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### [AAVLD Call For Papers for 2013 Annual Meeting](#)

**CALL FOR PAPERS !**  
**56th Annual AAVLD Meeting, October 17 - 23, 2013**  
**Town and Country Resort and Convention Center**  
**San Diego, California**

**DEADLINE** for Abstracts: June 1, 2013

Get your abstracts in early!

Papers and posters are solicited on laboratory procedures, techniques, and research that apply to the activities of veterinary laboratory diagnosticians. Papers and posters from all diagnostic laboratory disciplines and animal species are needed for a well-balanced program. Investigative case reports are appropriate and encouraged.

The AAVLD is also soliciting applications for the following AAVLD Awards:

AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards for the 2013 Annual AAVLD Meeting in San Diego, CA. Trainees in a Master's, PhD or residency program enrolled in all disciplines in veterinary diagnostic medicine are encouraged to apply, including epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology.

The \$1,500 travel awards are intended to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to attend the Annual AAVLD meeting. The Trainee Travel Awards are funded by the AAVLD Foundation, and are intended to fulfill the recruitment and education mission of the AAVLD Foundation by encouraging trainee excellence in their diagnostic discipline, developing trainee presentation skills (verbal, written, organizational), and promoting networking of trainees with veterinary laboratory diagnosticians. This year, funds are available for up to 10 travel awards.

AAVLD Graduate Student Presentations Awards (oral and poster presentations) - The AAVLD encourages trainees in all disciplines of veterinary diagnostic medicine to apply. Veterinary diagnostic disciplines include epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology. The purpose of the awards is to encourage trainee excellence in their diagnostic discipline and to develop trainee presentation skills (verbal, written, organizational).

Two awards will be selected and given during the 2013 AAVLD Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, one for best oral presentation and one for best poster presentation. The recipient of each award will receive a \$500 cash prize. The AAVLD Awards Committee will select the awardees and awardees will be announced during the joint AAVLD/USAHA President's Reception and Dinner during the annual meeting.

AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Award for Residents/Graduate Students - The AAVLD and the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) encourage trainees in

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veterinary pathology to participate in the annual meetings of both organizations. The AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Award for Residents/Graduate Students will be presented to graduate students and/or veterinary pathology residents for the best oral presentation in the field of veterinary pathology at the annual AAVLD meeting in San Diego, CA. The purpose of the award is to support travel of the award winner to the next annual ACVP meeting to present the award-winning presentation at the ACVP meeting. Please visit <http://www.aavld.org/mc/page.do> for AAVLD meeting details.

- The awardee will receive \$1,000 from the AAVLD pathology committee to help defray travel and lodging costs associated with attending the ACVP annual meeting of the following year. The award winner must present the award-winning presentation at the ACVP meeting of the following year in order to receive the award. The award will be given to award winner following submission of the abstract to the ACVP meeting.
- The recipient will also be granted a waiver for the ACVP meeting registration fee.

All submission and award information is available on the [aavld2013.abstractcentral.com](http://aavld2013.abstractcentral.com) site. Please click on the link to the site

[aavld2013.abstractcentral.com](http://aavld2013.abstractcentral.com)

and follow the instructions. You may also access this information on the AAVLD website at [www.aavld.org/annual-meeting](http://www.aavld.org/annual-meeting) and click the "Awards Page" tab.

Jim Kistler, IOM, CAE  
Executive Director

## AAVLD Call For Cases

### **ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR CASES FOR AAVLD DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY SLIDE SEMINAR**

***AAVLD Annual Meeting Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar  
Saturday, October 19, 2013, San Diego, California, 3:30-6:00 pm  
Submission Deadline: July 1, 2013***

Anatomic and clinical pathologists are invited to submit cases for the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar at the 2013 AAVLD meeting. Necropsy, surgical pathology, or cytology cases that are challenging or emerging disease entities are solicited. Graduate students and residents are encouraged to present.

Presentations are 5 minutes in length, with another 3 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Dr. Marcia Ilha by July 1, 2013. Cases are reviewed as submitted; case submission will close early if presentation slots (16) are filled.

Style and format: Only one page per abstract please. Please use one inch margins, Times New Roman 11 pt font, center and bold title, center authors (full first name and last name) and affiliations below the title, bold presenter's name. Examples are available via the 2010-2012 slide sessions abstracts posted on the annual meeting page.

Presenters of accepted abstracts must supply a set of 65 H&E glass slides for necropsy and surgical pathology cases. Cytology cases should consist of as many glass slides as are available and if less than 65 slides then a series of high quality digital images that are representative of the case. The slide materials should be submitted to Dr. Tim Cushing by September 1, 2013 to allow for distribution and review of slides by attendees before the meeting. Presenters are entitled to a set of slides at no charge. Sponsoring laboratories of presenters are also entitled to a set of slides. The additional slide sets will be available, on a first come-first serve basis, for a \$50 donation to the Pathology travel fund of the AAVLD Foundation. A few slide sets from 2010, 2011, and 2012 conferences are still available for purchase. Please contact Dr. Marcia Ilha if you are interested.

