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## The British Veterinary Poultry Association

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From: Paul McMullin (President BVPA)

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Not content with booking our Winter Meeting for the end of November in Edinburgh we put two Snow's on the programme. In spite of our tempting fate, the weather was nice and the venue, with a view into the Zoo on one side, Murrayfield and the Pentland Hills on the other, was excellent.

Our first day concentrated on poultry breeding with 4 speakers from Aviagen, but also include a very good review of the state of play on Campylobacter by Ian Connerton and on coccidiosis vaccination by Luciano Gobbi of SPAH.

We had a full morning exploring the topic of Salmonella control in full detail - from epidemiology, effects of sampling, cleaning and disinfection, vaccination to the ever-vital rodent control. We also had a summary of FSA survey results of Salmonella in poultry products and finished with the BEIC approach to providing consumer assurance through the Lion Scheme and the impact of the legislation which is now in place.

I am very grateful to the excellent team of speakers for coming to join us and preparing excellent presentations which helped bring us up to date on these important topics. For those who did not manage to make the meeting (a number were affected by the ongoing need to deal with the current AI outbreak), I am pleased to announce that the majority of the presentations are now on the member-area of [www.bvpa.org.uk](http://www.bvpa.org.uk). Thanks are also due to Africa Fernandez for handling the local organization, Mike Lamont from the Scottish Government for our after dinner-speech, Adrian Mockett for organising the excellent programme, Tibor Cserep for organising the presentations/projection, Andrew Bufton for organising the PA (and finding the radio mike which we thought had disappeared!), and, last but not least, Bayer Animal Health who, through Gavin Kelly sponsored our pre-dinner drinks in the bar and the wine with our Chinese Banquet!

We also had a short business meeting in which David Schofield outlined the money situation, Claire Knott reported on BVA issues and Nigel Horrox on the WVPA. The next WVPA Meeting will be in Morocco in 2009 - dates on the web site. A meeting of the BVPA trustees agreed that we would write to each of the British veterinary schools offering to sponsor one student from each to attend the Spring Meeting. There was also quite wide-ranging discussion on the issue of Avian Influenza of which the committee took careful note - we had already planned to make this a major topic in the Spring Meeting.

For your Diary....

Harrogate **March 13-14** - special focus - Avian Influenza, Veterinary Medicines,  
 Also research reports and case reports.

**Could members who have interesting case reports, and/or research results, especially those who have yet to present at a meeting please contact our Meetings Secretary - ([adrian.mockett@ecoanimalhealth.com](mailto:adrian.mockett@ecoanimalhealth.com))**

IAH Compton - now confirmed for **June 18th** - update on current research projects and development plans within IAH

Haydock Park, **November 27th-28th** - topics to be confirmed

Assuming no need to communicate further this year, my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year

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