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From the Executive Director's desk- Jim Kistler

AAVLD has been on a fast track over the last few months – from hiring an Executive Director to hosting a very successful annual meeting and scientific conference. In my new role as Executive Director, this time has flown by.

AAVLD is planning an aggressive transformation to better serve you. We have already begun evaluating the effectiveness of our website. A survey has been sent to all members seeking input regarding website functions that are beneficial and others that may be obsolete. Responses to the survey will be collected through the close of business on Wednesday, November 21. If you have not responded but would like to do so, the survey can be accessed by [click here](#)

Another new item implemented this year was a free QA Symposium immediately preceding the AAVLD Annual Meeting. In year's past, the symposiums were accompanied by an additional fee. Your AAVLD leadership believes in delivering member value for your dues investment and this free symposium was a part of that effort. The effort was a success as registration for this event nearly tripled. To view the QA Symposium documents [Click here](#)

AAVLD has now established a presence on Facebook. Member news items and items of public interest can now be accessed by 'Liking' AAVLD on Facebook. You can [Click here](#) then click the "Like" button.

Another member benefit is your AAVLD voice in Washington D.C. AAVLD hired a lobbyist to work on behalf of members the nation's capital. This effort resulted in continued funding for the NAHLN laboratory network in 2012. We are working to increase and stabilize that funding for future years.

As the transformation begins, AAVLD will be exploring ways to further enhance member benefits by considering:

- Using social media to support member-to-member networking
- Establishing online discussion forums with information archiving
- Creating user friendly calendars of events
- Improving member search capabilities
- Promoting animal health diagnostics to future members, the public and government officials

Please do not hesitate to contact the AAVLD office with suggestions / comments.

Jim Kistler
Executive Director

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

- **Annual meeting [proceedings](#) and diagnostic pathology slide seminar abstracts are now posted on [annual meeting website](#).**
- To purchase a 2012 slide set fill out and submit the form that can be found on the annual meetings page- [Payment form](#). 2011 sets are also available. Each set is 50.00.
- Coming soon –Executive board minutes, House of Delegate minutes and committee minutes.

CDC Human and Animal
Lab safety document

CAST

**Kirkbride's Diagnosis of
Abortion and Neonatal
Loss in Animals** 4th edition

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 (19 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
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directory was printed.*

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Election returns - Who's New on Executive board?

Dr. Francois Elvinger, Elected as the new Vice President of AAVLD.

As you know our officers move forward in rank each year:

Dr. Thomas McKenna-President

Dr. Catherine Barr, President- Elect and Program chair

Dr. Tim Baszler, Immediate Past President.

Dr. John Adaska, Re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Executive board regional representative election results:

Dr. Jerry Heidel- Re-elected Northwest regional representative

Dr. Hana Van Campen – Newly elected as Southwest representative.

Dr. Estele Cornaglia- Re-elected Canadian provincial

representative. [http://data.memberclicks.com/site/aavld/Craig Carter - AAVLD
President's Newsletter Apr 2 2011.pdf](http://data.memberclicks.com/site/aavld/Craig Carter - AAVLD President's Newsletter Apr 2 2011.pdf)

AAVLD Foundation Awards

The **AAVLD Foundation** provided the following Best Presentation, poster and JVDI awards this year at the annual meeting:

Best Graduate Student Oral Presentation Award— Christa Goodell, ISU, for her paper entitled *Influenza A Virus Isolation from Oral Fluid and Nasal Swabs in IAV Inoculated Pigs*.

Best Graduate Student Poster Award—Stephanie Ostrowski, CAHFS UCD, for her poster entitled *Idiopathic generalized soft tissue mineralization in an Appaloosa filly*.

J. Lindsay Oaks Best Student Molecular Biology Oral Presentation-Poster Award— Christa Goodell, ISU, for her paper entitled *Influenza A Virus Isolation from Oral Fluid and Nasal Swabs in IAV Inoculated Pigs*.

