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Note from the Editor

Updates about the 15th ICP, an overview of the Johne's Information Center, by Mike Collins, and a list of recent publications on paratuberculosis make up this edition of the newsletter. Following the resignation of the Editor, Kumi de Silva, I have agreed to produce a newsletter for the next four issues in June, September, December 2020 and March 2021.

Best wishes,

Peter Mussowney



Cover Photographs (Courtesy of Dr. Mike Collins).

The top photo shows a 4 year-old Royal White/White Dorper cross four months before developing severe clinical signs of Johne's disease. She is obviously healthy looking and pregnant.

The second photo shows the same animal about the time she was tested for Johne's disease. This animal was found to be shedding massive numbers of MAP in her feces by PCR on a fecal sample, and was also strongly positive by ELISA (VMRD kit). After necropsy, her intestines and associated lymph nodes were also strongly PCR-positive.



New Editor for the Paratuberculosis Newsletter.

The International Association of Paratuberculosis is looking for a new editor for the Newsletter. The list of recent publications is most useful for keeping up with what is published in the field and has always been included in the newsletter as also have the annual accounts, but other topics to include would be up to the new editor. If you are interested please send an email to editor@paratuberculosis.net



Expanding membership.

As of June 2020, there are 178 members of the International Association of Paratuberculosis from 29 different countries. There are 39 countries with a population greater than 25 million that do not have a member. You will note later in the newsletter a list of recent publications on Paratuberculosis. The authors of these articles will be written to inviting them to join if they are not already members and if they are from a country that don't have members asked to write a short paragraph for the next newsletter on the incidence of Johne's Disease and research carried out in their country.



17th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis.

The IAP Governing Board requests bids to host the 17th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis, to be held in 2024. Bids will be presented to the Governing Board at their meeting just prior to the 15th ICP in Dublin, Ireland on April 5th 2021.

Any member wishing to present a bid, please notify the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Ray Sweeney, by email (rsweeney@vet.upenn.edu) before August 1, 2020. This initial letter of intent should indicate the proposed city for the meeting, the chair of the local organizing committee, and the name and contact information of the person who will present the bid.

If accepted for full presentation to the Board, below are listed some considerations to include in the presentation:

The main points to prepare and evaluate a bid for hosting an International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis will be:

- 1.- Date: Year (2024 for the 17th ICP, exceptions justified) and season (long days better).
- 2.- City, venue and accommodation: proximity, room comfort and fees, touristic points of interest and infrastructures.
- 3.- Colloquium duration and general program, invited speakers.
- 4.- Accessibility and local transportation: well-connected airport with low cost options, other public transportation alternatives.
- 5.- Budget: expected balance for the IAP
- 6.- Commitment: institution support, sponsors, government support
- 7.- Human resources available
- 8.- Abstract book and proceedings edition perspectives
- 9.- Other

Bidders must prepare a brief presentation (about 15 minutes) to be delivered to the Governing Board in its pre-Colloquium meeting. In some cases, if the bidding member is not able to travel, a bid presented by videoconference may be acceptable.



Topics for next newsletter.

I would like to include a series of articles on what being a member of IAP means to you. I have been a member since 8th Copenhagen 2005 and attended 9th Tsukuba, Japan in 2007, 10th Minneapolis 2009, 11th Sydney 2012, 12th Parma in 2014 and 13th Nantes in 2016. I have usually attended with my wife Una and have enjoyed the social aspect as much as the scientific. Because the conference is quite small it gives you a chance getting to know people from one conference to the next. The accompanying persons usually organise day trips while the scientific session is going on. The relaxed atmosphere allows you to learn of the progress of Johne's research in other countries. The varied locations of the Colloquia have allowed us to visit countries we would not otherwise have travelled to and we have usually travelled around either before or after the conference. I was unable to attend 14th Riviera Maya, Mexico in 2018 for family reasons but am greatly looking forward to 15th in Dublin in April 2021. If you would like to say what membership of ICP means to you or are interested in submitting any other contribution please send an email to editor@paratuberculosis.net



JOHNE'S INFORMATION CENTER

University of Wisconsin - Madison
School of Veterinary Medicine

The [Johnes.org website](http://Johnes.org) is devoted to Johne's disease education. The information on the website is targeted at veterinarians and animal owners. We deeply appreciate the financial support from our sponsors which makes it possible to ensure that the information is kept current and that news items are regularly posted.

I originally created the website in 1996 with the help of folks who understood html coding better than I did. It was extensively expanded in 2000 with financial help from the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (now called the [Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin](#)) and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Division of Animal Health. The design and functionality of the 2000 version of the website was created by [Distillery Design](#). In 2010 the website's content was updated again by Dr. Elizabeth J.B. Manning, DVM, MPH, one of the site's coauthors.

The 2019 version of our site was created with the excellent help of the [Teaching & Research Application Development \(TRAD\) team](#), University of Wisconsin, Department of Information

Technology (DoIT) which also hosts this website. None of this would have been possible without our sponsors and we give special thanks to our current platinum sponsor, [Zoetis](#).

