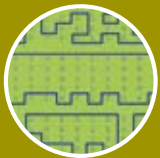




# CALL FOR PAPERS

**FROM EPG to Genes**

The 21<sup>st</sup> International  
Conference of the World Association  
for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology



Gent, Belgium  
19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August

[www.WAAVP2007.be](http://www.WAAVP2007.be)

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The 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will take place from 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007 in Gent, Belgium.

Gent lies in the heart of Flanders, between Bruges, Antwerp and Brussels. Its rich heritage has shaped the city into a living museum with a "medieval skyline". It is by no means a coincidence that Gent is often referred to as the historic heart of Flanders, a city of all times, and as one of the most beautiful historic cities in Europe. The city is after all a combination of an imposing past with a lively present.

Not only the lovers of art and culture make their tricks in Gent: also if you like to go shopping for a day, enjoy a good meal or have an entertaining night out, Gent offers everything you require.

The Conference venue, ICC is situated in a green oasis next to the old city center of Gent and consists of an Art center, a Sports venue and the conference venue itself. This inspired the Local Organising Committee to search for the same three aspects in the WAAVP 2007 Conference:

- "Science" during the conference session
- "Art" as the spicy addition to the program
- "Sports"

Indeed, for the first time in the history of the WAAVP conferences, the scientific committee of WAAVP 2007

launches an OPEN CALL for symposia and workshop proposals. Often scientists are disappointed when they have only the possibility to present a poster instead of an oral presentation. We are working to improve the poster sessions by giving the possibility to run short power point presentations. This proposed innovation will bring together the "old standard poster exhibition" with an electronic version of the poster presentation allowing more interaction between presenter and the other delegates.

And why not invite a number of artists to confront our delegates with their own vision on the world of parasites..... and on Wednesday afternoon there will be a sponsored "fun run" to raise fund for the Peter Nansen Young Scientist Award. We would encourage all the runners amongst you to take part in raising money for this event – start training now (I will do..... if I find time) and I'm sure that most of the more athletic WAAVP members could easily stay the course! I am sure you will agree that it is a good cause and a great way to remember a great man.







We are looking forward to meet you and your family in Gent during August 2007 and we will make all the efforts we can to make it an unforgettable happening.

Jozef Vercruyssen  
Chairman WAAVP 2007



# Program at a Glance

Sunday 19 August	
15h00	Registration
19h30-21h00	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

Monday 20 August		Tuesday 21 August		Wednesday 22 August		Thursday 23 August	
07h00	Registration	07h30	Registration	08h00	Registration	08h00	Registration
09h00	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	08h30	<b>Plenary Session</b>	08h30	<b>Plenary Session</b>	08h30	<b>Plenary Session</b>
10h00	Coffee Break	10h00	Coffee Break	09h30	<b>Awards</b>	09h15	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
10h30	<b>Plenary Session</b>	10h30	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	10h15	Coffee Break	10h15	Coffee Break
12h00	Lunch break <b>Poster Sessions</b>	11h45	<b>Symposium</b> 	10h45	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	10h45	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
14h00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	12h30	Lunch break <b>Poster Sessions</b>	12h15	<b>Symposium</b> 	12h00	<b>Symposium</b> 
15h30	Coffee Break	14h00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	13h00	Lunch Break	12h45	Lunch break <b>Poster Sessions</b>
16h00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	15h30	Coffee Break			14h00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
17h30	<b>Symposium</b> 	16h00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	16h00	<b>WAAVP Fun Run</b>	15h30	Coffee Break
18h15	End	17h30	<b>Symposium</b> 			16h00	<b>Symposium</b> 
		18h15	End			16h30	<b>WAAVP General Assembly</b>
						17h15	End
20h00	<b>Presidential Reception</b> <i>"Castle of the Counts"</i>	20h00	<b>Cultural Evening</b>			19h30	<b>Banquet</b>

# Scientific Program



## Plenary Papers

- The biological significance and practical implications of antigenic variability in parasite populations.  
**Ivan Morrison, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom**
- African trypanosomiasis: from immune escape and immunopathology to immune intervention.  
**Patrick De Baetselier, Free University of Brussels, Belgium**
- From parasite genome to parasite control.  
**Makedonka Mitreva, Washington University, USA**
- Ectoparasites: Future challenges in a changing world.  
**Richard Wall, University of Bristol, United Kingdom**
- Bridging the gap between scientists and the public: how can we better tell our story?  
**Patricia Conrad, University of California, USA**
- Veterinary epidemiology and Bayes: Commensalism, not parasitism.  
**Emmanuel Lesaffre, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium**
- Genetic diversity and infection levels of anisakid nematode parasites of aquatic organisms of Boreal and Austral regions.  
**Simonetta Mattiucci, University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy**
- Structural biology in search of new therapeutics for Protozoal diseases.  
**Wim Hol, University of Washington, USA**

## Corporate Symposia

Corporate Symposia will be organised by the Major Partners, and will be plenary sessions. Content will include a variety of topical issues.

