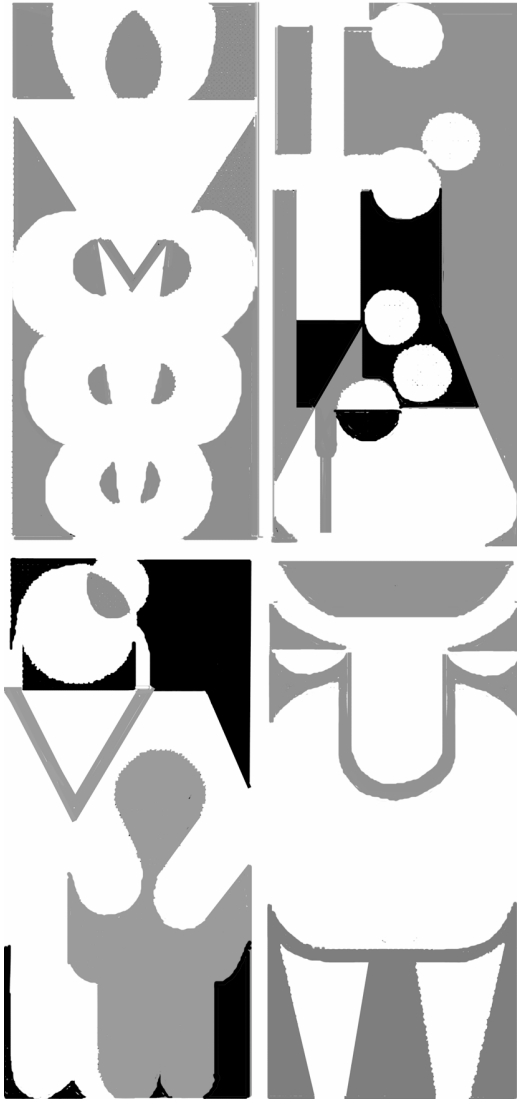


# NEWSLETTER



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# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## AVEPM 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile  
540 N Michigan Ave  
Chicago, IL  
December 3, 2007  
7:00 a.m.

President Wittum called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Board members, officers present were Tom Wittum, Paul Morley, Paivi Rajala-Schultz, Yvette Johnson, Laura Hungerford, Mo Salman, Morgan Scott, Ron Smith and Jim Thorne.

Minutes of the December 2006 Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Thorne gave the treasurer's report (a copy of which is attached).

Mo Salmon, CE chair, discussed the Mo Salman Graduate Student Travel criteria. Currently there is \$26,500 in this fund. He proposed that a committee be appointed to select the recipients of these funds for travel. He desires that the graduate student and his/her mentor be members of AVEPM. Morley proposed that the Awards chair and the directors and officers comprise the committee. There was consensus of the group.

Award chair, Morgan Scott announced that there were 5 Food Safety and Environmental presentations and 13 Epidemiology and Economics participants this year for consideration for Graduate Student Awards at CRWAD. Consensus was to award one Food Safety oral, 2 Epidemiology oral and 1 poster awards this year with \$250 as the award. He has a quantitative score sheet and raters for each presentation will not be from that specific presenter's college.

There was concern vocalized about the CRWAD's assignment of abstracts to areas somewhat less related to the topic in order to even out the number of presentations for each session. Laura Hungerford (on CRWAD board) was asked to broach this subject with the CRWAD personnel.

Mo proposed that AVEPM collaborate with ACVPM next year in funding the CWRAD student presentation awards.

Morgan Scott volunteered to chair the CRWAD awards committee next year.

Schwabe Symposium Paul Morley reported that the symposium went well in spite of the fact that this year's program initially created some shuffling and was complicated by the winter storm that created havoc with some presenter's travel. David Hird was initially to the Schwabe awardee; however, he had prior travel conflicts and will be next year's recipient. There needs to be more candidates for the Schwabe awardee. In addition,

we need to stimulate more interest in the program. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to attempt to get access to the CRWAD list of presenter's so that announcements could go to them prior to the CRWAD meeting. Paul proposed that the protocol for the Schwabe symposium including the selection process, be documented and become the responsibility of the President-Elect. He asked is there should be geographical limitations on selecting the awardee because of travel costs. No definitive action was taken on this topic.

Paul reported that the two broken statues have been repaired at \$200. A bill will be submitted to the treasurer for payment.

Ron Smith reported that he has \$536 in the newsletter account for AVEPM use.

He also reported that the proceedings for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Schwabe Symposia are on an editor's desk and should be forthcoming.

