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### News Briefs From The Annual Meeting !



#### AAVLD Installs New President!

Dr. Tom Baldwin was installed as President for 2015-2016 at the Annual Meeting last month. Dr. Baldwin is a veterinary pathologist at Utah State University and serves as the Director of the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.



#### AAVLD Installs New President-Elect!

Dr. Patrick Halbur was installed as AAVLD's 2015-2016 President-Elect during the House of Delegates meeting on Monday, Oct. 26th. Dr. Halbur is Professor and Chair of the Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine program at Iowa State University. Dr. Halbur also serves as the Executive Director of the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Dr. Halbur will serve as the AAVLD Program Chair for the 2016 meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina.

## Executive Board

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### Dr. Saliki Awarded the E.P. Pope Memorial Award

Dr. Jeremiah T. Saliki was awarded the AAVLD E.P. Pope Memorial Award during Presidents Dinner ceremony on October 25th. Dr. Saliki is a Professor of Infectious Diseases, and Director of the University of Georgia Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Athens, Georgia. Dr. Saliki also served for 11 years as editor-in-chief of the AAVLD Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation.

The AAVLD E.P. Pope Award is bestowed upon an individual who has made noteworthy contributions to the AAVLD and the field of veterinary diagnostic laboratory medicine.



### Dr. Powers Awarded the Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Barbara E. Powers was announced as the winner of the AAVLD Distinguished Service award during the the Presidents Dinner ceremony on October 25th.

Dr. Powers is director of CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories since 1996. She is a long time member of AAVLD, having served in elected leadership from 2004-2007. She was also chair of AAVLD foundation committee from 2002 until 2006 and initiated the foundation auction along with Dr O'toole.

Dr. Powers helped form and has been co-chair of the Joint AAVLD/USAHA Committee on the National Animal Health Laboratory Network since 2008. She has also been active in the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, being president of that Association in 2003-2004 and currently serving as the Chair of the Commission on Advocacy and Outreach.

The AAVLD Distinguished Service Award is bestowed upon an individual who has generously volunteered their time, energy, and

professionalism to substantially enrich and advance AAVLD and the field of diagnostic veterinary medicine.



Dr. Carol Maddox Receives Biomic Inc. Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Veterinary Microbiology

Dr. Carol Maddox of the University of Illinois was awarded the Biomic Inc. Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Veterinary Microbiology. This award is presented to a distinguished scientist for research accomplishments in the field of Diagnostic Bacteriology that result in new scientific findings that have application for the betterment of veterinary medicine.



Dr. Paul Gibbs Awarded Pioneers in Virology Award

Dr. Paul Gibbs of the University of Florida was awarded the Pioneers in Virology Award at this year's meeting. This award is presented an individual who has made major contributions in a career of diagnostic virology

For more information on these awards, please visit the AAVLD website at [www.aavld.org](http://www.aavld.org)

Committee activity, reports and other news from the Annual Meeting will be available in the December Newsletter.

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**Annual Meeting Survey - Tell Us What You Think**

AAVLD is always looking for ways to keep the annual meeting relevant to diagnostic veterinary medicine and appreciates suggestions to improve the meeting and topics. Please take just a few minutes to complete our survey about your experience at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Providence RI.

The meeting survey can be found at:

[2015 Annual Meeting Survey](#)

Thank you for your support of AAVLD and the Annual Meeting!

## Friends Of The Labs Needs Your Support

### NAHLN Funding Not Sufficient

There is urgent need for funding to keep our advocacy to Congress robust so that we can get the NAHLN funded properly.

Our ultimate goal is \$30 M and ALL labs (and USDA and NIFA) will benefit if we can make this happen...we will have to continue to do this in steps and will start with a \$15 million authorization in the Farm Bill and build on that.

Attached is the [donation form](#). Note it is TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Thoughts from Craig Carter, AAVLD past president, as he summarizes the need eloquently.

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Why I feel the AAVLD should continue stay fully committed to this effort:

1. Assuring a healthy, functioning NAHLN is directly within the mission and goals of the AAVLD, "Advocate for the role of veterinary diagnostic laboratories in global health."
2. If we hadn't acted to restore the line item, there is a chance we would not have a functioning NAHLN today. How would this have impacted the response to the recent HPAI outbreak. I believe that this response will go down in history as one of the best planned and coordinated animal health outbreak responses ever. Look how much we learned in Minnesota, Iowa and

beyond. The NAHLN is functionally stronger than ever. Imagine what we will be able to do once it is fully funded.

3. I truly believe that in the wake of this HPAI outbreak, the probability of getting the NAHLN fully funded is greater than it ever has. If we weaken our resolve now, we will risk losing out on that opportunity.

4. Our NAHLN is the envy of the world--the AAVLD needs to do everything in its power to support, grow and sustain it. If the AAVLD doesn't do this, who will?

5. I sincerely believe that our membership is proud that the AAVLD laboratories comprise the NAHLN and want our leadership to do everything possible to assure the strength of this network in anticipation of future outbreaks, some of which could dwarf the HPAI outbreak in scope.

To summarize, I propose and strongly encourage the AAVLD Executive Board to stay the course in this important effort. Let's renew our commitment toward the goal of a fully functional NAHLN for the benefit of animal agriculture and society in general through a healthy, wholesome and affordable food supply. I am confident that we can find the resources to get this done if we all put our heads together.

Thanks for listening and thanks for everything y'all do for the AAVLD, animal agriculture, public health and beyond--I am so proud to be a part of this association.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig

CRAIG N. CARTER, DVM PhD DACVPM DSNAP  
Director and Professor,  
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

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I would only add that from starting at NIFA NAHLN funds being zeroed out and Congress not knowing who we are... to our current level of funding at around \$10 to \$12 M (NIFA AND USDA) and authorization for \$15 in the Farm bill, our progress has been substantial, thanks to the efforts of Brad Mollet and Capital

Counsel and all of you who have been on the Hill and/or written letters

PLEASE DONATE !

