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Dear colleagues,

This newsletter is the first of one of our means of communicating with and informing you about the identity, goals and activities of the Mediterranean Poultry Network of the WPSA (MPN). Please inform us by a return e-mail if you do not wish to receive these newsletters. (Please note that we will limit our Newsletters to only four (4) issues per year.)

Reported below are:

- Dr Pym's remarks at the opening ceremony of the Antalya09 Mediterranean Summit;
- Prof. Achille Franchini's speech in the opening ceremony of the Antalya09 Mediterranean Summit;
- The 1st Mediterranean Summit of WPSA, (7-10 May 2008 in Porto Carras, Chalkidiki, Greece);
- The 2nd Mediterranean Summit of WPSA (4-07 October 2009 in Antalya, Turkey).

The Steering Committee of the MPN of the WPSA

Remarks at Opening Ceremony Mediterranean Summit, Antalya 4 Oct 2009

Dr Robert Pym, President WPSA

It is my very great privilege and pleasure to have been invited here by my good friends and colleagues Professor Ruveyde Akbay and Dr Servet Yalcin on your behalf to attend this the 2nd Mediterranean Poultry Summit. WPSA in this region has been exceedingly well served by the exceptional and tireless work of these two very gracious ladies over the years since the initial bid in 1996 by Turkey to host the 22nd Worlds Poultry Congress in Istanbul in June of 2004. That was an excellent meeting and I look forward to the same high standards being met at this meeting here in Antalya.

The Mediterranean Summits are without doubt an excellent initiative, bringing together as they do, poultry scientists and

IDENTITY

of the Mediterranean Poultry Network of the WPSA:

- The MPN was formed under Working Group 11 (WG 11) of the European Federation of the WPSA, "Education and Information".

industry personnel from this rich and varied region of the world where Europe, Asia and Africa meet. They serve a particular function in facilitating contact between the European Federation of WPSA and all that is has to offer with its eleven working groups and symposia, and branches in this region.

As mentioned already by Professors Franchini and Akbay, I am really delighted to see the recent establishment of the Mediterranean Poultry Network to provide a tangible and

meaningful link between the WPSA branches in this region in west Asia and Northern Africa and the branches on the northern shores of the Mediterranean in the European Federation. The establishment of the Network under working group 11 of the European Federation, as mentioned by Professor Franchini, provides an excellent basis for close cooperation between the Federation and the other branches. It was my privilege and pleasure to take part in

GOALS

The Mediterranean Poultry Network Goals:

- Research and scientific exchanges between the MPN members.
- To promote the diffusion of WPSA in the Mediterranean countries;
- To create new contacts with people involved in the poultry sector;
- To develop new activities;
- To coordinate the events of future Mediterranean Summits of WPSA to be held in any of the countries facing the Mediterranean Sea with an official WPSA branch.
- To technically assist the organizers of the event, whenever required, by offering adequate tools and knowhow, in order to ensure homogeneous events.

discussions in Cervia, Italy in May this year with Professor Franchini, Dr Mulder the secretary of WPSA, and the members of the steering committee of the network, which led to its endorsement and approval by the Board of WPSA in August. It is really very fortunate that the Network has this already established Poultry Summit to be its main platform for interaction and communication between industry personnel and poultry scientists and educators in the region. My sincere congratulations to those who had the foresight to make this a reality.

It is a well recognized role of WPSA to facilitate development of poultry research capability and of the poultry industry generally throughout the developing countries of the world. It is a great pleasure to me to see, concurrent with the development of the Mediterranean network, moves towards the establishment of a similar Network in sub-Saharan Africa. For some time now, WPSA has discussed the possibility of an African Federation, along the lines of the European Federation, but for a multiplicity of reasons relating to the cost and difficulties of organizing physical meetings, identification of suitable working group topics, fractionation of the industry in many regions and so on, this has not come to fruition.

Recently, however, the proposal has been accepted that we move towards a "virtual" Federation which will be known as the African Poultry Network and will be supported by electronic communications between members. It is planned to hold the inaugural meeting of the network as a workshop in Tours, France following the 13th European Poultry Conference next year in August.

One of the important features which will determine the sustainability of both networks, is that they incorporate all sectors of the industry including the scientist and educators, industry company personnel and producers and farmers from all levels of production ranging from small-scale keepers and producers through to large scale broiler or layer operations. Poultry meat and eggs have a crucial role to play in facilitating the attainment of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals in the developing countries of the world, particularly those goals which relate to the alleviation of hunger and poverty, and I would like to stress that ALL sectors of the industry have a role to play in this.



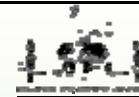
The present challenges of cost and availability of poultry feedstuffs brought about by global warming and climate change, bio-fuel production, the burgeoning growth in the human population in developing countries with urban encroachment on agricultural land, combined with the present global economic woes and the impact of Avian Influenza, mean that the Millennium Development Goals are going to be even more difficult to attain than first thought. But this makes the need for action all the more urgent. I believe that we collectively as members of WPSA have a responsibility to do whatever we can to make our industry as efficient and sustainable as possible. I'd like to sound a cautionary note on this, that, in this endeavour, it is important not to lose sight of social equity issues in farming communities in developing countries impacted by the development of in-country large scale operations or by large scale importations of poultry meat and eggs.

