

Summary of the 61st Annual Midwestern Conference of Parasitologists.

The 61st Annual Midwestern Conference of Parasitologists was held on June 4-6, 2009, at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware Ohio. Thirty six persons registered for the conference. Dr. Daniel Howe of the University of Kentucky served as Presiding Officer, and Dr. Ramon Carreno of Ohio Wesleyan made local arrangements and served as Program Officer. Seven platform presentations and 5 posters were presented by members. The C. A. Herrick Award and \$300 for outstanding poster was awarded to Sriveny Dangoudoubiyam of Purdue University for her poster "Immunoscreening of *Baylisascaris procyonis* L3 cDNA expression library for identification of potential diagnostic antigens." The G. R. LaRue Award and \$300 for outstanding platform presentation was awarded to Elizabeth Thiele of Purdue University for her presentation "Moving at a snail's pace: elucidating the temporal and spatial dynamics of *Biomphalaria galbrata* genetic diversity in Brazil." Cailee Smith of Ohio Wesleyan University received the R. M. Cable undergraduate award and \$100 for her oral presentation on "Molecular characterization of *Clinostomum* sp. cysts from a spotted salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*)." An Honorable Mention award and \$100 was given to Matt Brewer of Iowa State University for his presentation entitled "*Eimeria* mediates conjugation and antibiotic resistance gene transfer in *Salmonella*." Elizabeth Thiele was chosen as the AMCOP nominee for the American Society of Parasitologists' student travel grant award for 2010.

The symposium on Friday afternoon was presented by Drs. Susan C. Jones and Glen R. Needham both of Ohio State University who spoke on "The resurgence of bed bugs (*Cimex lectularius*) – ectoparasites of humans." and "Amazing ticks: life in the weeds and attached to you." respectively. The banquet speaker was Dr. Eugene Lyons of the University of Kentucky who spoke on "Hookworms (*Uncaria* spp.) in pinnipeds with notes on the biology of fur seals."

A silent auction of a large selection of books, microscope slides, journals and other items of interest was held.

AMCOP 62 will be held in 2010 at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. Additional future meeting sites as determined by the meeting sites committee are:

- AMCOP 63 – 2011: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
- AMCOP 64 – 2012: Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
- AMCOP 65 – 2013: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- AMCOP 66 – 2014: The University of Kentucky

At the business meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Woodmansee presented the treasurer's report for 2008 and the interim financial report for 2009. These were approved upon the recommendation of the Auditing Committee.

The travel grant program (initiated at AMCOP 59) was reviewed and it was decided that the program should continue with the value of the grants at \$150 each. The membership charged the Secretary/Treasurer with investigating the costs of renting server space for the AMCOP web site.

Committee reports were received and approved as follows: Auditing (Darwin Wittrock and James Coggins), Symposium Suggestions (Matt Brewer and Nathan Butler), Meeting Sites (Dennis Minchella and Joe Camp), Nominating (Ramon Carreno and Dan Howe), and Resolutions (Darwin Wittrock and James Coggins).

Officers elected for 2010 were: Dr. Jeff Laurson, Eastern Illinois University: Presiding Officer; Dr. Shawn Meagher, Western Illinois University: Program Officer; and Dr. Douglas Woodmansee, Wilmington College: Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term).

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas B. Woodmansee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Douglas B. Woodmansee
AMCOP Secretary-Treasurer