News items are added weekly and subscribers to Johnes.org are notified by email about the news posting. This feature is managed by [Constant Contact](#), an email marketing service founded in 1995. This site currently has 489 subscribers.

In addition to the weekly news feature, the site contains information about Johne's disease in different animals under the main heading **Animal Type**. This includes dairy cattle, beef cattle, goats, sheep, deer and elk. For each of these kinds of animals there are the same eight subtopics: FAQs, Epidemiology, Pathology, Diagnosis, Control, Prevention, Certification, and Laws & Regulations. Under the category of **Other Animals** website visitors will find information related to MAP infections in bison, water buffalo, wild ruminants, zoo ruminants, and non-ruminants, including humans.

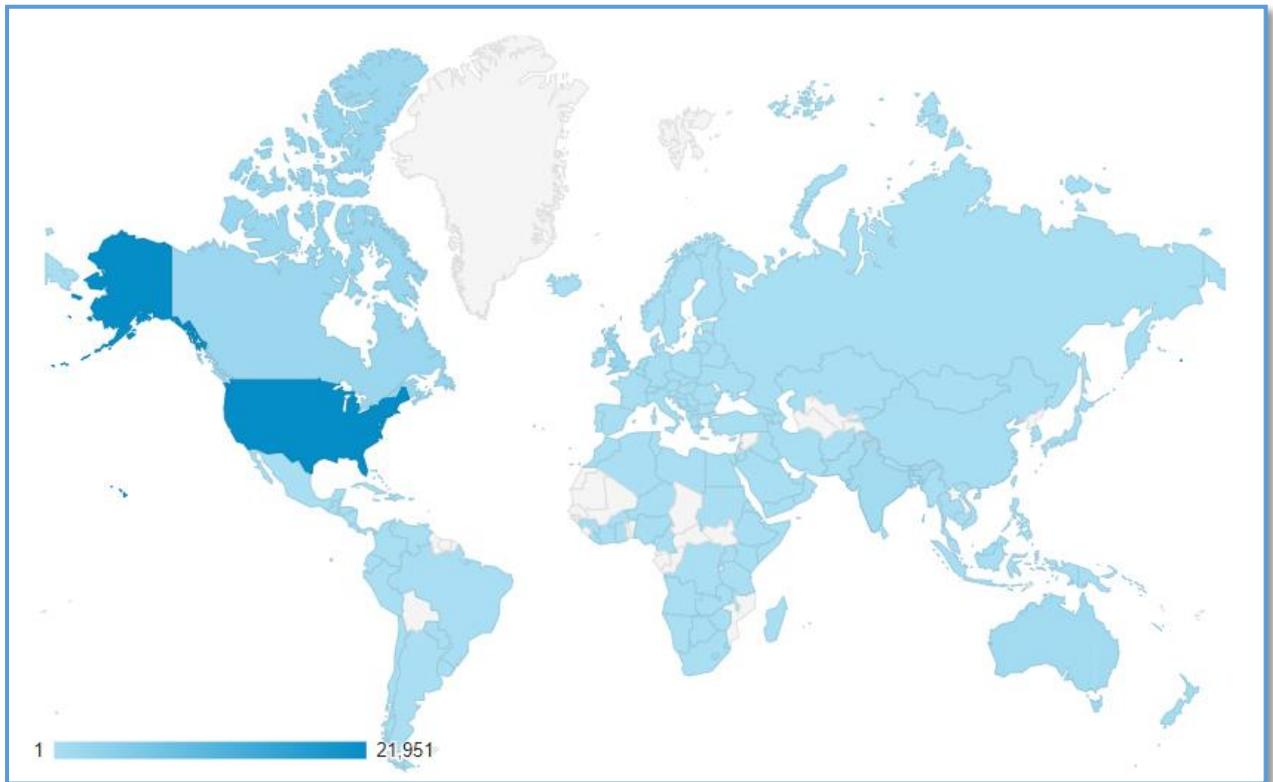
A significant portion of the site is found under the main heading "**General Information**". The outline below describes the content under this heading

1. **Johne's Disease: A to Z** is intended to provide an overview of the disease for non-experts and contains quite a bit of history, starting with Dr. Johne. As I age I find the historical information of considerable interest.
2. **MAP Biology** intrigues me as a microbiologist and has five subtopics
 - a. General Characteristics
 - b. Resistance
 - c. Survival Outside The Animal
 - d. Why So Resistant
 - e. Is MAP in Food and Water?
3. **Antimicrobial Therapy** discusses both in vitro and in vivo studies.
4. **Zoonotic Potential** attempts to give a balanced discussion of this controversial subject with many references, some of which are linked to the original publications.
5. **Article and Brochures** provides a variety of publications designed for animal owners and veterinarians.
6. **Presentations and Mini-lectures** provide videos. The Links page attempts to offer links to relevant information provided by international and national organizations.
7. **Links** helps visitors find additional sources of information with information about the IAP and link to our organization's site at the top of the page. This is followed by 2 other international organizations and nine national programs.