Smith reported that the newsletter is in a transition to archival status.

Mo reported that Margaret Pappaioanou of the ACVPM would like AVEPM participation in a "One Medicine" program at the AVMA in New Orleans in 2008. He proposed a \$10,000 contribution or whatever the board would approve. Paul suggested that we have a virtual conference to discuss the amount. Consensus was to participate with the monetary contribution to be decided later.

Treasurer Thorne reported that the IRS granted probationary period for the type of organization will be determined by the IRS 90 days after December 31, 2007. He will obtain the services of a CPA in formulating the financial report.

There was group consensus for Treasurer Thorne to be reimbursed for his housing expenses and the AVEPM board expenses at the CRWAD meeting this year.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Thorne  
Secretary-Treasurer, AVEPM

## AVEPM 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile  
Chicago, IL  
December 3, 2007

President Wittum called the meeting to order at 11:a.m. with members denoted on the attached list attending.

Minutes of the December 2006 annual meeting were approved as published on the website.

### Reports:

**Graduate Student awards** at CRWAD: Morgan Scott

There are 13 presentations in Epidemiology and Economic Analysis section, 5 in Food Safety and Environmental. The board decision was to award 2 in 'Epidemiology and Economic Analysis, 1 for Food Safety and 1 for the Poster Session. The Mark Gearhart award for scientific paper will be presented Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

**Schwabe Symposium:** Paul Morley

The Schwabe Symposium was held Sunday, December 2, 2007 at the Marriott. Attendance was good but undoubtedly was affected by the weather conditions. This is the fifth year that we have had the Schwabe Symposium. Dr. Dave Hird will be the recipient in 2008. Two issues were raised: 1) the number of applicants needs to be increased as we are near the end of qualified applicants. Once a nomination is made it remains in the pool for 5 years. 2) We need to increase the attendance at the annual symposium. Discussion ensued about how to increase publicity for the Schwabe Symposium. The two damaged statues have been repaired and an invoice will be forthcoming.

**Proceedings:** Ron Smith

Proceedings from the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Schwabe Symposia are nearing completion and will be published in Preventive Veterinary Medicine. He will compile the 2007 symposium papers for future publication.

**Newsletter:** Ron Smith.

The newsletters (now 2 yearly) will be primarily archival in function. The newsletters are now published in electronic format and stored on the AVEPM website.

**Continuing Education:** Mo Salman

There were two "USDA APHIS VS training courses presented in 2007. One was for veterinary service officers and the other was for veterinary technicians. There will be 2 similar courses again in 2008.

**Avian Influenza workshops:** There were 6 workshops presented in Indonesia (1 in 2006 and 5 in 2007). There will be one in Nigeria in December 2007, and for 2008, Egypt, Turkey, Indonesia and 2 in Fort Collins, CO (one English and one Spanish). Instructors for these courses are AVEPM members and the association by being a sub-contract awardee receives a management fee for each workshop.

**Treasurer's report:** Jim Thorne

The treasurer's report is attached. Mo Salman has established the Mo Salman Graduate Student Travel Fund with \$26,500 currently in the fund.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Morgan Scott is concerned about CRWAD's policy about moving presentations to sections without consultation with the Epidemiology reviewer. This is a recurring problem. Laura Hungerford (CRWAD board member) reported that CRWAD has asked if we could use a companion animal epidemiology section.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Thorne  
Secretary-Treasurer

## AVEPM Finances - 2007

Balance January 1 2007	\$34,117.00
Income	
Avian Influenza Training Indonesia CSU	826,821.49
Avian Influenza Training Nigeria CSU	102,500.00
Avian Influenza Training Vietnam CSU	45,000.00
USDA AHT & VMO APHIS	47,735.87
Dues	2,020.00
Graduate Student Travel MD Salman	26,500.00
Bayer Foundation (Schwabe)	5,000.00
Interest	686.28
Total Income	1,056,263.64

