



**Post event report on ESPN  
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AB Vista was Silver Sponsor for the highly successful 17<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN), held in Edinburgh in August.

ESPN was held at the Heriott-Watt University in the Scottish capital and drew in a record number of delegates. The event organisers were pleased to welcome over 560 delegates to the symposium which lasted four days and covered a range of subject areas. The delegates represented 54 countries and all areas of the poultry industry including nutrition, breeding, and feed formulation. The large number of delegates who attended the symposium highlight that this event is one of the most popular in the poultry science calendar and has gathered significant international acclaim.

The meeting encompassed six sessions covering the topics of:

- Phosphorous, phytate and phytase
- Litter quality
- Feed additives
- Nutrition and the environment
- Nutrition of breeding birds
- Future prospects for nutrition

All sessions were followed by a discussion group which enabled all delegates to raise questions or voice opinions about the particular subject.

15 members of AB Vista's international team attended the event along with some of their key customers from across the globe. The symposium gave the AB Vista team a wonderful opportunity to mix with other members of the industry as well as customers and key decision makers within the industry to discuss problems faced by the market and what AB Vista can do to help alleviate those problems.

AB Vista's Research and Development team of Dr. Mike Bedford and Dr. Aaron Cowieson were invited to give a presentation on phytate and phytase interactions during the first session which was very well received by all the delegates. A copy of the full paper can be found on the AB Vista website ([www.abvista.com](http://www.abvista.com)). The main message of the presentation highlighted that the full range of effects of adding phytases to feed should be taken into consideration to ensure that nutrient imbalance doesn't occur. Given that there is still

confusion around the subject of phytate in the diet, it is increasingly important to be aware of the additional effects that adding phytase can stimulate.

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