Barb Powers

AAVLD Government Relations Committee

## AAVLD Presentation and Travel Awards

The following AAVLD members were given Presentation or Travel Awards for their work presented during the Annual Meeting:

- Dr. Carrol W. Maddox - Biomic Inc. Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Veterinary Microbiology
- Dr. Paul Gibbs, BVSc, PhD, FRCVS - Pioneers in Virology Award
- Dr. Courtney Smith - Richard L. Walker Bacteriology Award
- Dr. Nandita Mirajkar - J. Lindsay Oaks Bacteriology Award
- Dr. Jennifer Dill - Best Oral Presentation for Resident/Graduate Students
- Dr. Shubhada Krishna Chothe - Best Poster Presentation for Resident / Graduate Students
- Dr. Jenny Pope - AAVLD / ACVP Travel Award
- Drs. Colin J. Bell, Paul Blackburn, Mark Elliott, Tony I.A.P. Patterson, Sean Ellison, Angela Lahuerta-Marin and Hywel J. Ball - Best JVDI Brief Communication
- Drs. Fang Fang, Julie M. Collins-Emerson, Cord Heuer, Fraser I. Hill, David J. Tisdall, Peter R. Wilson and Jackie Benschop - Best JVDI Full Manuscript
- Dr. Qi Chen, Iowa State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Jenny Pope, University of Tennessee - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Lorelei Clarke, Univ. of Georgia - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Erica Noland, Michigan State University - Trainee Travel Award
- Shahan Azeem, Iowa State University - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Nandita Mirajkar, University of Minnesota - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Jennifer Dill, University of Georgia - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Elizabeth Elsmo, University of Georgia - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Courtney Smith, Texas A&M University - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Boying Liang, University of Kentucky-Lexington - Trainee Travel Award

- Dr. Shubhada Krishna Chothe, Pennsylvania State University - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Camila Abrei, Federal University of Lavras - Trainee Travel Award
- Susan L. Martin, University of Missouri - Staff Travel Award
- Marc D. Schwabenlander, University of Minnesota - Staff Travel Award
- Emily Collin, Kansas State University - Staff Travel Award
- Laura Leger, University of Nebraska - Staff Travel Award
- Eric W. Lee, Cornell University - Staff Travel Award
- Daniel Alonzo Corrales, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory - Staff Travel Award

### AAVLD Foundation Helps Veterinary Students Attend AAVLD Annual Meeting

Once again in 2015 the AAVLD Foundation provided the opportunity for a number of veterinary students to attend the Annual Meeting. In partnership with USAHA, the Foundation provided funding for 16 veterinary students to attend.

The AAVLD Foundation spent more than \$33,000 this year in awards to allow graduate and resident students, laboratory staff and veterinary students to experience the AAVLD Annual Meeting.

The veterinary students in attendance were:

- Alexa McCourt, Cornell University
- Ann Carpenter, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Aubrey Lambach, University of California-Davis
- Ben Litwack, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Caitlin Cossaboom, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Conor Blanchet, Colorado State University
- Daniel Muelhaupt, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Ellen Lapuck, University of Pennsylvania
- Isabel Jimenez, Cornell University
- Kimberly Conway, University of California-Davis
- Kyle Johnson, Mississippi State University
- Rosalie Lerardi, University of Illinois
- Samantha Lawton, University of California-Davis
- Sydney Stein, University of Missouri
- Vacques Hines, Purdue University
- Elizabeth Goldsmith, Colorado State University

### AAVLD House of Delegate Approves New Member Categories

Following recommendations from the AAVLD Membership Committee, the AAVLD Executive Board and the House of Delegates approved two new categories of membership.

**Institutional / Agency membership** is designed for state and national institutions or organizations such as colleges, departments or laboratories, and government agencies to get people who have not been individual members involved in AAVLD and experience the benefits AAVLD provides to the profession and stakeholders served.

Fees are based on lab size.

- Labs with less than 50 faculty and staff: \$500
- Labs with 50-100 faculty and staff: \$1000
- Labs with greater than 100 faculty and staff: \$1500

Restrictions applying to this membership category are:

- - Those enrolled in this membership category cannot have been an individual AAVLD member for the last 2 years.
  - The maximum time diagnosticians/faculty can be enrolled through this membership category is 2 years.
  - Those individuals and institutions or organizations or agencies represented do not have voting rights in AAVLD
  - Do not have the right to hold office, chair a committee or serve in the House of Delegates

Benefits of this membership category are:

- Electronic access to JVDI
- Reduced registration fees to attend the annual meeting
- Access to newsletter and listserv
- Electronic access to membership directory
- Access to recorded webinars
- Access to "best practice videos of laboratory techniques"
- Representation in national and international animal health policy development

**Affiliated or Allied Industry Membership** is designed for allied industries, private and commercial laboratories (i.e. IDEXX, VMRD, Phoenix)

- Fee: \$2500 for up to 10 individuals



Restrictions applying to this membership category are:

- - Those individuals and institutions or organizations or agencies represented do not have voting rights in AAVLD
  - Do not have the right to hold office, chair a committee or serve in the House of Delegates

Benefits of this membership category are:

- - Listed as Affiliated or Allied Members in JVDI and AAVLD website
  - Electronic access to JVDI
  - Reduced registration fees to attend the annual meeting
  - Access to newsletter and listserv
  - Electronic access to membership directory
  - Access to recorded webinars
  - Access to "best practice videos of laboratory techniques"
  - Representation in national and international animal health policy development

A link to the new member form containing these new membership options can be found at

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Sincerely,

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