To reduce the chances of delays or file incompatibility, presenters will need to provide in advance (at least one hour before the beginning of the session) the Power Point file of the presentation as indicated in the Annual Meeting web page for oral presentations. A flash drive will be available at the AAVLD meeting front desk. Indicate that your presentation is for the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar. Please label your file with the case number (to be provided when your case is accepted) followed by your last and first names (e.g., 8 SMITH Joe). Sending the Power Point files by email several days in advance to the moderators is also acceptable.

### **Conference coordinators**

#### **Send abstracts to:**

Dr. Marcia Ilha, University of Georgia  
Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic & Investigational Laboratory

43 Brighton Rd. Tifton, GA 31793;  
e-mail: milha@uga.edu  
phone (229) 386-3340.

**Send slides for accepted abstracts to:**

Dr. Tim Cushing  
Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center  
500 Clemson Rd, Columbia SC, 29229 (FedEx or UPS) or PO BOX 102406,  
Columbia, SC 29224-2406 (USPS only);  
e-mail: cushin2@clemson.edu  
phone: (803)726-7827.

## White House Budget Office Responds To Concerns About NBAF

By Laura Ziegler  
KCUR.org

Supporters believe funding the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility is critical to protecting our nation's food supply. Detractors in Congress have asked the President not to fund it next year.

A senior official from the President's Office of Management and Budget told two Congressmen he would be mindful of their concerns regarding the cost and safety of the proposed National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in considering how much to allocate for NBAF in the President's Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

OMB Deputy Director of Management Jeffrey Zients told Congressmen Tim Bishop and Joe Courtney that the administration was forced to evaluate the proposal for a new large-animal disease lab in the context of current budget constraints.

"We are working within the tight caps on discretionary spending now in place and continuing to seek savings throughout the budget," Zients said. He also said he appreciated being directed to two National Research Council reports that address the necessity and security of the NBAF.

Congressmen Bishop and Courtney wrote OMB in the fall, requesting the President deny funding for the Department of Homeland Security's proposed NBAF in the 2014 budget. If that happens, it would be the second year in a row that the White House requested zero funding for the DHS project.

In their letter, Bishop and Courtney argued it was imprudent to fund NBAF given the current fiscal crisis in Washington.

"We hope you agree that the administration cannot justify spending nearly \$1 billion, more than double the initial budget of \$451 million," the Congressmen wrote, "to create a massive research facility that would duplicate many functions currently performed by existing facilities."

Zients told the Congressmen that, given the financial situation in Washington D.C., the Administration will focus on "economic growth, job creation and a strong middle class."

The list does not mention the risk of emerging animal diseases to the U.S. food supply, which the NBAF addresses.

Congressmen Bishop has long been a critic of the NBAF, but the joint letter reflects growing skepticism about the project in Congress. The question is whether the detractors' influence is offset by the passionate commitment of Kansas' delegation and others to see the NBAF project to fruition.

## NVSL Customer Service FAQ

At NVSL, Customer Service is very important to us. We are continually looking for ways to improve our customer service and increase communication with our customers. We have added a new feature on our laboratory test reports entitled [Help Us Help You](#) as an additional communication tool.

In this section, you will find helpful tips for submitting samples to NVSL. Please follow the link to our full FAQ for more information.

[NVSL FAQ](#)

## Contagious Equine Metritis Cases In California Different From All Other Cases In U.S.

In February 2013, the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed that a Lusitano mare in south-central California was positive for *Taylorella equigenitalis*, the bacterium that causes

contagious equine metritis (CEM). The NVSL also determined that the strain of the bacterium does not match any *T. equigenitalis* strains ever found in the United States, indicating this case is not related to any previous U.S. cases of CEM.

In addition to the positive Lusitano mare, two exposed stallions and one exposed mare have now been found positive for *T. equigenitalis* at the NVSL. All are under quarantine in California and will complete established treatment and testing protocols.

A thorough epidemiologic and diagnostic investigation of these cases is underway. The positive Lusitano mare was imported as a foal from a country not known to be affected by CEM. All her recent breeding has been to a Lusitano stallion in California. That stallion was imported as an adult from the same country as the positive mare, and he is one of the two exposed stallions found positive with a strain of *T. equigenitalis* that matches the strain from the positive mare. The second positive stallion is a domestic Lipizzan that had semen collected at the same facility as the positive Lusitano stallion in 2012. The second positive mare is a domestic cross-bred Andalusian. She had been bred by artificial insemination to the positive Lusitano and is now pregnant.

In addition to the 4 positive horses, 10 stallions are currently known to have been exposed to one or more of the positive horses. Nine of the exposed stallions are in California and one is in another State. Each exposed horse identified in the investigation will complete a testing and treatment protocol to determine its CEM status.