## Oral Sessions

Oral sessions will be presentations of the contributed oral papers. Each session will be either 60 or 90 minutes in length. An oral presentation should take 15 minutes (12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes discussion).

## Poster Sessions

Posters will be allocated into one of the three lunchtime sessions and should be attended by presenters for discussion and questions on the day of presentation. Poster presenters will have the possibility to run short power point presentations. This innovation will bring together the "old standard poster exhibition" with an electronic version of the poster presentation allowing more interaction between presenter and the other delegates, these presentations will run and can be viewed during all congress days.

## Symposia

A symposium will be 90 minutes in length and will comprise multiple 15 minutes oral presentations with 15 minutes time allocated for discussion. Symposia will run concurrently with other program sessions. The scientific committee of WAAVP 2007 launches an OPEN CALL for symposia proposals.

## Workshops

A workshop will be 60 or 90 minutes in length and will run in parallel with symposia and/or oral sessions. The aim of a workshop is to provide a discussion forum. The convener (and 1 additional lecturer) will give an introduction of maximum 30 minutes on the topic as a stimulus to discussion. The scientific committee of WAAVP 2007 launches an OPEN CALL for workshop proposals.

**Regular updates of the scientific program can be found at [www.waavp2007.be](http://www.waavp2007.be)**

## SUBMISSIONS

The Scientific Committee invites submissions for Symposia, workshops, oral communications and posters to be presented at the WAAVP 2007 Congress in Gent, Belgium. Submissions are welcome from WAAVP members, non-members, students, faculty and researchers from all fields of Veterinary Parasitology. Detailed submission guidelines are available at [www.waavp2007.be](http://www.waavp2007.be).

### CALL FOR ORAL COMMUNICATIONS CALL FOR POSTERS

Members of the Scientific Committee will review the abstracts. The organizers plan to have at most 7 parallel sessions. Therefore, the participants should try to avoid the submission for oral presentation of several papers from the same group dealing with similar subjects. Abstracts, which do not follow the standard, will not be accepted. **Instructions:** The body text of the abstract should contain a maximum of 250 words.

### CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

**Symposia** should include presentations on a specific theme and involve an integration of findings from different research departments. Symposia are organised by one or two conveners and will be scheduled for 1 hour and 30 minutes. They will include 4 or 5 presenters (each 15 minutes respectively), plus at least 15 minutes for a discussant-lead dialogue with the audience. It is strongly recommended to include presenters from different countries/research centers. Two experts will review the Symposium papers. In case of a substantial disagreement, the opinion of a third expert will be solicited. A maximum of 15 submitted Symposia will be included in the WAAVP 2007 program.

Presentations that were submitted for non-accepted symposia will be allocated to an oral session or poster session by the scientific committee.

**Instructions:** The body text of each abstract should contain a maximum of 250 words.

### CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

**Workshops** are sessions held in concurrent time slots of 60 to 90 minutes. The aim of a workshop is to provide a discussion forum rather than be a series of individual presentations. The convener will provide a single abstract and make an introductory presentation. If necessary, one additional talk can be presented. The rest of the time will be occupied in discussion. Summaries of workshops will be published on the website after the meeting. Workshop topics will need to be ones where different views are known to exist or there is need for input to develop policies. Conveners should encourage participants to attend.

**Instructions:** The body text of the abstract should contain a maximum of 500 words.

## Submission

On-line at

[www.WAAVP2007.be](http://www.WAAVP2007.be)

Deadline

2 April 2007

Notification of authors

13 May 2007

# General Information

## Venue & Dates

The Opening Ceremony and the Scientific Sessions of the 21st International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology will take place at the International Convention Centre Gent ICC, 19-23 August 2007.  
ICC, Citadelpark, BE-9000 Gent

The ICC adds to the importance of Gent as an historic business centre in Flanders (Belgium). The central position, proximity to the railway station as well as to the city centre and the lush green decor of the Citadelpark make the ICC an attractive and convenient place for this WAAVP Congress.

## Travelling to Gent

Gent is centrally located in Flanders-Belgium, easily accessible by plane, by train and by car.

**By Air:** Belgium's National Airport is situated in Brussels-Zaventem, approximately 50 km from the city of Gent and has flights from over 70 international destinations, operated by more than 140 international and regional airline companies.

From the airport, there is a direct railway connection to Gent (St. Pieters-station). The journey takes about 45 minutes and costs approximately 8 Euro. The actual

schedule of train connections between Brussels Airport Zaventem and Gent (St. Pieters-station) can be found at: [www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be)

The other Belgian airports, Ostend, Antwerp and Charleroi, serve several European destinations and have also easy and direct train connections to Gent.

**By Train:** Thanks to its central location in Flanders, and just half an hour away from Brussels Midi Station, Gent (Sint-Pieters-station) is very easily accessible by train from all Belgian and European Cities.

The high-speed trains, Eurostar and Thalys, take you to Gent in only 2 hours from Paris and in about 3 hours from London, Amsterdam and Köln.

