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New Officers of the Association

Dear members, after the 15th International Association for Paratuberculosis Colloquium (ICP 2022) in Ireland the new Officers of the Association began their tenure. Please welcome Conor McAloon (Ireland) serving as the new President, Marta Alonso-Hearn (Spain) serving as Vice President, and Adel Talaat (United States) serving as Secretary-Treasurer. Many thanks to the past Officers for their hard work and dedication to the Association.

Also commencing at the end of the ICP 2022, a new Board of Directors was established. Each Board member was elected to their position by members from their respective regions. The new Board of Directors consists of: Richard Whittington (Australia), Raphael Guatteo (France), Heike Koehler (Germany), Shoorvir Singh (India), Matteo Ricchi (Italy), Eiichi Momotani (Japan), Gilberto Chavez-Gris (Mexico), Ad Koets (Netherlands), Natalia Elguezabal (Spain), David Graham (Ireland), Antonio Facciuolo (Canada), Peter Orpin (United Kingdom), and Marie-Eve Fecteau (United States). Lastly, Jagdip Singh Sohal will serve as Editor of the Newsletter.

As always, 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 new 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.



Update on ICP 2024 India

India will host the 16th ICP in October 2024.

ICP 2024 will be hosted in the cities of Mathura and Vrindavan, India. Both cities are approximately 150 km from New Delhi airport (1.5 h by bus). The meeting will take place October 21 to 25, 2024. Details regarding travel, accommodations, and registration will be released in December 2023. As with past meetings, calls to apply for travel scholarships (Merkal and Helping Hands Awards) will soon become available to help support researchers from diverse backgrounds to attend and present at the meeting. Any further questions regarding ICP 2024-India can be forwarded to the Chair of the Organizing Committee (Shoorvir Singh, shoorvir_singh@rediffmail.com). We look forward to seeing everyone in India for another productive colloquium!

Contribute to the Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be published in December 2023.

We welcome all members who wish to contribute an opinion piece, share news regarding a recent publication or project update, wanting to circulate information pertinent to paratuberculosis research or communications to submit their article to:

paratb.newsletter@gmail.com

We welcome all submissions!

Changes to the IAP By-Laws

At the close of the ICP 2022 meeting in Dublin new bylaws were approved by the members and took effect immediately. The complete set of By-Laws can be found online at paratuberculosis.com → *About The Association* → *Laws & By-Laws*.

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 December 2023 and we welcome your campaign pitch for publication in that newsletter issue.

