



**Thank you for making the 59th Annual Conference a success! With more than 1,100 attending, we hope you built meaningful connections, reconnected with old friends and learned from our sessions.**



## **AAVLD President's Message**

*November 2016*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this great organization as your President. It is an honor and a responsibility I take seriously. Thanks to the work of a lot of people our annual meeting was a great success. I imagine many of you are already utilizing knowledge gained and relationships made during the AAVLD committee meetings and scientific sessions to improve the success of your labs and advance your careers. You can access the proceedings at <http://www.aavld.org/annual-meeting-page>. Our relationship with USAHA in

putting on this meeting continues to be a win-win that allows our members to better understand the interaction of diagnostic medicine and policy in advancing and assuring animal health in the U.S. is the best in the world. I encourage you to take the time to scan the resolutions that came out of the committee process at <http://www.usaha.org/Portals/6/Resolutions/2016/2016%20Resolutions%20All.pdf>. Many of these are highly relevant to diagnostic medicine.

The one thing that I believe is most important for sustained success of diagnostic medicine is innovation. There is no better place for innovation to thrive than in a VDL. We do our work on the front lines of animal health. The strength of AAVLD is the remarkable level of talent and spirit of innovation our members bring with them to work every day across diverse areas of diagnostic medicine handling a caseload that provides rich opportunities for impacting animal health, teaching, and conducting research where we find gaps in our knowledge. AAVLD needs to continuously work to create opportunities to build productive relationships among our

members to leverage their talents and foster the spirit of innovation in diagnostic medicine. This will include assuring there is balance in our accreditation process so that our labs can continue to innovate and grow while sustaining high quality standards.

In the coming year we need to stabilize the financial status of AAVLD so we can continue to best serve our members. We have a plan to get this done. During this critical time of transition in leadership in Washington, D.C. and development of a new Farm Bill, we also need to stay committed to growing funding for the NAHLN through our government relations and lobbying efforts.

Thank you for being a member of AAVLD. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

*Patrick Halbur*  
AAVLD President

## 2016 AAVLD Awards

During the 2016 Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC, excellence and innovation were on open display. With more than 150 abstracts presented and a stellar lineup of some of the profession's most influential scientists appearing in plenary sessions, the 59th Annual Conference was the appropriate forum to recognize the following award winners:

**E.P. Pope Award**

John M. Adaska, DVM, MPVM, PhD, DACVP

**Distinguished Service Award**

Donald H. Lein, DVM, PhD

**AAVLD Life Membership**

William H. Fales, MSc, PhD

**Bio-Mic Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Microbiology**

Durda Slavic, DVM, MSc, PhD

**Pioneers in Virology Award**

Paul Gibbs, BVSc, PhD, FRCVS

**Richard L. Walker Bacteriology Award**

Tessa LeCuyer

**J. Lindsay Oaks Bacteriology Award**

Noah Hull

**Best Oral Presentation**

Nanny Wenzlow

**Best Poster**

Elizabeth R. Houston

**Best Presentation Staff Award**

Niesa Kettler

**Best Full JVDI Manuscript**

*Jaing, Crystal J.; Thissen, James B.; Gardner, Shea N.; McLoughlin, Kevin S.; Hullinger, Pam J.; Monday, Nicholas A.; Niederwerder, Megan C.; Rowland, Raymond R. R.*

Application of a pathogen microarray for the analysis of viruses and bacteria in clinical diagnostic samples from pigs; JVDI 2015;27:313-325

**Best JVDI Brief Communication**

*Allender, Matthew C.; Bunick, David; Dzhaman, Elena; Burrus, Lucienne; Maddox, Carol*

Development and use of a real-time polymerase chain reaction assay for the detection of *Ophidiomyces ophiodiicola* in snakes; JVDI 2015;27:217-220

**AAVLD / USAHA / CPCVM Veterinary Student Travel Awards**

Marta Zlotnick, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Mitch Caudill, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Andy Xin, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Kimberly Conway, UC Davis