Expenses

Awards	1,500.00	
Bank Charge	16.47	
	Avian Influenza	950,674.75
Honoraria AI Instruction	63700	
Honoraria AI bookkeeping	3500	
AI Expenses Ctr Indonesian Veterinary Analytical Studies	665,201.55	
AI Expenses Vietnam hotel & Animal Health	27,014.54	
AI Expenses Nigeria	82,919.10	
AI Travel instruction	106,501.70	
AI Miscellaneous	1,107.86	
Wire Fees	730.00	
	Schwabe Symposium	6,601.07
Travel Schwabe	1,767.62	
Centaur Repair	500.00	
Schwabe Symposium	4,333.45	
	USDA Workshops	43,685.92
Travel USDA	3,742.72	
Honoraria USDA	5,400.00	
USDA Workshop Expenses	8,043.20	
Colorado Foundation	26,500.00	
	Other Expenses	2,163.22
Annual Meeting	877.49	
NCPSP membership	500.00	
NCPSP Travel	683.97	
Postage	101.76	
	Total Expenses	1,004,641.43
	Income over expenses	51,622.21
Balance December 31, 2007		\$85,739.21

**2007 CRWAD AVEPM Graduate Student Award Winners**

**1. Best Poster Presentation in Epidemiology or Food Safety (\$250)**

Heidi Abrecht  
The Ohio State University  
Advisors: William Epperson and Paivi Rajala-Schultz  
Evaluation of serum total protein as an indicator of IgG level in dairy calves up to eight days old

*Mailing address:*  
Veterinary Preventive Medicine  
The Ohio State University  
1920 Coffey Road  
Columbus, OH 43210

**2. Best Oral Presentation in Food and Environmental Safety (\$250)**

Tammy Platt

West Texas A&M University  
Advisor: Guy Loneragan  
In-feed antimicrobial drug administration and antimicrobial susceptibility of non-type-specific *Escherichia coli*

*Mailing address:*  
WTAMU Box 62073  
Canyon, TX 79016

**3. Best Oral Presentation in Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics (\$250-two unranked awards)**

William Walker  
The Ohio State University  
Advisor: William Epperson  
Effects of internal teat sealant use on udder health and milk yield in a commercial Jersey dairy herd

*Mailing address:*

Veterinary Preventive Medicine  
The Ohio State University  
1920 Coffey Road  
Columbus, OH 43210

Tim Boyer  
University of Minnesota  
Advisor: Randy Singer  
GIS as a tool for regionalization of orbivirus infection  
risk: a case study in Illinois and Indiana

*Mailing address:*  
2636 Lyndale Ave. S. #1  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

#### **4. Mark Gearhart Award for Best Manuscript (\$500)**

Walid Alali  
Texas A&M University  
Advisor: Morgan Scott  
Longitudinal Study of Antimicrobial Resistance among  
Escherichia coli Isolated 1 from Integrated 2 Multi-site  
Group Cohorts of Humans and Swine

*Mailing address:*  
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College Station, TX 77843

**Background of the Award** - Mark Gearhart (1956-1989) died in a plane crash in Sioux City, Iowa in July 1989. Mark had been an active member of the AVEPM (then the ATVPHPM or "Teachers Association") for seven years. He did his undergraduate work at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, then earned his DVM at The Ohio State University in 1982. Both degrees were awarded summa cum laude. Following an internship at Ontario Veterinary College, he enrolled at Colorado State University and earned an MS degree in Clinical Sciences and a residency certificate in food animal medicine and herd health. In May 1989, he obtained a second Master's degree in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics at CSU. At the time of his death, he worked as a graduate research associate in the Department of Clinical Sciences at CSU and was enrolled in a PhD program in analytic epidemiology and

dairy production. Mark was very well liked and worked closely with dairy and sheep producers in the Fort Collins area. Veterinary medicine, particularly preventive veterinary medicine, suffered a great loss with the death of one of its brightest stars at such a young age. This memorial award was established to honor Mark's memory.

### **AVEPM Training Courses and Workshops**

I am including below the list of the training courses and workshops that have been conducted on behalf of the continuing education committee of AVEPM:

1. January 2008 - An international training workshop on basic veterinary epidemiology for controlling AI that was held in Fort Collins and was given in Spanish for two weeks.
2. February 2008 -An international training workshop on basic veterinary epidemiology for controlling AI that was held in Fort Collins and was given in English for two weeks.
3. February – March 2008 – One week training course on basic veterinary epidemiology was held in Fort Collins for USDA – Animal Health Technicians.
4. March 2008 – Training workshop on basic veterinary epidemiology and field disease investigation for AI was held in Egypt for one week.
5. March-April 2008 – Training workshop on basic veterinary epidemiology and field disease investigation for AI was held in Turkey for two weeks.

Several AVEPM instructors and facilitators participated in these above activities.

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College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
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## **NEWS & COMMENTARY**

### **CRWAD New Web Site Address**

The Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) has a new web site address listed below. Please update your records and bookmarks.

<http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/mip/crwad/>