

The 19th World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress 2015

The World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA) is a global professional association for poultry veterinarians and other avian health professionals. The WVPA is run by an elected Executive and holds a Global Congress every two years. This year the WVPA Congress was held in Cape Town from 7 – 11th September and MSD Animal Health was one of the Diamond sponsors for the event. MSD Animal Health had a large stand in the exhibition hall equipped with an industrial strength coffee machine that was worth its weight in gold to MSD guests and staff alike! The stand provided a large, relaxed space with couches and meeting areas that allowed for social interaction as well as the exchange of knowledge between congress attendees.



In addition to the stand, MSD hosted a symposium event in the form of a question and answer session on poultry respiratory diseases. During the symposium guests had the opportunity to participate in the question session by selecting multiple choice answers to predetermined questions using hand held polling devices. They then had the opportunity to ask one of the specialists a question directly. The world class panel of specialists included Dr Sjaak de Wit, Dr Richard Currie, Dr Jane Cook, Dr Mark Jackwood, Dr Ian Tarpey and Dr Guillermo Zavala and we were honoured to have them as our guests. The session led to enthusiastic interaction between candidates and specialists and would probably have continued well into the evening if it were not for our previously arranged dinner engagement.

A number of local and international MSD guests attended our post-symposium dinner at the Gold Restaurant in Cape Town. The menu consisted of various dishes from a number of African countries and our guests were treated to some traditional African entertainment. Our international guests thoroughly enjoyed their taste of Africa with many stating that they would be returning to South Africa with their families for a holiday in the near future. The next WVPAC will be held in Edinburgh in 2017 and rest assured MSD Animal Health will be there in full flock.