The organizing committee have drawn together an exciting and topical program for us over the next two and a half days. It's always a challenge for organizers of events such as this, to stage them in interesting and scenic places such as this, in order to attract delegates in the first place, and then to attempt to keep them sufficiently interested in the program to prevent them from playing truant and enjoying the surroundings during session times. I believe the committee has done the very best it can to counter that temptation.

I look forward to the talks and to meeting as many of you as possible over the next couple of days and wish you all the very best for a most successful meeting.

Dr Bob Pym

The Mediterranean Poultry Network



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**Speech of the Opening Ceremony
Mediterranean Summit, Antalya 4 Oct 2009**

**Prof. Achille Franchini, President of the
European Federation of the WPSA**

Authorities, Ladies and Gentlemen, dear members of WPSA, I'm pleased to welcome you to the Second Mediterranean Summit "Prospects of world poultry: a Mediterranean perspective".

I'm particularly pleased to meet here so many colleagues with whom I collaborate for a long time promoting poultry-related research initiatives as well as human relationships.

As many of you already know, the WPSA is a scientific association gathering more than 7,000 members in 70 different countries, whereas the European Federation, which I represent, has more than 3000 members in 29 countries.

The objective of the Association, as reported on the web-site, is

"to advance knowledge and understanding of all aspects of the poultry science and the poultry industry. Its major role is to encourage, and help facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators and between those in research and education and people working in the many diverse sectors of the industry".

To support this goal and recognizing the importance of person-to-person contacts in promoting scientific knowledge, the EF, after its foundation in 1960, started establishing "Working Groups" each one dealing with specific poultry related issues. Now the EF counts a total of 11 active WGs, which support and improve communication in poultry science organizing symposia in the odd years between the World Congress and the European Conference.

This meeting is the last of the year after the several symposia that the European Federation Working Groups organise each odd years.

I would also like to underline that the Asian Pacific Federation, leading the WG 8 Waterfowl since this year, will organize the 4th World Waterfowl Conference which will be held in Thrissur, Kerala (India) from November 11 to 13.

In occasion of the XII European Poultry Conference (Verona, 2006), following the suggestion and push of the past President of WPSA, professor Akbay, the European Federation decided to organise some meetings different

from the ones traditional organised by the EF, ie Poultry Conference and WGs Symposia. Some colleagues have felt the need to develop the WPSA activities in those countries of North Africa and Middle East in which there is not our Institution in order to favour the WPSA entrance but also to improve and spread the scientific knowledge. Indeed in these countries the poultry production represents one of the most important sector in the animal productions.

In 2005, in Porto Carras (Greece) the first Mediterranean Summit was held and now we are here in Antalya, in this wonderful location, for the second edition and to consider what was carried out and what we have to do in the future.

In the meanwhile a Mediterranean network as a special task of the WG 11 (Education and Technology Transfer, whose chairperson is Prof. Servet Yalcin) was created and it was decided to appoint a steering committee composed by Yalcin, Sossidou, Sayegh, and a group of consultants and advisors with Tserveni-Goussi, Hafez, Dagher and Meluzzi,

who will be the operative harm of the Mediterranean network.

This initiative, born under the impulse of Ruveyde Akbay and of the European Federation, has now become one of the developing strategies of the World's Poultry Science Association as Robert Pym will tell you just now, even if the European Federation will continue to cooperate in it.

The European Federation has developed a great number of activities to support the dissemination of poultry related scientific knowledge, but now we have to find new energies to answer the requests from the African countries of the sub-Saharan area asking for collaboration in education

and scientific spreading in order to favor the development of poultry production.

I would like to conclude this presentation and welcome underlining once again my sincere appreciation for the great work you all have done in these years in terms of scientific progress in the field of egg and poultry meat quality but also in terms of human relationships among you all. I'm sure you will be able to continue in this direction in the future involving in your, and let me say in our, activities those people being here for the first time.



**Report on the 1st Mediterranean Summit of WPSA
7-10 May, 2008
Chalkidiki, Greece**



The event was held in Chalkidiki, one of the most beautiful areas of northern Greece, between the 7th and the 10th of May 2008. The Organizing Committee has developed an impressive technical program accommodating themes of poultry science and production, providing the latest developments for scientists, members of the poultry industry and producers.

The participants of the **1st Mediterranean Summit** had the chance to meet and exchange valuable information on the latest advances in research and technology. Even more, all delegates enjoyed both the oral and the poster presentations and other activities during their stay.

Porto Carras Grand Resort in Chalkidiki is one of the top Greek resorts and it has been chosen because it provided a wide choice of very high quality facilities that ensured a successful Conference.

