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President's Message - Tim Baszler



It is a great privilege and honor for me to serve as President of AAVLD. My North Dakota roots taught me that serving others is a worthy and essential endeavor in life (how else could a people survive those long Dakota winters!). I will do my best to serve our great organization and appreciate the trust you have placed in me. Participating in various AAVLD activities and committees over the years has taught me that we truly are an organization of disparate and sometimes contentious state/provincial and federal diagnosticians, all impassioned about animal and public health, who have learned that coming together, keeping together and working together is far more effective (and satisfying) than going about our business alone. I look forward to working together with all of you over the next year to accomplish some of our strategic goals.

Click here to read more in the President's message about:

-Annual meeting

-Accomplishments of 2011

-Future efforts:

- AAVLD Executive director funding and recruitment
- Strengthening federal funding for the NAHLN
- Increasing outreach to veterinary diagnostic laboratory technicians
- AAVLD Administrative support staff changes

What's New on the Web (colored text below are hot links)

- **September Executive board minutes** include a 9 page NVSL report attachment with a number of NVSL activities, upcoming check tests and surveillance activities.
- House of delegates **1st** and **2nd**. Note 2nd HOD meeting includes text and outcome of 10 resolutions voted on by AAVLD.
- AAVLD and Joint USAHA/AAVLD Committee reports **click here**
- Just a reminder AAVLD, is looking for **news items of interest** to our members to post on a short term basis on our home page. Send items to the **secretary-treasurer@aaavl.org** or contact or web editor Dave Steffen (**dsteffen@unlnotes.unl.edu**).

AAVLD 2011 Awardees

Dr. Barb Powers is the 2011 recipient of the organization's highest honor the E.P. Pope award - read about her in the January issue of JVDI.

Other awards announced at the 2011 annual meeting are posted on the **web page** and include Drs. Clyde Kirkbride, William Fales, Fred Scott, Skip Carmichael and Torsten Seuberlick.

Awards were also presented to the following trainee/graduate students Drs. Leslie Bower, Nubia Macedo, Elisa Salas, Kristen Bass, and Federico Giannitti.

Trainee travel awardees (11) were Drs. Karan Agrawal, Barbara Brito, Maria Clavijo, Federico Giannitti, Valerie Johnson, Jennifer Lamoureux, Nubia Macedo, Chika Okafor, Guillermo Rimoldi, Artem Rogovskyy and Barbara Szonyi.

CPCVM travel funds sponsored by AAVLD were awarded to 6 veterinary students Elle Glueckert, Greta Krasfur, Kathleen O'Hara, Elise Ackley, Linda Huang and Mee-La Lee.

AAVLD Foundation Foundation Donors

Make a tax-deductible donation to the AAVLD Foundation and find out about upcoming events.

Job Board

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

Meeting 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.

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Memorial

AAVLD members were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Clyde Kirkbride, 87, on September 15, 2011 in South Dakota. He is the 2011 Distinguished service awardee and is best and most widely known among diagnosticians as the editor of the widely used manual "Laboratory Diagnosis of Abortion in Food Animals". Dr. Kirkbride was informed of his selection as our 2011 awardee before his death and was very pleased to hear of this honor. For his obituary [click here](#).

JVDI Enhancements with Sage Publishing

Our transition to Sage publishing is complete and this change has brought some welcome enhancements that our members may not be aware of yet.

- Color images can be included in articles free of charge for the on-line version when the black and white image is used for the print copy.
- If you submit a microscope slide for scanning, the scanned image will be linked to the on-line publications and members can view the whole slide.
- Supplemental materials such as PCR validation data or other material can be linked and available to readers of the on-line publication to answer all the gnawing questions that we don't have room to add to every article.

For information on how to submit and use these features contact the JVDI editor's office at editorial@jvdi.org.

JVDI is always in need of **reviewers** for manuscripts so please update your JVDI site on your areas of interest or write to editorial@jvdi.org to sign up as a reviewer.

JVDI also has a target of 1 **review article**/issue and we have not hit this goal yet, so make this the year we accomplish it. Please consider writing a review article. If you have ideas on articles, contact Dr. Jerry Saliki (editor@jvdi.org).

2012 Annual Meeting in Greensboro N.C. in October

It is time to begin planning for presentations and posters at our 2012 meeting.

In 2012 we want to make a strong effort among our membership to get the word out about the Foundation supported AAVLD annual meeting awards for trainees including 10 or more \$1000.00 travel awards, best trainee presentations and posters for all inclusive, microbiology, molecular technology and pathology(AAVLD/ACVP) categories.

Signing up for consideration of one or more of these AAVLD awards must be done at the time of abstract submission. Some, like the travel and AAVLD/ACVP, awards require additional material to be submitted by the trainee at the time of abstract posting while others just require they check off a box (best presentations and posters). An abstract deadline has not yet been set but will most likely be in May.

Your contributions to the AAVLD Foundation help us fund these awards that encourage the future generation of diagnosticians to attend our meeting.

AAVLD Administrative changes in secretary-treasurer office

Vanessa Garrison that fountain of cheer and enthusiasm has resigned her position to return to school and pursue a degree in nursing. We will miss her and wish her all the best. We want to welcome Reda Ozuna, the new hire in this position. Reda will be based in Tulare, CA and information on a new phone number, fax and address will be forthcoming soon. You can always reach her by email at the secretary-treasurer@aavld.org.

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