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The 3rd WPSA Student Symposium 2026 was successfully organized by the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) Pakistan Branch (North Zone) in collaboration with the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), Swat, KPK on 11 June 2026. The symposium brought together students, academicians, researchers, poultry professionals, and industry leaders from across Pakistan for a day dedicated to scientific learning, professional networking, leadership development, and industry-academia collaboration. Hosted by UVAS Swat and generously sponsored by HiVet Animal Health Business Pakistan and SINDER Animal Health China, the event served as an important platform to strengthen the connection between academic institutions and the rapidly growing poultry industry. The symposium aimed to inspire future veterinarians and poultry scientists while providing them with valuable insights into emerging industry trends, research opportunities, and career pathways.

A Strong Beginning

The event commenced with participant registration coordinated by Muhammad Zee Waqar, WPSA Office Coordinator. Students and delegates from various institutions enthusiastically gathered at the UVAS Swat campus to participate in the symposium.

The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. Obaid Ullah, Head of Department, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, UVAS Swat, who warmly welcomed the guests, speakers, and participants. In his remarks, he emphasized the importance of scientific education, practical exposure, and collaboration between academia and industry to prepare future professionals for the challenges and opportunities within the poultry sector.

Throughout the opening session, distinguished guests highlighted the critical role of poultry science in ensuring food security, supporting rural livelihoods, and contributing to Pakistan's agricultural economy.

Technical Session Highlights

The technical session featured a series of informative presentations delivered by leading experts from academia and industry.

Dr. Asif Masood Rana, CEO of HiVet Animal Health Business Pakistan, delivered an insightful presentation on the importance of vaccination programs and disease prevention strategies in commercial poultry production. He highlighted HiVet's contributions toward improving poultry health and productivity across Pakistan.

Dr. Abdul Khaliq Samoon discussed surveillance and monitoring of respiratory pathogens in poultry. He elaborated on modern diagnostic approaches and emphasized the role of SINDER Animal Health China in supporting disease control initiatives and improving flock health management.

Dr. Farhan Farooq, Secretary General of WPSA Pakistan, shared his perspective on recent advancements in the poultry industry. He encouraged students to remain engaged with emerging technologies, research developments, and professional opportunities while preparing themselves to become future leaders of the sector.

Dr. Khurram Shahbaz introduced participants to the activities and achievements of the Soy Excellence Center. His presentation focused on capacity building, skill development programs, and the importance of evidence-based nutrition in poultry production.

Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan delivered a presentation on the development and future prospects of commercial poultry farming in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He highlighted the region's growing potential and the opportunities available for young entrepreneurs and professionals.

Mr. Waqar Alam, President WPSA Pakistan (South Zone), delivered an inspiring lecture on leadership development, professional networking, and industry advocacy. He encouraged students to actively participate in professional organizations and contribute to the advancement of poultry science.

One of the most anticipated presentations was delivered by Dr. Nasir Mukhtar, Associate Professor at the Institute of Animal Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi and Director R&D, WPSA Pakistan. His presentation, titled "The Research-to-Market Pathway: Bridging Science and Business," emphasized the importance of translating scientific innovations into commercially viable products and services. He encouraged students to develop entrepreneurial thinking and explore opportunities beyond traditional career pathways.

The technical session concluded with a presentation by Dr. Khalid Farooq, who discussed the rapid growth and future potential of the poultry industry in the Swat region. He highlighted local investment opportunities and the significant contribution poultry farming can make toward regional economic development.

Establishment of UVAS SWAT Poultry Society

A major milestone of the symposium was the formal establishment of the UVAS SWAT Poultry Society.

To mark this important occasion, an oath-taking ceremony was conducted by Dr. Nasir Mukhtar. During the ceremony, the newly elected office bearers pledged to uphold the objectives of the club, promote scientific learning, encourage professional development, and contribute positively to the advancement of poultry science.

The establishment of the Poultry Science Club reflects WPSA Pakistan's commitment to empowering students, promoting leadership, and creating opportunities for active engagement in scientific and professional activities.

Historic MoU Signed Between WPSA Pakistan and UVAS Swat

Another landmark achievement of the symposium was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between WPSA Pakistan and UVAS Swat.

The agreement was formally signed by:

- Dr. Farhan Farooq, Secretary General, WPSA Pakistan
- Dr. Khalid Khan, Additional Registrar, UVAS Swat

The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions in areas including student development, research collaboration, technical training, internships, professional networking, and industry engagement.

