

# Newsletter 2024

WAVMA ESC - Student Support Subcommittee

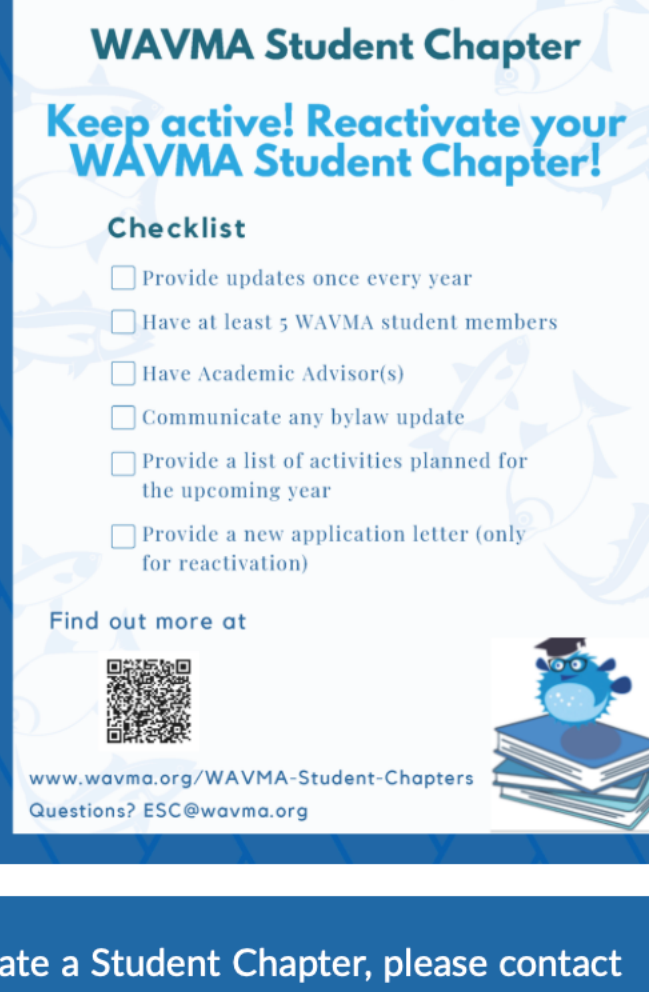
## STAY CONNECTED WITH WAVMA: UPDATE YOUR STUDENT CHAPTER INFORMATION TODAY!

Greetings, Student Chapters!

As we embark on another year of growth and learning, we want to ensure that we're keeping you in the loop with all things WAVMA. One key way to stay connected is by updating your chapter's information with us.

By providing us with your correct contact details, you'll receive timely updates about grants, educational opportunities, and other WAVMA news that could benefit your chapter.

We value your involvement and look forward to supporting your Chapter's success in 2024 and beyond!




**WAVMA Student Chapter**

**Keep active! Reactivate your WAVMA Student Chapter!**

**Checklist**

- Provide updates once every year
- Have at least 5 WAVMA student members
- Have Academic Advisor(s)
- Communicate any bylaw update
- Provide a list of activities planned for the upcoming year
- Provide a new application letter (only for reactivation)

Find out more at



[www.wavma.org/WAVMA-Student-Chapters](http://www.wavma.org/WAVMA-Student-Chapters)  
Questions? [ESC@wavma.org](mailto:ESC@wavma.org)

For any question regarding how to keep active or reactivate a Student Chapter, please contact our [WAVMA ESC - Student Support Subcommittee](#)

## What's going on in WAVMA Student Chapters?



By Rachel Fost  
CSU WAVMA Student Chapter President

This past fall our WAVMA student chapter had the pleasure of touring the Bellvue-Watson lake fish hatchery. During our tour, students were able to learn more about common aquaculture diseases and the process of raising trout for stocking Colorado's lakes.

The tour was led by Dr. Colby Wells, a veterinarian for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, who was able to share her experience as a wildlife veterinarian and her job overseeing fish health at the hatchery. Students were able to observe each stage in the aquaculture process and learn more about the requirements of each stage (eggs, juveniles, yearlings, and adult fish).

Staff at the hatchery shared past and current research projects employed for breeding strategies, including breeding whirling-disease resistant trout. At the conclusion of the tour, students were led by CPW veterinarians in a fish necropsy wet lab. During this lab, students learned the appropriate way to euthanize fish for necropsy and were able to practice skin scrapes and gill clips.

After samples were taken, CPW veterinarians walked students through histologic and cytologic evaluation of samples under the microscope. Overall, the hatchery tour was a fantastic opportunity and well-rounded experience for our club chapter to gain hands-on skills and practical knowledge through our local hatchery and aquaculture facilities.



## Share your activities!

We invite all our SC to share their exciting activities from 2023 and ongoing 2024 with the WAVMA community! If your Chapter has had memorable experiences or successful events that you'd like to showcase, please contact our [WAVMA ESC - Student Support Subcommittee](#) to feature them in our next newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Tips and tricks to achieve KSE credits for CertAqV!

YOU COULD	EQUIVALENT KSE CREDITS
Read a scientific article every weekend	At the end of the CertAqV Program, if you achieve to reading 20 articles, you'll have the equivalent of 20 KSE!
Publish at The Aquatic Veterinarian (TAV)	For every case or research report you publish, you can get up to 5 KSE!
Take advantage of the holidays	For each inter/externship made, you can get up to 5 KSE!



[Learn more about CertAqV](#)

## Contribute to the Student Support Subcommittee

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WAVMA ESC Vice Chair Rachel Feeney at [rfz3@msstate.edu](mailto:rzf3@msstate.edu)



WAVMA WebCEPD Program  
Webinars for Global Aquatic Veterinary Education

**Myxozoan**  
parasites in fishes

Dr. Bartolomeo Gorgoglione

Thursday  
28 March, 2024

Time  
14:00 UTC



WAVMA and EAFP Joint Webinar  
<https://www.wavma.org/WebCEPD>

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our next WAVMA webinar is scheduled on March 28 at 14:00 UTC.

An interesting lecture by Dr Bartolomeo Gorgoglione on Myxozoan parasites in fishes

More information and registration click here: [B-1081: Myxozoan parasites in fishes](#)

## Funding for Aquatic Educational Opportunities

John L. Pitts Aquatic Veterinary Education Awards Program

This program provides financial support on an annual basis to a limited number of veterinary students or recent veterinary graduates, to allow recipients to explore a career in aquatic veterinary medicine through a variety of aquatic veterinary educational activities. Activities supported include attending aquatic veterinary workshops, giving presentations at meetings, participating in externships, internships, or engaging in small-scale research projects.



World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association

**PITTS EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM 2024**

APPLICATIONS MARCH 1 TO APRIL 7

For activities or projects programmed from June to December 2024.



<https://www.wavma.org/scholarships>

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