

AAVLD Hires New Executive Director

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) is pleased to announce the hiring of Jim Kistler as the association's new Executive Director. Jim Kistler joins the association later this month and brings with him nearly 20 years of experience in association management. Jim is originally from Missouri and has been engaged with association management in multiple states and on a national level.

Jim will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the AAVLD, and will provide operational oversight and direction in the use of financial, human and technology resources to achieve the association's strategic goals.

"Jim brings to AAVLD outstanding skills and a proven track record in association management. He also has professional experience with the health care industry and an educational background in biological and agricultural sciences. Jim is an excellent fit for AAVLD," stated Dr. Tim Baszler, President of the AAVLD.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri with a degree in Biology. He has continued his professional and educational pursuits by graduating from the Institute of Organizational Management - a professional education program for non-profit excellence operated by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Jim also has attained the designation of "Certified Association Executive" or CAE - the highest level of certification granted by the American Society of Association Executives. In his professional endeavors prior to joining the non-profit world, Jim has experience working in a laboratory setting with the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Please join us in welcoming our new Executive Director, Jim Kistler. AAVLD and USAHA members will all have the opportunity to meet him at this year's AAVLD/USAHA Annual Meeting in Greensboro, NC, October 18-24.