2011 AAAP Awards
2011 P. P. Levine Award

The P. P. Levine Award is presented each year to the senior author of the best paper published in *Avian Diseases*, as determined by the AAAP Awards Committee. This award is named for Dr. P. P. Levine, the founder and first editor of *Avian Diseases*. The journal was first published in May 1957 from Cornell University, where Dr. Levine earned his D.V.M. and Ph.D. degrees and spent most of his professional career. Papers are evaluated and the winner is selected based on four criteria: clear statement of objectives, originality of approach, clarity of presentation of data, and impact of results on science. The winning paper selected from Volume 54 of *Avian Diseases* was entitled “A MEQ-Deleted Marek’s Disease Virus Cloned as a Bacterial Artificial Chromosome Is a Highly Efficacious Vaccine.” The senior author of this paper, and the recipient of the 2011 P. P. Levine Award, was Dr. Robert F. Silva. Dr. Silva’s co-authors on this paper are John Dunn, Hans Cheng, and Masahiro Niikura. The work was conducted at the USDA’s Avian Disease and Oncology Laboratory in East Lansing, Michigan.

2011 AAAP Special Service Award

The AAAP Special Service Award is given annually to a person who has made outstanding contributions in avian medicine. The individual’s contributions must be demonstrated through scientific work, organizational involvement, and service to fellow colleagues. The recipient of the 2011 AAAP Special Service Award was Dr. Ching Ching Wu.

Dr. Wu earned her D.V.M. in 1980 from the National Taiwan University. She then came to the United States and earned her Ph.D. in Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Minnesota. Upon the completion of her degree, Dr. Wu spent 5 years as a faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University. Since 1993, she has been a professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology at Purdue University.

Dr. Wu is an active member of the AAAP and the AVMA. She has served two terms as director on the AAAP Board and has represented the AAAP on the Council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents of the AVMA. She also served two terms on the AVMA Subcommittee for Antimicrobials. In addition, Dr. Wu was the AVMA Liaison on the Codex Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Committee to address antimicrobial resistance in food supplies. She was selected to the USA delegation team working with the FDA, USDA, and CDC in setting guidelines that will have an impact on food safety and food import and export. Dr. Wu has served several terms on the National NPIP Technical Committee and participated in policy making for PCR detection of NPIP agents. Additional service on national committees include membership on the mycoplasma committee for the U.S. Animal Health Association, biotechnology committee for AAAP, and service on the AAAP Awards Committee. We also should note that Ching Ching has previously been