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Report on 2nd WPSA Student Symposium 2026

Organized by: World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) – Pakistan (North)

Venue: University Auditorium, PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi

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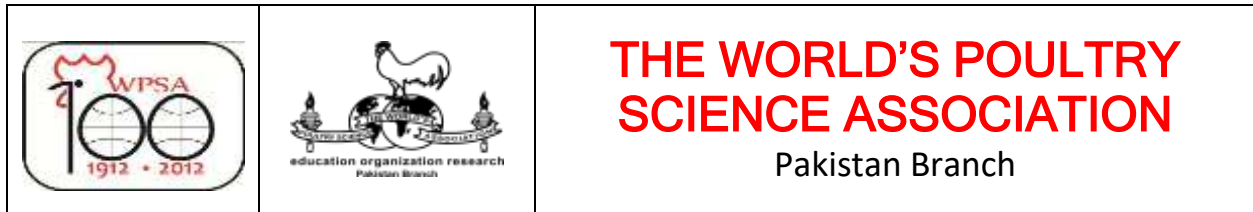
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The **2nd WPSA Student Symposium 2026** was successfully conducted under the platform of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) – Pakistan (North), in collaboration with the Institute of Animal Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. The event was generously sponsored by HIPRA Pakistan, a globally recognized biotechnology company specializing in animal health and vaccine development.

The symposium commenced at 09:30 AM with a well-organized registration process, efficiently coordinated by the WPSA Office Coordinator, ensuring a smooth start to the event. The opening session formally began with a welcome address delivered by the Director of the Institute of Animal Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. The address collectively underscored the critical importance of the poultry sector in strengthening Pakistan's economy and food security. The speakers also highlighted the vital role of youth, encouraging students to actively contribute to innovation, research, and sustainable development within the poultry industry. This symposium was designed as a dynamic platform to bring together students, academicians, researchers, and industry professionals to promote knowledge exchange, professional development, and innovation in poultry science. The event served as a bridge between academia and the poultry industry, providing students with exposure to real-world challenges and emerging opportunities.

A total of **approximately 400 participants** attended the symposium, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, faculty members, veterinarians, and representatives from the poultry industry. The large turnout reflected the growing interest among youth in poultry science and agribusiness.





Objectives and Aims of the Symposium

The symposium was organized with the following key aims:

- To promote **scientific interaction and networking** among students and professionals
- To bridge the **gap between academia and industry**
- To strengthen the **role of WPSA in student development and capacity building**



Specific Objectives

- Enhance knowledge through **technical presentations and discussions**
- Facilitate collaboration between **students and poultry professionals**
- Inspire and guide **future leaders in poultry science**
- Provide career insights and exposure to industry trends

Role of WPSA in the Symposium

The World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) played a central and transformative role in the successful organization and execution of the symposium, serving as a driving force behind its academic and professional impact. By creating an international-standard platform, WPSA enabled students to engage directly with leading industry experts and academicians, fostering a highly interactive and enriching environment. The association significantly contributed to capacity building through well-structured technical sessions that enhanced participants' scientific understanding as well as their practical and professional skills. In addition, the symposium provided valuable networking opportunities, allowing students to establish meaningful connections with professionals, which may lead to future collaborations and career advancement. WPSA also promoted leadership development by actively involving students in both organizational and participatory roles, helping them strengthen their management and teamwork abilities. Furthermore, by highlighting global opportunities such as international





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conferences, scholarships, and career pathways, WPSA expanded students' perspectives and encouraged them to pursue excellence on a global scale. The presentation titled "WPSA – A Platform to Become a Global Leader" reinforced this vision by showcasing how the association supports young professionals in achieving international recognition and growth. Overall, WPSA effectively fulfilled its mission of empowering youth and strengthening the poultry science community in Pakistan.

Technical Sessions Overview

The symposium featured a series of **highly informative and industry-relevant technical talks** delivered by leading professionals.

Key Topics Covered:

- Career development and CEO perspectives for fresh graduates
- Gaps between academic knowledge and industry performance
- Innovations and impact of HIPRA Pakistan in animal health
- Future outlook of the poultry industry
- Avian health management strategies
- Agritech startups and entrepreneurship opportunities
- Role of women veterinarians in agribusiness



Professional and Technical Interaction

One of the most valuable aspects of the symposium was the dynamic professional and technical interaction between speakers and participants, which created an engaging and highly informative learning environment. Students actively participated in question-and-answer sessions, where they discussed real-world challenges faced in poultry production and sought practical solutions. Industry experts contributed by sharing their experiences, case studies, and career guidance, providing participants with insights that extended far beyond classroom learning. Key discussions revolved around critical areas such as disease management, innovation in poultry practices, emerging business opportunities, and the latest technological advancements in the sector. Moreover, participants were given the unique



opportunity to interact directly with CEOs, technical managers, and academic experts, allowing for meaningful exchange of ideas and professional exposure. This level of interaction significantly enhanced students' understanding, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry requirements, and better preparing them for future careers in the poultry sector.

