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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting

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57th Annual AAVLD Meeting

October 16 - 21, 2014

Crown Center Sheraton Hotel

and Convention Center

Kansas City, MO

Note: NEW this year laboratory staff are encouraged to apply for 3 AAVLD Foundation STAFF TRAVEL AWARDS! Trainees are also encouraged to apply for up to 12 Student Trainee Travel Awards.

The AAVLD is soliciting applications for the following AAVLD Awards:

AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards: 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

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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 12 travel awards.

AAVLD Laboratory Staff Travel Awards: Veterinary diagnostic laboratory staff in any discipline 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 AAVLD Annual Meeting. The Laboratory Staff Travel Awards are funded by the AAVLD Foundation and are new for 2014. Laboratory staff travel to the AAVLD Annual Meeting is intended to encourage laboratory staff excellence in their diagnostic discipline, promote networking of veterinary laboratorians, and encourage participation in AAVLD committees. This year, funds are available for up to 3 laboratory staff 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 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO, 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 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 Kansas City, MO. 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 aavld2014.abstractcentral.com site. Please click on the link to the site

aavld2014.abstractcentral.com

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

Deadline for Abstract Submission: June 1, 2014

Thank you for considering submitting an abstract for presentation of your work at the 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting. The quality of your presentations in the Scientific Oral and Poster Sessions, according to the recent member survey, is the single most important reason for attending the AAVLD Annual Meeting. Submit your abstracts EARLY!

Jim Kistler
Executive Director

***Thomson Reuters ScholarOne** is the official AAVLD provider of online abstract submission and management services. To submit an abstract, login to the AAVLD 2014 Abstract Submission Site with your User ID and Password e-mailed to you by ScholarOne Abstracts (current AAVLD member, previous submitters). For non-members and if you did not receive an email from ScholarOne containing your User ID and Password, follow the instructions on the website for creating a new account. After login, follow the online instructions to submit your abstract.*

***Publication in the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI), the official journal of the AAVLD:** We encourage submission of manuscripts to the JVDI based on your oral and poster presentations at the annual meeting. Manuscripts accepted by the JVDI editor after scientific peer-review*

will be published as refereed journal articles. Guidelines for format and style of manuscripts are published in the journal and on the AAVLD website (www.aavld.org). Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the editor for processing prior to the meeting if possible.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR CASES: AAVLD Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar

**AAVLD 57th Annual Meeting Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar
October 16-22 2014, Kansas City, Missouri
Submission Deadline: July 1, 2014**

Anatomic and clinical pathologists are invited to submit cases for the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar at the 2014 AAVLD meeting. Necropsy, surgical pathology, or cytology cases that presented a diagnostic challenge or represent an emerging disease entity are solicited. Graduate students and residents are encouraged to present.

Presentations are 5 minutes in length, with another 4 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Dr Tim Cushing by July 1, 2014. 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. Previous year's abstracts are available on the AAVLD annual meeting page for use as an example.

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. Case materials should be submitted to Dr. Rob Bildfell by September 1, 2014 to allow for distribution and review of slides by attendees before the meeting.

Presenters and their sponsoring laboratory will receive a set of slides at no charge. 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 2011, 2012 and 2013 conferences are still available for purchase. Please contact Dr. Rob Bildfell if you are interested.

Conference coordinators:

Send abstracts to:

Dr. Tim Cushing, Clemson University Veterinary Diagnostic Center;
e-mail tlcushing@gmail.com;
phone (803) 726-7827.

Send slides for accepted abstracts to:

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e-mail: Rob.Bildfell@oregonstate.edu;
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AAVLD Foundation Paves The Way for Future Diagnosticians

As you make plans to attend the 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO please consider making a donation to the AAVLD Foundation.

The AAVLD Foundation exists to promote recruitment, education and retention of the next generation of veterinary diagnosticians and to reward excellence in veterinary diagnostic medicine. Donations such as yours will be used to enhance veterinary diagnostic medicine through graduate student scholarships, awards and similar programs established by the Foundation Board of Trustees.

This year, the Foundation will pay travel expenses for forty (40) or more students and trainees to further their education and promote veterinary diagnostics as a career path.

How can you help? Please consider supporting the Foundation by any or all of the following:

- When registering for the 2014 Annual Meeting, take advantage of the easy to use check off box to make a cash donation.
- Attend and purchase any of the special items auctioned off during the Friday night Foundation Dinner Auction.
- Donate items to be auctioned off at the Friday night Foundation Dinner Auction.
- Visit the AAVLD webpage and click on the Foundation link for an easy way to make a cash donation at any time of the year.

Thank you for your support of the AAVLD Foundation and we look forward to seeing you in Kansas City!

AAVLD Announces Appointment of New Editors to JVDI Editorial Team

Appointment of New JVDI Editors

AAVLD is pleased to announce the appointment of two new editors for the JVDI: Dr. Grant Maxie will serve as editor-in-chief effective November 1, 2014; Dr. Kyoung-Jin Yoon will serve as Editor (effective 4/1/2014) alongside Drs. Pat Blackall and Francisco Uzal.

