18-19 March 2010.

BVPA Summer 2010 meeting June 16th ADAS Stratford.

BVPA Winter Meeting dates and venue to be confirmed.

WVPA, The Sixteenth Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association is in November 2009, the same month as the Winter BVPA meeting. Dates for the WVPA meeting in Marakesh, 8-12 November 2009. Full details of this meeting available at www.wvp2009.org.

BVPA guidelines for the use of antimicrobials

The updated BVPA guidelines for the use of antimicrobials are now available on the BVPA website.

Many thanks to Paul McMullin for reviewing and updating these – very timely given the ongoing concern about antibiotic usage in farm species.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andrew Walker in gaining his certificate in Poultry Medicine and Production and also congratulations to Stephen Lister on achieving diploma status of the European College of Poultry Veterinary Science. (Stephen Lister will be giving a short presentation at BVPA Winter meeting on the European College of Poultry Veterinary Science which is recognised by the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation).

Lancaster Final Year Students Weekend

Alan Pearson Junior Vice President manned the successful BVPA stand at the Lancaster weekend and encouraged the students to display their creative talents in drawing chicken pictures, with a bottle of vodka as a prize for the worthy winner!

The weekend was considered a great success so many thanks Alan for representing and promoting BVPA at this event.

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter meeting.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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