**By Car:** Gent is centrally located at the intersection of 2 major European highways: the E-17 connects Northern Europe with the Southern countries, and the E-40 goes from the North Sea up to Eastern Europe.

## During the Congress

A round-trip **Shuttle Service** between the hotels and the Congress Venue will be provided for the scientific sessions and social events.

## Language

The official language of the Congress is English.

## Certificate of attendance

A Certificate of Attendance will be given to all registered participants.

## Name Badges

Name badges will be required for admission to all congress sessions and social events.

## Trade exhibition

Congress sponsors will exhibit at the Arteveldeforum. This forum will also be the venue for all day-catering and poster exhibits.

## Visa

Participants coming from countries needing a visa can get a formal invitation on request. Please contact the Organisation Secretariat Semico.

## Time Zone

The time zone in Belgium is GMT + 1 hour.

## Currency and Money exchange

The currency in Belgium is the Euro.

## Climate

The weather in Gent at this time of the year is usually sunny with temperatures around 20-22°C. An umbrella might be useful as showers may occur.

## Dress

Dress will be informal throughout the Congress, except for the gala dinner (formal dress).

## Electrical Supply

Electricity is supplied at 220/240 volts. Some hotels provide 110 volts AC sockets for electric razors only. For all other equipment, an adaptor/converter is necessary.

## Liability

The Organising Committee and Semico n.v. do not accept liability for personal medical expenses/travel expenses/ losses of whatever nature incurred by delegates and/or accompanying persons.

# Social Program

## Sunday 19 August 2007

### Welcome Reception (19h00-21h00)

*(International Convention Center Gent)*

You are all invited to the Welcome Reception, where everybody will have the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

## Monday 20 August 2007

### Presidential Reception (20h00-23h00)

*(Castle of the Counts, Veerleplein, Gent)*

You are invited to the famous Castle of the Counts. This magnificent castle is a unique place to learn why Belgians are so proud on their beverages: beers and jenever.

## Tuesday 21 August 2007

### Cultural Evening (20h00-23h00)

## Wednesday 22 August 2007

### WAAVP FUN RUN

*(KAAG – Athletics track Blaarmeersen)*

Wednesday afternoon there will be a sponsored "fun run" again to fund raise for the Peter Nansen Young Scientist Award. The Sponsorship form and instructions are all given at the congress home page.

## Thursday 23 August 2007

### Congress Banquet (19h30-...)

*(Meeting Point: Graslei – Gent)*

Aperitief maison met hapjes, Tomme-pousse van gemarineerde st-jacobsvruchten en ganzelever met een vinaigrette van honing en wintertruffel, Gegrillde griet op een bedje van preisoorten, Magret van eend gefarceerd met Golden Bordelaise, Dessert, Mokka met zoetigheden.....

We are sure you do not understand a word, but you will find out at the Conference Banquet.

## Accompanying Persons' Program

### Monday 20 August 2007

#### Guided visit of Gent

*(included in accompanying person registration fee)*

### Tuesday 21 August 2007

#### Guided visit of Bruges

### Thursday 23 August 2007

#### Guided visit of Antwerp

**Full Program available at the congress home page.**

# Registration Information

## WAAVP 2007 Registration Fees (euro, VAT 21% included)

Registration on-line at [www.waavp2007.be](http://www.waavp2007.be)

	Before 15 June 2007	After 15 June 2007	On-Site
<b>WAAVP member</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>Non-member</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>780</b>
<b>Student/resident*</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Accompanying person</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>400</b>

\* Students should include a signed letter from their institution validating their full-time student status.

### The registration fee for delegates covers:

- Attendance to all congress and lunches
- Attendance to social events (banquet included)
- Abstract book
- Day catering (lunches and coffee breaks)

### The registration fee for accompanying person covers:

- Attendance to the opening session
- Attendance to the social events (banquet included)
- Guided visit of Gent

## Hotel Accommodation

Accommodation has been reserved in hotels of different categories. Transportation is provided to and from the congress venue and hotels (except for hotels on walking distance). For more information on accommodation (hotel and low budget) and reservation please consult the congress website.

### Cancellation

- Cancellations of registration will be accepted until July 30, 2007 up which date the total amount will be refunded less 100 euro for administrative expenses. No refunds can be made for cancellations received after July 30, 2007. Name substitutions are possible at an extra charge of € 25,00. Cancellations of hotel reservation will be accepted until July 21, 2007 up which date the total amount will be refunded less 1-night deposit. No refunds can be made for cancellations received after July 21, 2007.

# Important Dates

15 March 2007	Nominations close for VLIR-UOS funds (Application form on congress website available)
2 April 2007	Deadline for receipt of Abstracts Deadline for receipt of Symposia Deadline for receipt of Workshops
13 May 2007	Notification to Symposium and Workshop submitters Notification to Authors
15 June 2007	Early-bird registration deadline
15 July 2007	Deadline for registration of all presenters
30 July 2007	No refund after this date for cancelled registration
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