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Job Board

Announcements of open positions in the field of veterinary diagnostics by discipline (12 currently)

President's Message



I'd like to thank all of the AAVLD members who responded to the Executive Board survey. "We are listening," appreciate your input, and soon we will post a summary of the survey results on the AAVLD webpage. The Board has a sincere interest in continuing the activities AAVLD members' value and that the organization does well. As AAVLD President, I seek ways to engage the broader membership in the many activities of the organization. The Executive Board and Government Relations committees, as examples, are routinely involved in activities that are important to the future of laboratory medicine. This occurs with a variety of other AAVLD special committee activities. The association leadership should, I expect, offer better executive summaries of activities that are concise and more motivating than Executive Board minutes and Presidential letters.

In the administration of an organization there are bound to be items left unattended, and as one who is entrusted with a temporary role in AAVLD leadership, it is a constant dilemma trying to evaluate which of the activities are truly of highest importance. Clearly where AAVLD invests heavily, e.g. the annual meeting, JVDI, accreditation, NAHLN, etc., the survey demonstrated member appreciation. Where, and perhaps if, AAVLD should go beyond those specific commitments becomes a bit less clear. As an organization we tend to be reactive rather than proactive in some areas; we need to ask ourselves how we should best market our organization, our collective expertise, laboratory accreditation, and the value gained by using accredited labs. [Read more...](#)

What's New on the Web

- [July Executive Board](#) minutes and attachments (39 pages)
- [July Lab Directors](#) –NVSL Conference Call Minutes (August minutes coming soon)
- [Updated 2009 Annual meeting information](#): committee agendas, updated schedule of events, meeting registration link.
- Coming soon: annual meeting scientific session and poster schedule
- [Position statement](#) page: North American Veterinary Medical Education Consortium fact sheet; Letter regarding FDA testimony on antimicrobial use in food animals.

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Approaching deadlines - Meeting Registrations ...

Deadline for Bacteriology case presentation titles – September 1st

Hotel room reservation for room block rates – September 15th

Meeting pre-registration deadline (1/2 price) September 25th

Deadline for symposia registration (separate forms at www.aavld.org):

Announcements

Announcements of upcoming veterinary/animal health meetings

Membership Directory

Find the most current listing of AAVLD members. Check here for members that have joined since the hard copy directory was printed.

Dues Increase...

In 2010, the dues will increase \$10.00 for Full (\$125) and Associate (\$35) memberships. 2010 dues are due by November 1st.

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Accreditation (am)/ Quality Assurance (pm) Symposium on Oct 8, 8am-5pm, fee 15.00 am, 40.00 pm; 55.00 joint session, deadline Sep 30th

Epidemiology Toolbox Workshop on Oct 9, 8-11am, 25.00 deadline Oct 2nd (no epidemiology experience is required)

AAVLD Bacteriology/Mycology committee- Mycoplasma Diagnoses Symposium – October 9, 8am – 12:30pm, 55.00 fee, deadline Oct 2nd

Laboratory Safety Symposium –free of charge- Oct 11, 12:30-5:30pm -be sure to reserve a seat by registering by Oct 2nd

CL Davis Diagnostic Pathology of Exotic Pet animals – October 10, 8am-5:50pm, 125.00 (<http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#99>)

The symposia offer excellent additional continuing education opportunities and we hope folks consider registering for one or more this year.

SAN DIEGO is an excellent vacation location for those that are able to spend a few more days before or after the meeting!

Highlights from Executive Board Minutes - July

July minutes are now available on the members [web site](#)

- Informative reports from CFIA and its provincial partners and NVSL are also available in the appendices to the minutes.
 - Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network – QA CD and web training, syndromic surveillance and more network activities on p10.
 - Canada disease event summaries on LPAI, H1N1, BSE
 - NVSL reports upcoming proficiency test dates (p20-22), expansion of ISO17025 scope of accreditation (p19), National Veterinary stockpile evaluation of diagnostic testing needs in an animal emergency (p17), NAHLN activities including a new group forming to address avian influenza lab exercise recommendations
- Dr. Steve Hooser appointed as AAVLD Liaison for PetNet (FDA Center for Vet Medicine) and actively publicizing AAVLD Toxicology capabilities and capacity.
- New AAVLD members at the annual meeting will have special tags. Please say hello and engage them in AAVLD's many activities.
- **A Culture of Safety for Clinical Laboratories** – the section authors and chapter outlines for this CDC sponsored manual can be found in appendix p30-39
- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) 2009 meeting summary report (p23-25)

2009 Annual Meeting Travel Awards announced...

The following were selected as recipients of the 2009 trainee travel awards:

Zhengchun Lu – University of Kentucky – molecular diagnostics

Danielle Nelson – Washington State University - pathology

Christie Mayo – University of California Davis – epidemiology /virology

Aline Reis – University of Georgia - virology

Ellen Binder – Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine – pathology

Robert Johnson – Purdue University was recipient of the ACVP (AAVLD) award to attend the AAVLD 2009 meeting