

NC1202 Annual Accomplishments Report

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Date of Annual Meeting: 1/18/2025

Annual Meeting Participants (n = 50):

- **In-person (n = 45):** Benjamin Adu-Addai, Raghavendra Amachawadi, Babafela Awosile, Menuka Bhandari, Matthew Bradley, David Bradshaw, Yung-Fu Chang, Jordan Gebhardt, Aradhya Gourapura, Dylan Harris, Yosra Helmy, Scott Kenney, Saroj Khatiwada, Jessica Kincade, Carolyn Lee, Gizem Levent, Wenli Li, Jun Lin, George Liu, Mingde Liu, Torey Looft, Linda Mansfield, Jared Meinen-Jochum, Melha Mellata, Melissa Monson, Shafeekh Muiyarrikkandy, TG Nagaraja, Xiaoyu Niu, James Okon, Gireesh Rajashekara, Sheela Ramamoorthy, Chowsa Reddy Rekalakuntavenka, Jatna Rivas Zarete, Orhan Sahin, Linda Saif, Devendra Shah, Waseem Shaikat, Milena Saqui-Salces, Elizabeth Shepherd, Smriti Shringi, Xiaolun Sun, Ning-Chieh Twu, Qihong Wang, Kush Kumar Yadav, Lu Yen, Ramon Alejandro Zegpi Lagos, Qijing Zhang, Glenn Zhang, Weiping Zhang
- **Remote (n = 5):** Roy Curtiss, Yuhua Farnell, Connie Gebhart, Hemant Naikare, Milena Saqui-Salces
- These investigators came from at least 27 different institutions including: Bimeda Biologicals, Cornell U, Colorado State U, Iowa State U, Kansas State U, Michigan State U, Mississippi State U, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State U, North Dakota State U, Ohio State U, Oklahoma State U, South Dakota State U, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tuskegee U, U of Arkansas, U. Calgary, U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, U of Kentucky, U of Minnesota, U of Nebraska-Lincoln, U of Tennessee, USDA ARS, USDA NIFA, U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center, USDA National Animal Disease Center, and Virginia Tech.

Brief Summary of Minutes of Annual Meeting (10:00 am - 4:00 pm on January 18, 2025):

- **Welcome:** Drs. Glenn Zhang (Chair) and Scott Kenney (Secretary)
- **Self-introductions:** Onsite and remote attendees
- **Opening remarks:** Dr. Milena Saqui-Salces, NC1202 Administrative Advisor, Remote)
- **USDA-NIFA updates:** Dr. Kathe Bjork, National Program Leader for Animal Health, provided an update on the USDA funding perspectives in person.
- **Keynote Address:** Living science: seeing, dreaming, thinking, asking, searching, joining, mentoring and remembering – every day (Dr. Roy Curtiss, University of Florida; Remote)
- **Luncheon and business meeting-**Discussed budget (Income \$3,588.97 and expenses \$2,225.35). Student awards; 18 presentations in 2025, 6 awards to be given. Other topics included ways to strengthen collaborations within the group and ideas for fundraising. The group would like to consider a young investigator award, increasing the number of student awards, and possibly covering some of the luncheon costs for students and postdocs for future years. The group is seeking to increase the allotted time of the meeting from CRWAD back to 8 hours allotted in 2024 instead of the 6 given this year.

- **Progress reports and presentations:** 10 speakers gave 15-minute research presentations and/or stations reports. Session ended with a 15-minute group discussion prior to adjourning.

Accomplishments

1. Established and updated an NC1202 expertise database to promote interinstitutional collaborative efforts focused on food animal enteric diseases. Link: [NC1202 Expert Database](#)
2. Awarded six graduate students for their oral or poster presentations from a total of 18 entries during the annual meeting:
 - David Francis Award (1st Place - \$300): Jessica Kincade, Colorado State University.
 - David Francis Award (2nd Place - \$200): Bibek Lamichhane, University of Kentucky.
 - David Francis Award (3rd Place - \$150): Maria Hakimi, Iowa State University.
 - Lynn Joens Memorial Award (1st Place - \$300): Jodie Allen, Univ. of Connecticut.
 - Lynn Joens Memorial Award (2nd Place - \$200): Valeria Lugo-Mesa, TAMU.
 - Lynn Joens Memorial Award (3rd Place - \$150): Maya Craig, Cornell University.
3. Contributed to swine gastrointestinal health by characterizing *Lawsonia intracellularis* focusing on interactions with the host including showing a preference for infection of fibroblastic cell types over goblet or epithelial cells, Wnt signaling.
4. Trained students, stakeholders, and government entities including biosecurity audits for *Campylobacter hepaticus* in poultry farms and educated 21 North Carolina State officials on egg and poultry industry practices while conducting biosecurity audits.
5. Developed novel antibiotic alternatives and vaccines for poultry targeting *Salmonella*, *Eimeria*, and necrotic enteritis.
6. Created novel vaccines and vaccine technology for pigs targeting porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) and porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRS).
7. Established novel and improved research models including avian intestinal organoid models for the study of host-pathogen interaction and broiler chicken bacterial lameness models.
8. Revealed that dietary supplementation of encapsulated bile salt hydrolase (BSH) inhibitor enhanced broiler growth performance as a promising non-antibiotic growth promoter for mitigation of antibiotic resistance and sustainable poultry production.
9. Surveyed *Enterococcus cecorum* pathogenicity factors in field isolates, characterized the immune response of turkeys to *Histomonas meleagridis* infection, and assessed the contribution of flagellar components of *C. difficile* mutants to mucoadhesion and genes such as pilA1 to pili formation,
10. Studied antibiotic resistance under fluoroquinolone (FQ)-treatment during *Campylobacter jejuni* infections
11. Novel tests were developed to detect *Fusobacterium necrophorum* subsp. *necrophorum*, *F. necrophorum* subsp. *funduliforme*, *Trueperella pyogenes*, and *Salmonella enterica* to assess their role in cattle liver abscesses.
12. Isolated and characterized emerging gastroenteric infections in pigs including porcine sapovirus (PoSaV) strains and emerging Rocahepevirus ratti (hepatitis E virus) strains.