Dr. Grant Maxie

Dr. Maxie received his DVM from the University of Saskatchewan in 1969. After an internship in small animal medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College, he undertook a PhD in clinical pathology at OVC under the supervision of Dr. Ted Valli, receiving his PhD in 1973. From 1974 to 1977, he worked as a clinical pathologist in a trypanosomiasis and theileriosis R&D project in Kenya. Returning to Canada, he took up an assistant professorship in anatomic pathology at the OVC, teaching cardiovascular and urinary pathology and becoming a tenured associate professor in 1980. In 1982, he left OVC to join the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food as a veterinary anatomic pathologist. In 1984, he sat and successfully completed the board certification examination in anatomic pathology of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

From 1994 to 1997, Dr. Maxie was the Laboratory Head of the Guelph Laboratory, Veterinary Laboratory Services, and when VLBSB was transferred to the University of Guelph on April 1, 1997, was named the director of the Animal Health Laboratory (AHL) in the Laboratory Services Division. In 2007 he added the duties of co-executive director, Lab Services.

Throughout Dr. Maxie's career, he has been very active in various provincial, national, and international associations, including councilor on the College of Veterinarians of Ontario, editor in chief of the Canadian Veterinary Journal, president of the Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network; president of AAVLD. He has also served on various AAVLD boards and committees, including the Executive Board, Pathology Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and was a long-time member of the Accreditation Committee.

While maintaining a career as a pathologist and laboratory director, Dr. Maxie has authored or coauthored over 50 peer-reviewed publications and several book chapters. After contributing to the third and fourth editions of Jubb, Kennedy, and Palmer's Pathology of Domestic Animals, he became editor of the fifth edition and is currently editing the sixth edition.

Dr. Maxie's wealth of editorial and diagnostic laboratory experience make him uniquely qualified to take over from Dr. Saliki as editor-

in-chief of AAVLD's flagship journal. Please, join us in welcoming Dr. Maxie aboard the JVDI train.

Dr. Kyoung-Jin Yoon

Dr. Yoon received his DVM and MS in Veterinary Preventive Medicine from Seoul National University in 1985 and 1987, respectively. After military service and research scientist experience, he enrolled in the PhD program at Iowa State University (ISU), where he worked on "Mystery Swine Disease" then (now known as PRRS). He gained excellent diagnostic medicine experience in solving the etiology this emerging disease, in addition to conducting basic and applied research. Upon completion of his PhD in 1995, Dr. Yoon became an assistant professor of veterinary microbiology at the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine and served Head of Virology Section at ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Since then, he became a tenured associate professor in 2001 and full professor in 2005, while continuing to head the Virology and Molecular Microbiology Section as diagnostic and research virologist. In 2000, he became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists.

During last 20 years, Dr. Yoon has made new discoveries and substantial research contributions to numerous emerging viral diseases, particularly in swine, resulting in over 120 refereed publications, 2 book/monograph editing, 19 book chapters, and 6 US patents. He has also been very active in various scientific and professional organizations at regional, national and international levels. He was one of the pioneering members of the NAHLN Methods Technical Working and has served on various AAVLD committees, including Program Committee, Virology Committee, and Serology Committee. He also has served as Section Leader of Viral Pathogenesis for the Conference of Research Workers on Animal Diseases. He has been frequently invited to serve on organizing and/or scientific committees of international conferences or congresses and also has been a keynote speaker at several international symposia.

In addition to maintaining a career as a diagnostician and an academician, Dr. Yoon has gathered enormous journal editorial experience over the years. He has served on editorial boards of 10 different journals and as an ad hoc reviewer for many other scientific journals. In the JVDI, he has served as an Associate Editor since 2003. In 2012 he became an Academic Editor for PLoS One and more recently he joined the BMC Veterinary Research editorial board as Co-Head Section Editor for Viral and Prion diseases.

Dr. Yoon's long experience in diagnostics and editing will serve him very well in JVDI. He will be responsible for most virology

manuscripts, while assisting in other fields as the workload demands.
Dr. Yoon, welcome aboard the JVDI train.

AAVLD Executive Board
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Dr. Jerry Saliki, Acting JVDI Editor-in-Chief

Missouri Veterinary School Receives Donation

Couple donates \$2.5 million to MU Vet School

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\$2.5 million dollar donation has been pledged to the University of Missouri's Veterinary School



(AP) -- COLUMBIA, Mo.-- A St. Louis couple has pledged a \$2.5 million donation to the University of Missouri's veterinary school.

Gary Savill and his wife Barbara Stampfli-Savill own Silver Wraith Choppers, a custom motorcycle business in Ballwin. Neither has a previous connection to the university or its College of Veterinary Medicine.

The university says the gift will be used to create an endowment to provide partial scholarships for veterinary students. Scholarship recipients will be required to perform at least 120 hours of animal-related community and volunteer service annually.

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Sincerely,

Jim Kistler

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