### Three Day Biocontainment Basics and Zoonotic Disease Training course in May 2013

The Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases (CEEZAD), in conjunction with the Biosecurity Research Institute, is offering a three day Biocontainment Basics and Zoonotic Disease Training course May 21-23, 2013 in Manhattan, Kansas. The target audience is veterinary diagnostic laboratory staff and individuals receiving laboratory specimens. Registration for the training is free, but limited to the first 20 registrants.

**Course Goal:** This course is designed to provide participants with the awareness and basic biosafety skills needed to protect laboratory staff from accidental disease infection and contamination of the work environment.

**Learner Objectives:** By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate biosafety and biocontainment skills needed to protect themselves and their environment from the accidental spread of disease causing agents.
- Select, don, and discard personal protective equipment in a manner which reduces the risk of accidental exposure to dangerous microorganisms.
- Demonstrate skills necessary to mitigate the risk of contracting disease while handling specimen shipments.
- Demonstrate skills necessary to safely and securely operate in a biosafety cabinet.
- Recognize characteristics and threats associated with new and emerging animal and zoonotic diseases.

**Course Description:** The Biocontainment Basics and Zoonotic Disease Training course contains a combination of classroom and hands-on activities designed for laboratory and specimen-receiving staff operating in BSL-2 and BSL-3 facilities. The course introduces participants to biosafety and biocontainment practices, the use of personal protective equipment, and biosafety cabinets. Additionally, the course reviews a number of viral and bacterial zoonotic diseases which currently are considered endemic to the United States or are potential future exotic diseases.

Please visit the website listed below for registration information.

[Biocontainment Seminar](#)

### ANNOUNCING PUBLIC MEETINGS - Veterinary Oversight of Antimicrobial Use in Livestock

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration  
Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1046

Veterinary Oversight of Antimicrobial Use in Livestock: Impact on Stakeholders; Public Meetings; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing plans for five meetings to provide an opportunity for public dialogue and feedback on challenges faced by the animal agriculture industry and practicing veterinarians as FDA implements its initiative for the judicious use of medically important

antimicrobials in medicated feed or drinking water of food-producing animals. Particular emphasis will be placed on challenges faced by animal producers in areas that may lack access to adequate veterinary services. The meetings are jointly sponsored by FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

### **Dates, Times, and Locations**

April 9, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Western Kentucky University-Carroll Knicely Conference Center (Auditorium rm. 138), 2355 Nashville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101; 270-745-1908; FAX: 270-745-1911; <http://www.wku.edu/>.

April 23, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Evergreen State College (Library 4300), 2700 Evergreen Pkwy. NW., Olympia WA 98505; 360-867-6192 or 6000; <http://www.evergreen.edu/home.htm>.

May 8, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Natural Resource Research Center, USDA Animal and Plant Health & Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, Centers for Epidemiology & Animal Health, 2150 Centre Ave. (Building B, Gray's Peak Conference Rooms A & B), Fort Collins, CO 80526-8117; 970-494-7200; FAX: 970-472-2668; [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/about\\_aphis/programs\\_offices/veterinary\\_services/ceah.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/about_aphis/programs_offices/veterinary_services/ceah.shtml).

May 21, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center (Amphitheater II), 920 West Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD 57501; 605-224-6877; FAX: 605-224-1042; <http://pierre.bwramkota.com/>.

June 4, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Texas A&M University (Memorial Student Center, rm. 2406A), Joe Routh Boulevard and Houston Street, College Station, TX 77840; 979-845-8904; FAX: 979-845-2519; <http://www.tamu.edu/>.

***Oral Presentations:*** Interested persons may make oral presentations on the topic of the discussion of the meeting. Oral presentations from the public during the open public comment period will be scheduled approximately:

April 9, 2013, from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the meeting in Bowling Green, KY;

April 23, 2013, from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the meeting in Olympia, WA;  
May 8, 2013, from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the meeting in Fort Collins, CO;

May 21, 2013, from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the meeting in Pierre, SD;  
and

June 4, 2013, from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the meeting in College Station, TX.

Although prior notification is not required, it is recommended that those desiring to make oral presentations notify the contact person before the meeting. In an effort to accommodate all who desire to speak, time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Registration is not required for these meetings; however, early arrival is recommended because seating may be limited. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact FDA (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) at least 7 days in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Arnwine, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-6), Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855; 240-276-9724; FAX: 240-276-9101, [patricia.arnwine@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:patricia.arnwine@fda.hhs.gov).

For More Detail: [Full Text](#)

### **Watch Out! - The 2013 AAVLD Annual Conference Will Be in San Diego**

The 2013 AAVLD Annual Conference and Scientific Symposia will be October 17-23, 2013. The meeting will be in San Diego CA:

**Town and Country Hotel  
500 Hotel Circle North  
San Diego, CA. 92108**

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Sincerely,

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