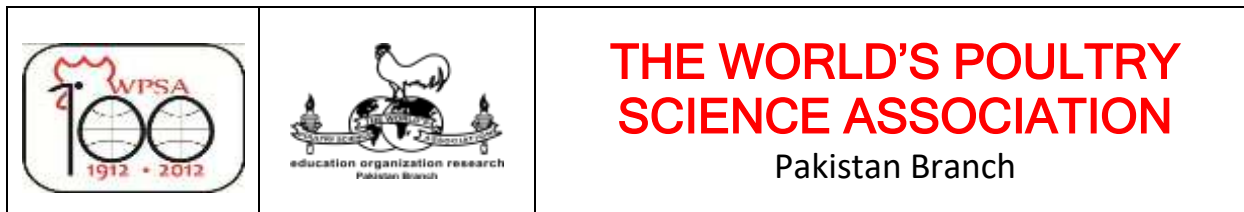
The symposium witnessed an impressive turnout of approximately 400 participants, making it one of the largest student-focused poultry science events in the region. The audience comprised a diverse group, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, faculty members, researchers, poultry industry professionals, veterinarians, and agribusiness stakeholders, all contributing to a rich and multidisciplinary environment. This wide representation ensured meaningful knowledge exchange and broadened the scope of discussions throughout the event. The high level of engagement observed during the sessions—through active participation, thoughtful questions, and interactive discussions—clearly reflected the success of the symposium in capturing the audience's interest and fostering an atmosphere of active learning and professional development.



HIPRA Pakistan played a vital role as the proud sponsor of the symposium, contributing significantly to both its success and overall impact. The company provided essential financial and organizational support, ensuring smooth execution of the event while maintaining high professional standards. In addition, HIPRA delivered technical presentations that highlighted the latest innovations in vaccines and diagnostic technologies, offering participants valuable insights into modern advancements in poultry health management. The sessions also emphasized the importance of biosecurity and effective disease prevention strategies, which are critical for sustainable poultry production. Furthermore, HIPRA's strong commitment to the "One Health" approach—integrating animal and human health—was clearly communicated, reinforcing the importance of a holistic perspective in tackling health challenges. Their active participation not only enriched the technical content of the symposium but also introduced global perspectives and cutting-edge technologies, adding substantial value to the overall learning experience.

Outcomes and Impact





The symposium achieved several important outcomes:

- Strengthened **student-industry linkages**
- Increased awareness about **career opportunities in poultry science**
- Encouraged **innovation and entrepreneurship** among students
- Enhanced understanding of **modern poultry technologies and practices**
- Promoted **collaboration and networking**

Most importantly, the event inspired students to take an active role in shaping the future of the poultry industry.

The 2nd WPSA Student Symposium 2026 was successfully planned, coordinated, and executed through the dedicated efforts of key representatives of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) and collaborating professionals.

The event was successfully conducted under the leadership of:

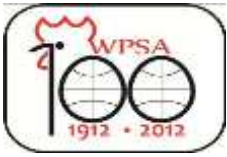
- **Dr. Farhan Farooq** – Secretary General, WPSA Pakistan
- **Mr. Haseeb Akram** – President, WPSA Pakistan (North Zone)
- **Dr. Nasir Mukhtar** – Director R&D
- **Dr. Asif Javaid** – Secretary General, WPSA (North Zone)
- **Dr. Malik Burhan Yousaf** – Representative, HIPRA Pakistan
- **Muhammad Zee Waqar** – WPSA Office Coordinator

Their collective efforts ensured smooth execution of all activities, including program planning, speaker coordination, participant management, and overall event organization.

The leadership team demonstrated strong commitment, professionalism, and teamwork, which played a crucial role in making the symposium a well-organized, impactful, and successful academic event. Their coordination not only facilitated high-quality technical sessions but also created an engaging and interactive environment for all participants

Conclusion

The **2nd WPSA Student Symposium 2026** was a highly successful and impactful event that effectively brought together academia, industry, and students under one platform. With **400 participants**, engaging technical sessions, and strong professional interaction, the symposium achieved its objectives of knowledge sharing, networking, and capacity building. The **role of WPSA** was instrumental in ensuring the success of the event, as it provided leadership, direction, and opportunities for students to grow professionally and academically. Such initiatives are essential for the sustainable development of the poultry sector and for preparing the next generation of skilled professionals.



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