Impacts:

1. An updated expertise database enables NC1202 members to more readily identify potentially synergistic or unique experts to facilitate more productive group research efforts. Members

of NC1202 and the greater research community can now more easily identify specific researchers and their expertise within the group.

2. Projects contributed to the training of > 20 graduate and undergraduate students in a range of techniques critical to maintaining and improving animal health and food productivity.
3. Multiple projects directly interacted with stakeholders and government entities to enhance public knowledge of their respective industries and biosecurity protocols necessary to mitigate disease introduction and spread.
4. Projects identified and characterized emerging or circulating pathogens and their potential contributions to animal health. For example, *C. hepaticus* was identified in a majority of field samples in poultry with spotty liver disease implicating it as a disease causative agent. *E. cecorum* pathogenicity factors were identified allowing for better identification of potential poultry disease causing pathogens. Circulating porcine sapoviruses were identified allowing for development of potential vaccines to combat porcine diarrhea, and emerging viruses such as rat hepatitis E virus were shown to infect pigs but not pose a direct health threat.
5. Identification of the microbiome signature in calves contributes to diarrhea allowing researchers to understand and treat diarrhea with the host's microbiome.
6. Creation of novel non-antibiotic feeding technologies and vaccine technologies such as subunit vaccines against *Salmonella*, live attenuated vaccines for PEDV, and PRRSV reduces economic losses, while allowing producers to provide safer food products to the consumer.

Grants and Contracts Received between 10/01/2023 and 09/30/2024 (Only federal grants listed; Names in bold denote the NC1202 participants; 10 grants totaling \$12,380,627)

1. **Fan P**, Lemley C, Vann R, Burnett D. Understanding the Rumen-Microbiota-Brain Axis of Lactating Dairy Cows under Heat Stress. USDA-NIFA. 06/2024-06/2026. \$300,000.
2. Zhang L (PI), **Fan P**, Zhang X, Macklin K, Arick M. Integrating Genomics, Epidemiology, and On-site Diagnostics for Poultry and Bovine Respiratory Bacterial Diseases Management. USDA-ARS NACA. 10/2024-10/2025. \$300,000.
3. **Farnell YF** (PI). Establishment and Characterization of Liver Organoids from Layer Chickens. USDA-ARS. \$112,611.
4. **Farnell, MB** (PI). Microbial Evaluation of Poultry Farm Pathogen Interventions to Improve Biosecurity - USDA-NADPRP - \$116,808.
5. **Farnell MB** (Co-PI). 2023. Evaluation and Identification of Psycho-Socio-Demographic Factors Impacting the Implementation of and Compliance to Biosecurity Plans for Relevant Infectious Diseases in Poultry Farmers in Texas. USDA-NADPRP. \$306,042.
6. **Farnell MB** (Co-PI). Thermal Dehydration for Mass Disposal of Poultry Mortalities and Poultry Products. USDA-APHIS-V.S. \$171,189.
7. **Farnell MB** (Co-PI). Poultry Agribusiness Training for Development of an Enhanced Emergency Preparedness Infrastructure Partnership between the US Commercial Poultry Industry and Animal Health Officials. USDA-MIS-APHIS. \$168,166.
8. **Sang Y** (PI). Whole-transcriptomic Profiling of Non-Coding RNAs for Antiviral Regulation in Porcine Alveolar Macrophages. NIFA-USDA TENX-2322-GFSHAP. 11/03/2023-09/30/2026. \$123,000.
9. **Zhang G** (PI). Microbiome-Mediated Colonization Resistance against Necrotic Enteritis. USDA-NIFA. Award no. 2024-67016-42415. 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027. \$650,000.

10. Kim Y (PI), **Zhang G** (co-PI). Tea L-Theanine Protects Nonalcoholic Fatty Acid Disease (NAFLD) via the Gut-Liver Axis. USDA–NIFA. Award no. 2024-67018-42461. 06/01/2024 – 05/31/2026. \$300,000.
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12. Sack DA, **Zhang W**. A cross-protective multivalent vaccine for Shigella and ETEC. 3/6/2023 – 2/29/2028. NIH R01AI175214-01. \$3,921,648
13. **Gebhardt, JT**, Woodworth, JC, Paulk, CB, Jones, CK. USDA/NIFA. Capacity Grant: Addressing animal health through animal feed for prevention and control of animal disease. 10/1/1023-9/30/2025. \$70,000.
14. **Nagaraja, T. G.** and **Raghavendra Amachawadi**. Metabolomic analysis of blood plasma to identify unique biomarkers indicative of liver abscesses. Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research 2023-2025. \$497,282.

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