Richard Walker Best Student Bacteriology Oral Presentation-Poster Award— Fabbio Vannucci, U of MN, for his paper *Species Specificity and molecular Typing of Porcine and Equine Lawsonia intracellularis Isolates*.

Best JVDI Manuscript in 2011— Dr. Roxann S. Brooks (UC Davis), et al for her paper entitled *Quantitative duplex TaqMan real-time polymerase chain reaction for the assessment of the etiologic agent of epizootic bovine abortion*. Nov 2011

Best JVDI Brief Communication in 2011— Dr. David A, Bemis (U of TN), et al for his paper entitled *Isolation of a Variant Porphyromonas Sp. from Polymicrobial Infections in Central Bearded Dragons (Pogona Vitticeps)*. Jan 2011

The 9 AAVLD trainee travel awardees are published in the September's issue.

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Other Awards presented at the annual meeting

E.P. Pope award – Dr. Grant Maxie, Guelph, Canada. This award is presented to an individual who has made noteworthy contributions to the AAVLD and the field of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Medicine.

Distinguished service award – Dr. Donal O'Toole, U WY. This award honors those members who have generously volunteered their time, energy, and professionalism to substantially enrich and advance AAVLD and the field of diagnostic veterinary medicine.

AAVLD/ACVP best pathology presentation award – Brian Butler, Cornell U, for his paper entitled *Canine colorectal polyps and progression to malignancy: A retrospective study of 100 canine colorectal epithelial polypoid tumors (1997 – 2012)*.

Thermo-Scientific Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Microbiology-- Dr. Mike Donahue, University of Kentucky.

Pioneers in Virology - Dr. Bruce W. Calnek, Steffen Professor Emeritus of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University

AAVLD Life Membership—Dr. Pat Blanchard. Life Membership is bestowed on a few AAVLD members who have made outstanding contributions to Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Medicine or to the Association.

What's here now and coming soon?

At the 2013 meeting in San Diego, the Pathology committee is planning to sponsor two **gross pathology mock exams** for trainees preparing for the ACVP board examination. These mock exams will take place Saturday evening.

The **immunohistochemistry ring test** this year (2012) on influenza will be sent soon from NVSL to participating laboratories. The Pathology committee voted to have an immunohistochemistry ring test for West Nile virus in 2013.

The **NAHLN QMS training modules**, coordinated by Pat Lukens, are interactive quality assurance training modules which are now available on the Washington State University web site at <http://online.wsu.edu/courses/qms/>. Users will need to have a Google e-mail account (gmail) in order to register and log in to these free training modules.

Exhibitors and Sponsors - Thank you!

We would like to thank all our exhibitors at AAVLD this year and particularly our Diamond and Platinum Sponsors!

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Platinum Sponsors



AAVLD Foundation auction and News for 2013

The AAVLD Foundation raised ~\$12,000 at the annual auction this year, the highest level since the event began. Foundation funds are used for travel awards for graduate students and trainees, as well as, veterinary students considering a future in diagnostic and regulatory veterinary medicine. This year the Foundation will be developing the guidelines for veterinary student externship stipends.

The Foundation committee also voted to raise the travel award to 1500.00 from the current 1000.00 beginning in 2013.

We need your help!

AAVLD really needs the help of our members to get the word out so deserving trainees are aware they can apply for a number of awards. The trainee travel application process requires them to post a short letter detailing their contribution to a first author abstract for an AAVLD poster or presentation and its significance to diagnostic medicine, a brief (1-2 page) biographical data sheet and a letter from their mentor. All these items are posted at the time they post their abstracts for the annual meeting. In addition, they should check off all awards they wish to be considered for including poster and presentation awards. The Foundation strongly encourages all AAVLD members to inform graduate students and residents of this opportunity to have most or all of their AAVLD annual meeting travel funded through this competitive travel award program.