The partnership represents a significant step toward promoting poultry education, facilitating knowledge exchange, and supporting future research initiatives that will benefit both students and the poultry industry.

Recognition and Appreciation

The organizing committee expressed sincere gratitude to all speakers, participants, sponsors, faculty members, and volunteers whose dedication contributed to the success of the symposium.

Special appreciation was extended to:

- Dr. Nasir Mukhtar, Director R&D, WPSA Pakistan, for his technical contribution and leadership during the Poultry Science Club oath-taking ceremony.
- Muhammad Zee Waqar, WPSA Office Coordinator, for his outstanding efforts in event coordination and management.
- Dr. Farhan Farooq, Secretary General, WPSA Pakistan for his wonderful organization.
- Dr. Khurram Adrian Shah, UVAS Swat, for his valuable support in organizing the symposium.
- Mr. Abdullah, UVAS Swat, for his assistance in event arrangements and coordination.
- Irtaza Nasir, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, for his contribution to event management and student engagement activities.
- Dr. Junaid Haider, HiVet Animal Health, for his support and coordination throughout the event.

The organizers also acknowledged the continuous support of Dr. Asif Masood Rana, CEO of HiVet Animal Health Business Pakistan, whose commitment to poultry science education and industry-academia collaboration greatly contributed to the success of the symposium.

Special gratitude was conveyed to SINDER Animal Health China and HiVet Animal Health Business Pakistan for sponsoring the event and supporting initiatives aimed at developing the next generation of poultry professionals.

Leadership Support



WPSA Welcome Dinner – 10 June 2026

A special WPSA Welcome Dinner was hosted on 10 June 2026 at Burj-ul-Swat, Swat, in honor of the distinguished speakers, university faculty members, and invited guests participating in the 3rd WPSA Student Symposium 2026.

The dinner served as an excellent opportunity for networking, professional interaction, and strengthening collaboration between academia and the poultry industry. Participants enjoyed meaningful discussions on poultry education, research, industry development, and future opportunities for student engagement.

The event was chaired by Dr. Farhan Farooq, Secretary General, WPSA Pakistan, and Dr. Akbar Ali, Life Member, WPSA Pakistan (Swat). They warmly welcomed all honorable guests and expressed their appreciation for their valuable contributions to the advancement of poultry science and education in Pakistan.

The gathering reflected the spirit of friendship, collaboration, and professional excellence that continues to strengthen the mission of WPSA Pakistan in promoting poultry science, research, and industry-academia linkages across the country.



On behalf of Dr. Farhan Farooq, Secretary General WPSA Pakistan, heartfelt appreciation was extended to Prof. Dr. Shakeeb Ullah, Vice Chancellor, UVAS Swat, for hosting and supporting this important academic event.

The organizing committee also acknowledged the visionary leadership of Mian Sohaib Javaid, President WPSA Pakistan, whose continued commitment to student development and professional excellence has strengthened WPSA activities across the country. Appreciation was further extended to Mr. Waqar Alam, President WPSA Pakistan (South Zone), and Mr. Haseeb Akram, President WPSA Pakistan (North Zone), for their active support in promoting the objectives of WPSA among students and young professionals. The committee also recognized the valuable contributions of Dr. Alamdar Hussain Malik, Prof. Dr. Obaid Ullah, Dr. Khalid Khan, Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan, Dr. Akbar Ali, Dr. Khalid Farooq, and Dr. Ayesha Humayon, whose guidance and commitment played a pivotal role in making the symposium a highly successful and memorable event.

Looking Ahead

The 3rd WPSA Student Symposium 2026 successfully achieved its objectives of promoting scientific interaction, strengthening industry-academia partnerships, and inspiring future leaders in poultry science. The establishment of the UVAS SWAT Poultry Society and the signing of the MoU between WPSA Pakistan and UVAS Swat added long-term value to the event and laid the foundation for future collaboration, research, student engagement, and professional development. As the symposium concluded, participants left with renewed enthusiasm, valuable knowledge, and stronger professional networks. The event reaffirmed the commitment of WPSA Pakistan to advancing poultry science education, research, innovation, and industry growth throughout the country. The success of the 3rd WPSA Student Symposium at UVAS Swat stands as a testament to the power of collaboration between academia and industry and serves as another important milestone in WPSA Pakistan's mission to develop future leaders for the poultry sector.