Mina Shibata, University of Illinois CVM

Sophie Leone, Colorado State University

Eliana Greissworth, Michigan State University

Marjorie Gurganus, North Carolina State University

Michelle Albin, University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Kristen Conniff-Rafalko, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

Patricia Crystal, University of Pennsylvania

Vincent Tavella, Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Christine C. Casey, University of Georgia

Katherine Franc, University of Georgia

Catharine Cowan, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Ashley Patterson, WSU

Veronica Pickens, Ontario Veterinary College

Emily Knebel, University of Pennsylvania

**AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards**

Franco Matias Ferreyra, Iowa State

Shubhada Chothe, PADDLS

Noah Hull, University of Wyoming

Jaimie Strickland, Michigan University

Nanny Wenzlow, Florida State University

Tessa LeCuyer, Washington State University

Erica Noland, Michigan State University

Arya Sobhakumari, University of California- Davis

Laila Akhter, Bangladesh (Student)

Jessica Rodriguez, Texas A&M University, College Station

Mathew Abraham, University of Georgia

Colleen Monahan, Michigan State University

**AAVLD Staff Travel Awards:**

Kyriakos Deriziotis, Cornell University

Robert Bowden, Florida State University

Niesa Kettler, Michigan State University  
Kevin Lin, Iowa State University  
Eric Lee, Cornell University  
Feng (Julie) Sun, TVMDL

**AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Resident/Graduate Student Award**  
Nanny Wenzlow

**ACVP/AAVLD Diagnostic Pathology Resident/Graduate Student Award**  
Katherine Barnes

## 2016 Leadership Team

### **PRESIDENT - Dr. Pat Halbur**



Dr. Halbur previously served as the NorthCentral Regional Executive Board Representative. Dr. Halbur currently serves as Chair of the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine and as Executive Director of the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. Dr. Halbur co-owned a food animal focused private practice in Iowa for 5 years before returning to ISU to earn MS and PhD degrees in veterinary pathology. He served as a diagnostic and research pathologist in the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ISU VDL) for 15 years before entering administration.

His areas of expertise include food animal production medicine, pathology and microbiology. Dr. Halbur was recognized by Iowa State University for Achievements in Intellectual Property and for Departmental Leadership. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Dr. Halbur is an Honorary Iowa Master Pork Producer, was awarded the Howard Dunne Memorial Award by the AASV, and has received the Zoetis Research Excellence Award. Dr. Halbur has served as President of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT - Dr. Steve Hooser**



Dr. Hooser was elected Vice President of AAVLD for 2016, and will serve as President-Elect of AAVLD in 2017. Dr. Hooser received his DVM from the University of Illinois in 1982. Following a brief stint in a small animal practice in central Illinois, he returned to the University of Illinois for graduate studies and residency training in Toxicology. He was awarded an M.S. in Toxicology (1986), a PhD in pathology (1989) and became a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology in 1989. This was followed by post-doctoral studies in hepatotoxicology at the University of Arizona (1989 to 1993) and in reproductive toxicology at TNO Food and Nutrition Research in The Netherlands (1993-1994).

In 1994, he began his diagnostic career at Purdue University as the Head of the Toxicology Section in the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Pathobiology (CPB). Currently, he is the Director of the ADDL, a Professor of Toxicology in CPB, and teaches Large Animal Toxicology in the junior year of the DVM curriculum.

## **VICE PRESIDENT - Dr. Keith Bailey**



Dr. Keith Bailey is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. He is a board-certified veterinary anatomic pathologist and actively participates in the instruction of veterinary students and training of pathology residents at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

Dr. Bailey earned DVM (1992) and PhD (1996) degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Upon completion of graduate training, he served as pathologist and Director of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission laboratory in Springdale, AR (1996-1997), followed by diagnostic pathologist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1997-2003). Dr. Bailey served as a comparative pathologist at Pfizer (2003-2006) and Amgen (2006-2010) before returning to his diagnostic roots in Oklahoma. Dr. Bailey has been a member of AAVLD since 1992 and currently serves on the pathology committee.

## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Dr. Tom Baldwin**



Dr. Baldwin has served as Vice President, President-Elect and President of AAVLD. In 2017, Dr. Baldwin will continue his service as Immediate Past President, which includes serving on the AAVLD Executive Board and Executive Committee.

Dr. Baldwin is Director of the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UVDL) at Utah State University (USU). Dr. Baldwin earned a BS degree in Veterinary Science from Washington State University in 1985, DVM from Washington State University in 1988, and PhD in Veterinary Science (Pathology) from Louisiana State University in 1992.

Dr. Baldwin has served on the Coordinating Council for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) and as co-chair for the Aquaculture Committee of AAVLD.

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER - Dr. Kristy Pabilonia**



Dr. Pabilonia was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for AAVLD for 2016. Dr. Pabilonia's first term as Secretary-Treasurer will continue through 2018.

Dr. Pabilonia is an Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology at Colorado State University (CSU). She completed a Microbiology Residency and earned her PhD at Colorado State University.

Dr. Pabilonia is the Coordinator of the Colorado Avian Disease Surveillance Program and Associate Director of the CSU National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.

## **REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVE - Dr. Eric Burrough**



Dr. Eric Burrough was elected to serve as the representative to the AAVLD Executive Board from Region 3 (North Central U.S.). Dr. Burrough earned his DVM (1997) and PhD (2011) degrees from Iowa State University.

Dr. Burrough is a diagnostic pathologist and Section Leader of Bacteriology at the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine and He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in anatomic pathology and actively participates in diagnostic casework and education of veterinary and graduate students.

Dr. Burrough has served as chair of the AAVLD Enteric Disease Committee and is a member of the AAVLD Pathology Committee. He is currently serving on the ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Focused Scientific Committee and is a member of the editorial board for the journal Veterinary Pathology.

## **REGION 4 REPRESENTATIVE - Dr. Amy Swinford**



Dr. Amy Swinford, DVM, MS, was elected to serve as the representative to the AAVLD Executive Board from Region 4 (South Central U.S). Dr. Swinford is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and also obtained her M.S. degree there in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology.

Amy Swinford is a board-certified microbiologist in the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists. For the past 11 years, Dr. Swinford has been employed with the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL). Hired as section head of the diagnostic bacteriology/mycology lab, she later served as the microbiology branch chief, and currently serves as the associate director of TVMDL. Dr. Swinford has been active in AAVLD

throughout her career, serving on the Bacteriology/Mycology Sub-committee, Membership Committee, and the Accreditation Committee.

## **Epic Auction Success!**

**What a night! The auction offered an evening of great food, fun and fellowship. It was a lively evening with great entertainment and awesome items up for auction ... and all for a great cause!**

More than 40 unique and exciting items were donated for the Foundation Auction. The 350 people in attendance were treated to raffles, audience participation games and a live auction that raised more than \$14,000 benefiting the AAVLD Foundation's efforts to promote diagnostic medicine as a profession to future leaders.

The Foundation efforts enabled 36 graduates, residents and staff to attend this year's meetings. For a full listing of those sponsored, please see the awards article above for the lists of AAVLD / USAHA / CPCVM Travel Awards, AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards and AAVLD Staff Awards



## In Case You Missed It

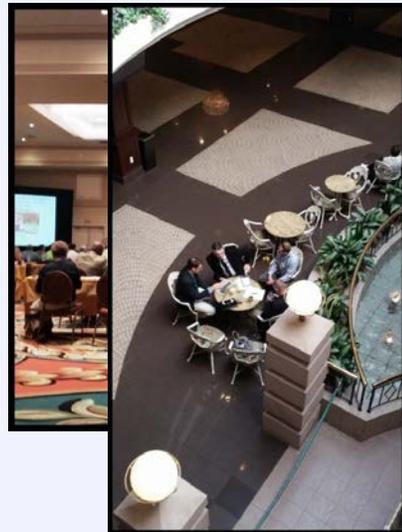
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Exhibits



Networking

Great food



Entertaining  
Auctioneers

