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16th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis - India



Dear members, the 16th International Association for Paratuberculosis Colloquium (ICP 2022) in India will take place October 21 to 25, 2024. Recently, a flyer was circulated in February 2024 to all members by e-mail containing key dates. That flyer is appended to this newsletter.

Key Dates for ICP 2024 India:

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS: December 15, 2023

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CLOSES: March 31, 2024

ABSTRACT DECISIONS: April 15, 2024

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES: May 31, 2024

Visit the ICP 2024 India website for additional details and to submit your abstracts!

www.gla.ac.in/icpindia

Call to submit nominations and intent to run for a position on the Board of Directors

Article IV & VI of the by-laws provides a new structure for the Board of Directors. Previously, the Board consisted of members elected by region. The new Board structure will be implemented at the start of ICP 2024-India. The Secretary is requesting nominations and notice of intent to run for a position on the Board. Candidates will campaign for this position prior to ICP 2024 - the newsletter can serve as a platform for candidates to pitch to all members why they should be elected and to provide a short biography. Voting by members will take place by sealed ballots provided by Secretary-Treasurer prior to ICP 2024. Members will be appointed to the Board based on the number of votes received until all **4 seats** are filled. Please contact Adel Talaat (adel.talaat@wisc.edu) if you are interested in nominating a member or notifying him of your intent to run for a position. Remember, the next newsletter will be published in July 2024 and we welcome your campaign pitch for publication in that newsletter issue.

Emeritus Award

Congratulations to Professor Allen Roussel who has received Emeritus member status by vote of the Board of Directors. The goal of this status is to acknowledge members that have retired and made significant contributions towards the objectives of the IAP. We sincerely thank Dr. Roussel for his commitment and contribution to paratuberculosis research.



Beef cattle herd in the Canadian Prairies

Submit your photos for publication in the next Newsletter! We want to display the global diversity in cattle (and other ruminants!), their environments, and where our members are conducting research or science outreach.

IAP Member Support & Recognition Awards

Deadline: March 31, 2024 | **Award Announcement:** May 15, 2024

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Helping Hand Fellowships: The Association, based on the availability of funds and as determined by the Governing Board, will provide funding for individuals in need to participate in the Colloquium of The Association. Selection of these individuals will be based on the economic status of the individual's country of origin, a written statement of interest in paratuberculosis, potential for future contributions to the field, and scientific merit of a submitted abstract (Submission of a scientific abstract is required). Applicants may or not be members of the IAP.

Full details of each award appended to this newsletter.

In memoriam: Dr. Valentín Pérez

Contributed by: Natalia Elguezabal



This last year, the academic course (2023-24) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of León commenced differently. Dr. Valentín Pérez, Professor of Pathology, was absent after unexpectedly passing away on August 7th, leaving a big void. Dr. Pérez, born in the Basque Country, spent his early years there until he moved to Zaragoza to begin his veterinary studies, graduating with the best record in his promotion in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine where he later obtained his Ph.D. in 1992. Afterwards, in 1995-96 he joined the University of León where he started his university teaching career and continued with his research career. He was a diplomate of the European College of Small Ruminant Health Management, and, by exam of the prestigious European College of Veterinary Pathologists, demonstrating his great value as a pathologist. Also, worth mentioning, are his international

internships at Moredun Research Institute in Edinburgh and the University of California in Davis. Dr. Pérez is known globally for his expertise in veterinary pathology and his research on infectious diseases in ruminants, working intensely on paratuberculosis pathogenesis and host immunity. He has published over 140 papers, among which include his elegant classification of histopathological lesions of paratuberculosis in domestic ruminants. Dr. Pérez was also actively involved in clinical cases at the Veterinary Hospital affiliated with the University, with diagnostic services at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, and was engaged with several animal pharmaceutical and veterinary companies. Valentín was very committed to university management and after holding different positions, in 2018 he was appointed Director of the Animal Health Department at the University of León. After his passing, we all have had the opportunity to read many comments on social media from people that have had the opportunity to meet and work with him, all of them emphasize his human nature, his ability and willingness to share and transmit knowledge. We underwrite all those comments but most of all we maintain that *the sky is now wiser and the earth is forlorn*.

Valentín, your colleagues from the IAP and the paratuberculosis research community will never forget you.

Update on Board Activities

As we begin preparation to hand over to the new board to be elected at the next annual general meeting (AGM) in 2024, we would like to update you on the work of the current board to date.

Over the past 18 months, the board has met online on a quarterly basis. In the initial stages two key committees were established: A communications committee was established to review and oversee the communication activities of the association, and a membership committee which has been seeking to understand threats and opportunities for membership of the association. In addition, a review of the Association goals and objectives is currently being conducted. Reports from these reviews, and committee activities will be discussed at the next AGM.

