

**My Professional experiences acquired in the 29th WAAVP Conference**



I am Edna Filipa Xavier Guinda, doctoral student in Biosciences and Public Health at the Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique. My research project is focused on anthelmintic resistance to benzimidazole in gastrointestinal nematodes in goats in Maputo province. Once again I was awarded the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP) African Foundation Scholarship WAAVP to attend another conference. The first time was the 28th Dublin, although it was online, it was a good experience.

Now the 29th conference in Chennai was spectacular, from a scientific point of view and also for the opportunities to interact with other researchers and PhD students. Having never presented a research paper in person at an international level before, it was an extremely rewarding challenge. I received useful comments on how to improve my research, as well as the opportunity to give my opinion on other people's research and to ask the questions I've had for a long time about some of the research that has gone from being read on paper to being presented in person.

It was interesting to immerse myself in the different parasite species that attack different livestock, production animals and camelids. I also received an update on the effect of climate change on parasitology in order to improve control methods and prevent the negative consequences that this can have on field animals.

I can't help but comment on the opportunity I had at this conference to interact face-to-face with my supervisors, who normally spend a year or more only meeting online, it was a very productive meeting and all thanks to the conference.

From the bottom of my heart, I would also like to thank you for the care you took to present the African students who won the scholarship to the public. This was a very positive attitude because it helped me a lot to expand my contacts and will serve as an incentive for other students to apply for future scholarships.

Thank you very much for taking care of me. giving opportunities to young scientists and congratulations on expanding the network for African researchers.