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New Zealand Society for Parasitology Newsletter

Hello members,

Attentive readers will realize this is President Victoria's second newsletter for 2017. A result of your editor being rather busy (the polite term) or slack (the less polite term) after the 2016 conference.

You are getting two newsletters close together because we want to give you notice of & ensure you **block your diary off now for this years**

2017 Conference & Parasite Advisory Day Massey University

Palmerston North
24th-26th October.

The second reason is that your editor is heading to Harrogate in Yorkshire for the International Sheep Vets Conference. The pre-conference tour starts early May but we are taking a round-about route via Nepal & Europe. We leave on 31 March so there was no pressure (yea right!) when Victoria emailed the newsletter to me on 28 March. I'll tell you about the conference in the next newsletter.

Paul Mason

We start with some sad but still positive news. One of our long standing (inaugural?) members Paul Mason, has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. Fortunately it is a 'treatable' cancer and he sounds very optimistic. He gave a great medical run down on what is in store and with what! Paul, the committee and I'm sure the en-



tire membership, sends their best wishes for you to get through this. Parasitology in NZ needs you! Paul seems quite proud of his new look, and no wonder, personally I think you have shaved 15 years of your age!

Faecal Transplants—The Poo Factor!

I was contacted by producers of the new TV3 show The Project about fecal transplants. Many of you will remember from the Wellington Conference the side splittingly funny lecture from Dr Brendon Arnold of Wellington Hospital. Clearly, the 'news' is well **behind** the times. Newshub recently aired a segment on Hookworms being used in a trial to treat coeliacs, but we were aware of their immunosuppressive properties years ago weren't we?!

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/health/2017/02/hookworms-used-in-trial-to-treat-coeliacs.html>

Police - Under Cross Examination

- Q: 'Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'
- A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'
- Q: 'Officer -- who provided this description?'
- A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'
- Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender.'
- Q: 'Do you trust your fellow officers?'
- A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'
- Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'
- A: 'Yes sir, we do!'
- Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'
- A: 'Yes sir, I do.'
- Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'
- A: 'Yes sir.'
- Q: 'Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'
- A: 'You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have

been known to walk through that room.'

NZSP Subs:

We seem to struggle every year with contacting people about subs. If you are not sure if you have paid can you please email our Treasurer Tania Waghorn tania.waghorn@agresearch.co.nz to check. If you don't have email you can write to Attention Tania Waghorn, Grasslands Research Centre, Private Bag 11008, Palmerston North 4442. If this is all too hard you can try phoning her on 06 351 8086 but don't be surprised if she is too busy in her lab to answer! Also if you no longer want to be a member, please let us know so we stop pestering you!

WAAVP

Abstract Submission has opened and the Deadline is : 31st March 2017

Register now to enjoy Early Bird registration fee. Deadline: 15th May 2017

WAAVP 2017 offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities. For more information contact your society secretary Saleh Umair Saleh.Umair@agresearch.co.nz

"Education" in the Broadest Sense

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls had begun to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom.

That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man.

She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the maintenance man who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it was to clean the

mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers and then there are educators.

Strategic Plan

There hasn't been much feedback on the Strategic Plan, as in, none at all!

That is no problem as the committee will make the decisions and there wont be any argument from you when it is approved at the next AGM! It is attached again below for one last look and comments....

NZSP Strategic Plan

NZSP - Purpose

We need to decide which purpose we prefer -

1 or 2

1) To be the home of all things parasitological in NZ.

OR:

2) For the advancement of the knowledge of parasitology by encouraging the collaboration, discussion, research, and dissemination of knowledge in all facets of parasitology pertaining to New Zealand.