We have engaged with our colleagues on the Local Organizing Committee for the 2024 meeting in India, seeking to support them in their efforts. In addition, we have confirmed a bid for the 2026 ICP to take place in Germany. We are also seeking expressions of interest for the 2028 meeting!

Finally, you will also see in this newsletter a call for members to run for the election for the next board. We wish to encourage you all to take this opportunity to put yourself forward for these roles and help the continued development of the Association.

The Paratuberculosis Newsletter

Members are encouraged to reach out to the Officers of the Association or their local Board member to provide any suggestions or feedback to help improve and grow our Association. One of the top priorities for this leadership is to better engage with our members and create a more united, inclusive, and interactive community. The goal of the Association is to promote and support the advancement of scientific progress on paratuberculosis. Essential to our mission is communications and outreach to all stakeholders including researchers, veterinarians, clinicians, government, industry, and farmers. Please share your thoughts and together let's create a sustainable and active paratuberculosis community.

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Raphael Guatteo (France)

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Ad Koets (Netherlands)

Natalia Elguezabal (Spain)

Peter Orpin (United Kingdom)

Marie-Eve Fecteau (United States)

Contribute to the Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in July 2024.

We welcome all members (and your trainees) who wish to contribute an opinion piece, share news regarding a recent publication or project update, provide regional updates on Johne's disease incidence and policies, or circulate information pertinent to paratuberculosis research or communications to submit their article to:

newsletter@paratuberculosis.com

We welcome all submissions!



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Welcome to the ICP-2024

It is our great pleasure to extend you all a very warm welcome to the next edition of International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis (16 th ICP-2024) to be held from October 21 to 25, 2024, in the holy city of Mathura and Vrindavan, situated on the banks of Holy river Yamuna (Uttar Pradesh, India). Mathura is the birthplace of Lord Krishna, where pilgrims from all over the world come every year for pilgrimage. The twin cities of Mathura and Vrindavan along with number of other towns house large number of temples associated with life and times of Lord...

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- 📅 Announcement of Abstract Acceptance: **April 15, 2024**
- 📅 Early Bird Registration Closes: **May 31, 2024**

for more details, please write to: icp2024@gla.ac.in





IAP MEMBER SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION AWARDS (16th ICP, GLA University, Mathura, India)

• Richard Merkal Memorial Fellowship

Fellowship will include:

- 1) Free registration for the 16th ICP, India
- 2) Reimbursement for travel and lodging expenses, and a per diem for meals. (Maximum reimbursement not to exceed USD 2000)
- 3) Recognition at the ICP and acceptance of the abstract for an oral presentation in the appropriate session

• Helping Hand Fellowships

Award will include:

- 1) Free registration for the 16th ICP, India
- 2) Free IAP membership for 2024 and 2025
- 3) USD 1000 stipend for travel expenses (payable at the conclusion of 16th ICP, India)
- 4) Recognition at the General Membership Meeting at the 16th ICP, India

▶ **Deadline for applications: March 31, 2024**

▶ **Announcement of the awards: May 15, 2024**

Applications in prescribed format (guidelines attached below) should be sent by e-mail addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer of the IAP (adel.talaat@wisc.edu).



For more information kindly visit our website

<https://www.gla.ac.in/icpindia/>

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-Helping Hand

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Application for Richard Merkal Fellowship to attend the 16th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis (16ICP) to be held in Mathura, India, October 21-25, 2024

Name:

Educational Qualifications:

Current affiliation: Institution:

Country:

Group leader:

Publications in Paratuberculosis Research:

Abstract of intended presentation: Abstract should be submitted through the ICP16 web portal And a copy included in the application document here.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (2 page limit): Importance of the results to be presented, and the candidate's goals for future work in the field of paratuberculosis.

Applications should be sent by e-mail addressed to the **Secretary-Treasurer of the IAP** (adel.talaat@wisc.edu). The application must be a single Word or PDF document with the candidate's name in the file title and shall include the completed forms with statement of purpose and a copy of the abstract.

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- USD1000 stipend for travel expenses (payable at the conclusion of the 16th ICP)
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Name:

Country of origin:

Date of Birth:

Educational Qualification:

Current affiliation: Institution:

Country:

Group leader:

Ph.D Thesis Title (if applicable):

Area of Paratuberculosis Research:

Publications in Paratuberculosis Research:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (2 page limit): The applicant must provide a written statement (in English) explaining their interest and experience in paratuberculosis, what they know of the paratuberculosis situation in their country, and why they would like to attend the 16ICP.

ABSTRACT (An abstract for a presentation at the 16 ICP concerning any aspect of paratuberculosis is required). Abstract should be submitted through the ICP16 webportal and a copy included in the application document here.

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