A main heading titled **Images** offers users ready access to photos of animals with clinical Johne's disease, gross and microscopic pathology, and photos of MAP bacteria and cultures. There are 51 images in total as of June 2020 and most come from my personal collection. I encourage people to use these images to help educate others about Johne's disease, only asking that people using these images give credit to Johnes.org as the source of the image.

In total, Johnes.org has 89 pages of information. According to Google Analytics, it attracts over 3,000 visitors each month and has a global reach. The graphic below shows the country of origin for site

visitors over the past 12 months. Countries with the most visitors are the U.S., Canada, U.K., India, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, and Ireland.



Building and managing this website is part of my retirement plan. It keeps me engaged in the field of paratuberculosis as I seek out newsworthy items to post and new content to add to the growing site. The site also attracts questions from animal owners and veterinarians via the **“Ask An Expert”** feature. Currently this generates 3-5 email inquiries per week and the occasional phone call. Now, 18 months into my retirement, I can confidently say this was the right decision for me. I enjoy the website work and it is gratifying to make the many resources I have accumulated on paratuberculosis available to the world.

Please recommend the site to veterinarians or animal breed associations who may benefit from this information. Sorry it is only in English. If you are already receiving notifications from me about Johnes.org, I hope you find the information useful but if you want to unsubscribe for any reason, please feel free to do so – no hard feelings. 😊

Errors naturally occur in building a site this large and I invite your feedback if you find things that should be corrected. Suggestions for improvement or additions are also welcome.

Michael T. Collins, DVM, PhD, DACVM



15th International Colloquium for Paratuberculosis

6th – 9th April 2021

Céad Míle Fáilte

(one hundred thousand welcomes)



@para_tb2021



[paratb2021](#)

In March 2020, in response to the global pandemic brought about by the COVID-19 virus the Committee of the 15th International Association for Paratuberculosis Colloquium 2020 made the hard decision to postpone ICP 2020 until 2021. The event was originally scheduled for 14th -18th June, 2020 in Dublin Castle. The 15th International Colloquium for Paratuberculosis is now re-scheduled for the 6th – 9th April 2021 in Dublin Castle.

The ICP 2021 Committee invites you to the 15th IAP Colloquium in Dublin, Ireland in April 2021. Delegates attending the conference can be assured of a productive and memorable colloquium, discover Irish heritage, culture and music and of course, experience the world renowned hospitality of Ireland.

Registration Details

Registration open: To register [click here](#)

Early Registration deadline: 17th December 2020

Online Registration closes: 31st March 2021

Registration fees

	Early Bird	Standard	On-site
Member	€495	€595	€695
Non Member	€595	€695	€795
Student	€395	€450	€495
Low to Middle Income countries	€395	€450	€495

The registration fee includes:

- ❖ Admission to all sessions and the exhibition
- ❖ Conference materials
- ❖ Tea, coffee and lunches throughout the conference
- ❖ Admission to the Welcome Reception in EPIC Immigration Museum on Tuesday the 6th April 2021.

Social Programme

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, 6th April 2021 at 19.30

EPIC Irish Emigration Museum, CHQ Building



We have an immersive and unforgettable evening planned in EPIC, The Irish Emigration Museum. The influence the Irish have had around the globe is impressive. EPIC tells the dramatic story of the people who have left the island of Ireland, how these people spread around the globe and how they influenced and shaped the world. Attendance to welcome reception is included in your registration fee and includes 45 minute guided tours of the museum along with canapes and a drinks reception.

Excursion to the Orchard Centre, Wicklow

Wednesday, 7th April 2021 at 13:00

€40 per person



The half day excursion to the Orchard Centre gives delegates the opportunity to learn more about the history and heritage of the Hayden Family farm, the production of Baileys and more!

Included in this excursion is:

- A welcome by Joe Hayden to the Orchard Centre Farm.
- Formal presentation by Joe on the History & Heritage of his family farm and include an overview of Animal Health Plan and the Dairy Farming Sustainability to include environmental control and carbon footprint measurements and reductions.
- Technical Farm Tour to view grass based production system and focus on quality values for production of cream for Baileys.
- Baileys Tasting Workshop.
- Hurling Skills Workshop.

Places to be booked in advance of the conference through the registration link.

Gala Dinner

Thursday 8th April 2021 at 19:30
Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place
€50 per person



Delegates attending the Gala Dinner can be assured of an unforgettable evening of excellent food, fine wine, and an evening of cultural entertainment that only Dublin can offer! Tickets to be booked in advance of the conference through the registration link.

For more information and to book your registration visit www.icpdublin.com



Upcoming events



M.bovis

[7th International Conference on Mycobacterium bovis](#)

June 2021 Galway, Ireland



[15th International Colloquium for Paratuberculosis](#)

6th – 9th April 2021 Dublin, Ireland



[World Buiatrics Congress 2020](#)

26 -30 September 2021 Madrid, Spain



[16th International Symposium of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics](#)

9-13 Aug 2021 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

16th ICP 2022 Jaipur, India

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