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### Experience at 28<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology

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I was lucky to be one of the awardees World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology African Foundation, which paved a road to virtual participation of the 28<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP). The event was virtual and was held from 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 in Dublin, Ireland.

Despite the fact that I couldn't interact with other participants physically, I was able to self-introduce and have conversations with some of the participants. This was still wonderful and memorable experience to me.

I attended the conference while I was a master's student at the Guru Angad Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) in Ludhiana, Punjab, India under the umbrella of the Indo-Africa Fellowship Scheme III (IAFS III). At this time, my research was the one whose poster was submitted to the 28<sup>th</sup> International of the WAAVP.

During different plenary and poster sessions and of the conference, I was able to learn and understand how the world of veterinary parasitology is addressed by the researchers, innovators and experts from different corners of the globe. While I was attending while continuing with my research, this contributed a lot to my basket of knowledge of 'how to do a right approach to research on parasites'.

Based on the good experience and interaction in the previous virtual conference, it is in my deep commitments now to follow and participate in the next conferences by WAAVP whenever they rise and organized. It is therefore in my hope that the organizing committee will be notifying participants in time so that we can approach and inform other interested colleagues in time.