The objectives of the Society shall be: (these are the objectives in the constitution for your information, do not comment on these)

- Promote the advancement of Parasitology
- Maintain liaison with other scientific societies

Encourage the dissemination of information and new developments in Parasitology for education and the betterment of society

Strategy:

(comment on this, if you wish)

1. Generate increased public awareness of parasites and their relevance
2. Provide student grants or scholarships to help fund speakers within, to and from NZ.
3. Lobby Government, Universities & Industry to continue research & interest in parasitology and to provide funding
4. Promote parasitology as an aspect of science in schools etc. and become a known resource for them
5. Provide platforms for dissemination of new science
6. Raise the profile of the NZSP within the general scientific community and at government level
7. Maintain active links with Universities, other research organisations and ASP.
8. Maintain a register of parasitology research, available for other organisations
9. Grow membership

Tactics:

(don't worry about this it was just so you know we have captured ideas from the AGM)

Assign NZPS members belonging to govt, scientific etc. organisations as the conduit for exchange of information, access to collegial support, access to scientific support

- ◇ Engage social media, print media, invite media to conferences
- ◇ Provide subsidy to students to present their research at NZSP or ASP conferences
- ◇ Hold annual conference, newsletters; promote collaboration & response (eg to media) with the public sector/industry; Parasite Advisory Day?
- ◇ Identify and approach key personnel in

government that may be influential in affecting relevant policy.

- ◇ Offer prizes annually for young person projects/research into parasitology - Science award; aligning with tertiary, prize for parasitology, document on the website about parasites.
- ◇ Awards for excellence (enemas); best speaker/paper/excellence in comms. Develop relationship with ACVM/ag etc

New members:

Andrew Oakley from Sirona Animal Health provides technical support for Sirona's range of products.

Andrew has been involved in agriculture at some level for more than 40 years. He was dairy farming in the UK before emigrating to NZ in 1978. He spent the next 15yrs at Ruakura the sadly now defunct Ministry of Agriculture Research centre in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Andrew was involved in many projects including calf rearing, facial eczema and reproduction management.

More recently Andrew managing the technical department at Agrifeeds a part of PGG Wrightsons where he was involved in the support of a diverse range of animal nutritional products and oversaw many R&D projects evaluating new products. Andrew is passionate about ruminant nutrition, helping improve animal health and performance; looking for new and exciting ways to improve the production of farm animals.



The following Parable has been provided by David Heath. It has of course no relationship to any NZ entity!



Rabbit , who managed the archives and monitored all phone calls.

A Corporate Story.....of Great Insights

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Rohan Rodrigues
Vice President Operations & Site Head # Mystery Shopping Support Services / Voice & Non-Voice BPO / KPO Operations



Every day, a small Ant arrives at work very early and starts work immediately.



She produces a lot and she was happy The Chief, a Tiger, was surprised to see that the Ant was working without supervision.



He thought if the Ant can produce so much without supervision, wouldn't she produce even more if she had a supervisor!



So he recruited a Bee who had extensive experience as supervisor and who was famous for writing excellent reports.



The Bee's first decision was to set up a clocking in attendance system.

He also needed a secretary to help him write and type his reports and he recruited a



The Tiger was delighted with the Bee's reports and asked him to produce graphs to describe production rates and to analyse trends, so that he could use them for presentations at Board's meetings.

So the Bee had to buy a new computer and a Laser printer and recruited a Cat to manage the IT department.



The Ant, who had once been so productive and relaxed, hated this new plethora of paperwork and meetings which used up most of her time...!



The Tiger came to the conclusion that it was high time to nominate a person in charge of the department where the Ant worked.

The position was given to the Monkey, whose first decision was to buy an Air Conditioner and an ergonomic chair for his office.



The new person in charge, the Monkey, also needed a computer and a personal assistant, who he brought from his previous department, to help him prepare a Work and 'Budget Control Strategic Optimisation Plan' ...

The Department where the Ant works is now a sad place, where nobody laughs anymore and everybody has become upset...

It was at that time that the Bee convinced the boss, the Tiger; of the absolute necessity to start a climatic study of the environment .

Having reviewed the charges for running the Ant 's department , the Tiger found out that the Production was much less than before.

So he recruited the Owl, a prestigious and renowned consultant to carry out an audit and suggest solutions.

The Owl spent three months in the department and came up with an enormous report, in several volumes, that concluded...

“ The Department is overstaffed ... ”

Guess who the Tiger fires first?

Of course, the

Ant.....,

"....because she

showed lack of motivation and had a negative attitude. "

"The Characters in this fable are fictitious; any resemblance to real people or facts within the Corporation is pure coincidence only..." I am just sharing... I am not the Author

PS the original article used "emoticon images" these don't reproduce when transferred unless you have a special font. I have done my best to reproduce the original feel of the article.



Another problem caused by deforestation

