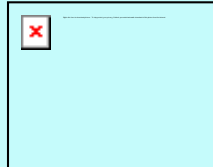


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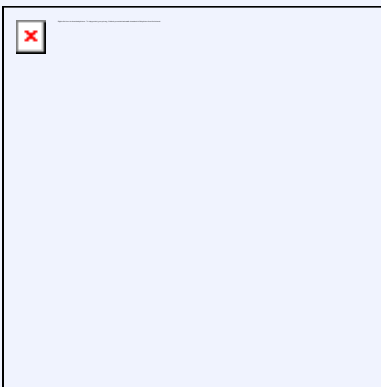
Don't miss out!

The next issue of JVDI will be sent soon. You must be a current member of AAVLD to receive it.

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AAVLD President's Message

Service. Knowledge. Education.

Many veterinary diagnostic laboratories are affiliated with Land Grant or Agricultural Universities that have the mission to provide Service to the community, generate Knowledge and to pass on that knowledge through Education. Similarly, in each state and province, the diagnostic laboratories of the AAVLD embody the same spirit to provide diagnostic services, to generate knowledge in the form of practical experience or research, and to pass on that knowledge through education in its many forms.

AAVLD members demonstrate a great willingness to volunteer their time to educate veterinary colleagues, students, animal owners, and government agencies. Through work on AAVLD committees in their specialty areas, in planning and giving workshops & symposia, in presentations at the annual meeting, and through other educational opportunities, our members share their knowledge freely and eagerly. Recently, Dr. Deep Tewari and Jim Kistler organized a conference call for AAVLD members with the USDA Select Agent Services and Centers for Disease Control regarding recent changes to the Select Agent program that may impact veterinary diagnostic laboratories. Efforts such as this exemplify the spirit of the AAVLD to use our collective knowledge to provide service to our members and stakeholders through education.

Steve Hooser
AAVLD President



SELECT AGENT SERVICES Call with AAVLD

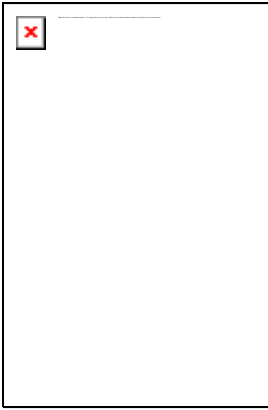
On Friday, January 19th, AAVLD hosted a conference call with AAVLD members joining representatives of the Ag Select Agent Services program and the CDC Select Agent Services program to discuss issues relating to validation requirements for inactivation of select agent samples.

During the 2017 Annual Meeting, a discussion regarding a March 2017 requirement applying validation requirements to veterinary diagnostic labs generated a great deal of conversation and some concerns. AAVLD followed up with Ag and CDC agencies to provide clarification of the requirements.

The clarification of most interest to AAVLD members was whether the requirements applied to historical samples utilized for reference purposes. Ag and CDC representatives stated unequivocally that the requirements did not apply to any samples obtained prior to March of 2017.

For a full summary of the call, please click on the following link:

[SUMMARY](#)



2018 AAVLD / USAHA Government Relations Conference

The 2018 Government Relations Conference (GRC) in Washington, DC. will be here before you know it. The conference is tentatively scheduled for March 12-15, 2018.

As leaders with pertinent subject matter expertise, your participation in the development of focal points for the GRC meeting is critical to ensure that agenda items are subjected to thoughtful analysis and receive timely follow-up action when warranted. Space and time are limited, and the intent is to prioritize the time with the respective stakeholders based on your feedback.

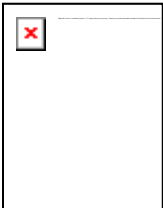
Historically, we have met with the following agencies/organizations: APHIS-VS, ARS, NIFA, FSIS, FDA-CVM, NAHLN/NVSL, DHS, Animal Agriculture Coalition, AVMA and AAVMC. This list is not set in stone, and if your feedback suggests that other partners should be included in discussions, we will make every effort to make that happen.

In order to ensure a successful meeting, we need to hear from you on the following issue:

- Please submit agenda items and names of agencies/individuals with whom the groups should meet while in DC. To the extent that there are emerging issues or hot topics that have developed since the most recent annual meeting, feel free to include these items. This conference offers a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue with some non-traditional partners, so brainstorming outside of the box on those possibilities is encouraged!

We look forward to your agenda item suggestions by January 31st. Thank you in advance for your participation in this process!

Dr. Steve Hooser, AAVLD President
Jim Kistler, AAVLD Executive Director



CALL FOR ARTICLES

Consider submitting articles to the future JVDI focus issue on Diseases of Backyard Poultry!

Topics will include disease investigations, epidemiologic analyses, and regulatory aspects in various geographic locations. All manuscripts will be subjected to the routine JVDI peer review process. Dr. Ash Mete is our guest editor for this issue, planned for January 2019. Feel free to contact Dr. Mete at amete@ucdavis.edu with suggested submissions. Deadline for submission of manuscripts for peer review via JVDI's MSCentral is **July 1, 2018.**"

Sincerely,

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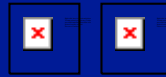
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