The success of the **1st Mediterranean Summit of WPSA** was not only due to the facilities of the resort, but but due to the commitment of the Organizing (President : Prof. Tserveni-Goussi) and Scientific (President: Prof. Yannakopoulos)

Committees to arrange an interesting scientific and

cultural programs for all delegates and accompanying persons, and hence they made their stay pleasant and productive.



Prof. Tserveni-Goussi, President of the Organizing Committee, summarised the 1st Mediterranean Summit as follows:

“Approximately 350 participants attended the 1st Mediterranean Summit of WPSA entitled "Advances and challenges in Poultry science", held in Chalkidiki, Greece. The major stakeholders in the poultry industry of Greece were present, including international companies specializing in poultry nutrition,

pharmaceutical companies, poultry breeding companies, as well as researchers and producers. The objective of the conference was to communicate the latest developments in the global poultry sector as well as to explore options for its future. Special attention was given to production and product quality as well as bio security. All presenters noted the very strong poultry sector dynamics in Greece and worldwide. Both plenary and oral presentations explored a wide range of issues covering the most important avian species relating to research and

technology in production, novel products, quality and safety, as well as avian diseases in the broadest sense, including their role in the dynamics of the poultry industry and their implications for sustainable development. In this respect the considerable and multiple challenges concerning public health (e.g. avian influenza), were specifically addressed. There have been a significant number of research papers concerning innovative work on new market functional foods such as the enrichment of broiler meat with omega-3 fatty acids through special nutritional management, the production of selenium enriched meat by the use of organic selenium and the production of ‘designer’ eggs and omega-3 eggs. Another important aspect that was addressed in the conference was animal welfare and its implications in the quality of produced meat as well as novel control measures against salmonellosis and coccidiosis in poultry production. The conference hosted also two very successful satellite events.

Professor Angeliki Tserveni – Goussi
President of the Organizing Committee

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**Report on the 2nd Mediterranean Summit of WPSA
4-7 October, 2009
Antalya, Turkey**

The 1st Mediterranean Summit of WPSA, held between 7-10



May 2008 in Porto Carras, Chalkidiki, Greece, set the tone for future summits. Following the previous summit the "2nd Mediterranean Summit of WPSA" was held in Antalya, Turkey from 4-7 October 2009. The meeting brought together poultry scientists, educators, industry personnel and producers from the region. There were 180 participants from 25 countries (Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Switzerland, Tanzania and Turkey).

The opening ceremony was held in the afternoon of the first day of the Summit. Prof. Dr. Rüveyde Akbay (President of the WPSA Turkish Branch and Past President of WPSA), Prof. Dr. Achille Franchini (President of the WPSA European Federation and President of the WPSA Italian Branch), Prof. Dr. Robert Pym (President of the WPSA) and Prof. Dr. H. M.



Hafez (President of WVPA) gave their opening remarks and focused on the establishment, role and challenges to the Mediterranean Network of WPSA under Working Group 11 (Education and Information) of the European Federation of WPSA. The Deputy Undersecretary of the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Dr. Ramazan Kadak provided information about the work of the Ministry in the field of poultry.

During the symposium, 9 main topics were discussed with a total of 9 invited speakers, 26 oral presentations and 21 short oral poster presentations and 62 poster presentations. The sessions included "Egg and Poultry Meat: Human Health Issues", "Avian Health and Biosecurity", "Poultry Breeding and Production Under Changing Environmental Conditions", "Social and Economical Impact of Poultry in the Mediterranean Area", "Poultry Welfare and Management", "Incubation and Embryogenesis", "Nutrition and Health Issues of Poultry", "Product Quality and Safety" and "Nutrition".

The Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Network met on two occasions during the Summit. In these meetings the date of the 3rd Mediterranean Summit in Egypt and the possible venues of the fourth summit were discussed. Prof. Dr. Servet Yalçın will notify the Secretaries of the Mediterranean branches of WPSA for their input.



The Book of Proceedings of the Summit contains not only the abstracts, but the full texts of the presentations. We would like to particularly thank every participant who submitted a presentation to the summit, the Scientific Committee which carefully selected them, and of course the chairpersons of the various sessions of the Summit.



All participants were invited to the Gala dinner which was held on the evening of 6 October.

We hope that the participants enjoyed attending the summit and got the most out of the sessions by interacting with the speakers and their colleagues. We are certain that the "Mediterranean Summits of WPSA" will play an important role in facilitating further collaboration among Mediterranean countries and will contribute in a very meaningful way to the development of new WPSA branches in the Mediterranean region.

Prof. Dr. Servet Yalçın
Chair of the Scientific Committee of the
2nd Mediterranean Summit of WPSA
and Chair of WG11 of the European Federation of WPSA

Next MPN Activities		
Date	Place	Description
23-27 August 2010	EPC2010 Tour - France	Meeting with the delegates from Mediterranean countries to define the representatives of each WPSA branch
2012	MPS2012	3rd Mediterranean Poultry Summit (Egypt) Contacts: Prof. Mohamed Kosba (mkosba@hotmail.com) Dr. Yahya Eid (yahyaze@gmail.com)

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Thanks you for your participation



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