

Dr. Blanchard received her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Connecticut, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University, and Doctorate degree in comparative pathology from the University of California-Davis. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. She has worked for the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System since 1987, serving as Adjunct Assistant Professor, Assistant and Associate Professor of Clinical Diagnostic Pathology. She is currently Professor of Clinical Diagnostic Pathology and Branch Chief of the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory at Tulare. Dr. Blanchard has worked tirelessly for the AAVLD and is regarded as the hardest-working member. Judging from the number of nominations received on her behalf, she is definitely the people's choice for this award. Dr. Blanchard served as President of AAVLD in 2002 and has co chair in the Laboratory Emergency Management subcommittee and co-chair in the USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Emergency Management (CAEM). She is also a member of the Laboratory Director's Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Publications Committee, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and Foundation Committee. Her sustained devotion and commitment to the AAVLD's goals and mission through the years are unmatched. She has been Editor of the Association's newsletter for seven years and served on the Newsletter editorial board for seven years before becoming editor. Her meticulous devotion to detail and many friendly reminders to committee chairs and officers to provide her with material in a timely fashion result in an outstanding product for Association members. Our newsletter is simply the best and most informative of any professional organization. Dr. Blanchard's role in planning our annual scientific conferences since 2001 has been critical to their success. Each year, her attention to detail, copious notes on what makes our annual meeting run smoothly, and total understanding of what is necessary to meet the needs of committee chairs, scientific session moderators, and others have provided the foundation for an outstanding conference. At the national level, Dr. Blanchard has represented the Association in numerous critical leadership roles. She has been very instrumental in elevating the stature of AAVLD and has worked hard to strengthen our partnerships with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), United State Animal Health Association (USAHA), Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), and the new Department of Homeland Security. Through her liaison efforts with the Association of Public Health Laboratories, she has been outspoken in her belief that AAVLD laboratories should and must play an expanded role in protecting human health through the early detection of zoonotic diseases. She played an essential role in developing the initial concept for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) and co-authored the NAHLN Concept Paper. She has worked with CDC's Laboratory Response Network to establish criteria for veterinary diagnostic laboratory involvement and has represented the AAVLD in emergency planning at the federal level through the National Animal Health Emergency Management Steering Committee (currently the joint USAHA/AAVLD CAEM), USDA, and Homeland Security—most recently in the development of the Animal

Emergency Support Targeted Capabilities. In all of her many activities, Dr. Blanchard has always represented AAVLD with a high level of energy, commitment, and professionalism. For all of her outstanding contributions, hard work, and devotion to the AAVLD and the discipline of diagnostic laboratory medicine, it is a great pleasure for the AAVLD to present to her the 2012 Life Time Member Award.