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AAVLD Installs New President!

Dr. Francois Elvinger was installed as AAVLD's 2014-2015 President during the House of Delegates meeting on Monday, Oct. 20th. Dr. Elvinger is Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology, Director of the Public Health Program, and Head of the Department of Population Health Sciences in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.



AAVLD Installs New President-Elect!

Dr. Tom Baldwin was installed as President-Elect for 2014-2015 at the Annual Meeting last month. Dr. Baldwin is a veterinary pathologist at Utah State University and serves as the Director of the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Executive Board

Francois Elvinger,
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AVMA Ex-Officio



AAVLD Installs New Vice President!

Dr. Patrick Halbur was installed as AAVLD's 2014-2015 Vice President during the House of Delegates meeting on Monday, Oct. 20th. Dr. Halbur is Professor and Chair of the Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine program at Iowa State University. Dr. Halbur also serves as the Executive Director of the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.



Dr. Tim Baszler Awarded the E.P. Pope Memorial Award

Dr. Tim Baszler was awarded the AAVLD E.P. Pope Memorial Award during Presidents Dinner ceremony on October 19th. Dr. Baszler is a Professor of Pathology and Infectious Diseases, and Director of the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Washington State University.

The AAVLD E.P. Pope Award is bestowed upon an individual who has made noteworthy contributions to the AAVLD and the field of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Medicine.



Dr. Herbert Van Kruiningen Awarded the Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Herbert J. Van Kruiningen was announced as the winner of the AAVLD Distinguished Service award during the the Presidents Dinner ceremony on October 19th. Dr. Van Kruiningen is a faculty member of the University of Connecticut where he has served as Head of the Department of Pathobiology and Veterinary Science in addition to his service at the Université de Lille, in Lille, France; the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine; and the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University.

The AAVLD Distinguished Service Award is bestowed upon an individual who has generously volunteered their time, energy, and professionalism to substantially enrich and advance AAVLD and the field of diagnostic veterinary medicine.



Dr. Jerry Saliki Awarded Life Membership In AAVLD

Dr. Jerry Saliki was nominated for Life Membership which was approved by the AAVLD House of Delegates on October 18th.

For more information on these awards, please visit the AAVLD website at www.aavld.org

Committee activity, reports and other news from the Annual Meeting will be available in the December Newsletter.

Annual Meeting Survey - Tell Us What You Think

AAVLD is always looking for ways to keep the annual meeting relevant to diagnostic veterinary medicine and appreciates suggestions to improve the meeting and topics. Please take just a few minutes to complete our survey about your experience at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

The meeting survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHDPDKK>

Thank you for your support of AAVLD and the Annual Meeting!

AAVLD Presentation and Travel Awards

The following AAVLD members were given Presentation or Travel Awards for their work presented during the Annual Meeting:

- Dr. Ching Ching Wu, DVM, PhD, - Biomic Inc. Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Veterinary Microbiology
- Dr. P. Suzanne Carman, DVM, Dipl. SmAnMed, PhD, - Pioneers in Virology Award
- Dr. Jamie Rothenburger - Richard L. Walker Bacteriology Award
- Pragathi B. Shridhar - J. Lindsay Oaks Bacteriology Award

- Dr. Claire Miller - Best Oral Presentation for Resident/Graduate Students
- Tuddow Thaiwong - Best Poster Presentation for Resident / Graduate Students
- Dr. Lorelei Clarke, DVM - AAVLD / ACVP Travel Award
- Dr. Lesley A. Stringer - Best JVDI Brief Communication
- Dr. Murray J. Hazlett - Best JVDI Full Manuscript
- Dr. Heather Herd, DVM; Oklahoma State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Tessa LeCuyer, DVM; Washington State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Lorelei Clarke, DVM; Univ. of Georgia - Trainee Travel Award
- Karan Agrawal, Univ. of California-Davis - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Federico Giannitti, DVM; Univ. of California-Davis - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Yuekun Lang, DVM; Kansas State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Claire Miller, DVM; Washington State Univ. / N. Dakota State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Kelly Ray, DVM; Purdue Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Jamie Rothenburger, DVM; Univ. of Saskatchewan - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Kanako Sakaguchi, DVM; Louisiana State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Dahai Shao, DVM, PhD; Iowa State Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Dr. Shankar Thangamani, DVM; Purdue Univ. - Trainee Travel Award
- Charlene Teitzel, Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory - Staff Travel Award
- Dwayne Schrunk, Iowa State Univ. - Staff Travel Award
- Karen Sverlow, Univ. of California - Davis - Staff Travel Award
- Kristin M. Lenoir, MPH; Oklahoma State Univ. - Staff Travel Award
- Dr. Leyi Wang, DVM, PhD; Ohio Dept. of Agriculture - Staff Travel Award
- Dr. Mary Mengel, Purdue Univ. - Staff Travel Award

AAVLD Foundation Helps Veterinary Students Attend AAVLD Annual Meeting

Once again in 2014 the AAVLD Foundation provided the opportunity for a number of veterinary students to attend the Annual Meeting. In partnership with USAHA, the Foundation provided funding for 12 veterinary students to attend.

The AAVLD Foundation spent more than \$30,000 this year in travel awards to allow graduate and resident students, laboratory staff and veterinary students to experience the AAVLD Annual Meeting.

The veterinary students in attendance were:

- Natalie Blackmer Urie - Colorado State Univ.
- Devin Von Stade - Univ. of California - Davis
- Meghan Gibas - Colorado State Univ.
- Liz Goldsmith - Colorado State Univ.
- Amanda Craig - Michigan State Univ.
- Jonathan Lebovitz - Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Chloe Stenkamp-Strahm - Colorado State Univ.
- Andy Xin - Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Brittany McCauslin - Colorado State Univ.
- Kirsten Blanchet - Colorado State Univ.
- Jing Li - Kansas State Univ.
- Bo Liu - Kansas State Univ.

NOTICE: APHIS Veterinary Services Seeking Stakeholder Comments by January 16, 2015

APHIS Veterinary Services is seeking stakeholder feedback by January 16, 2015, on the following related documents that address reporting of, and response to, animal diseases.

- The [National List of Reportable Animal Diseases \(NLRAD\)](#) proposes a single, standardized list of reportable animal diseases, outlines who will be responsible for reporting, and describes how diseases are to be reported.
- Veterinary Services developed the [Proposed Framework for Response to Emerging Animal Diseases in the United States](#) as a complement to the NLRAD. The framework will help VS identify and evaluate emerging disease events and define appropriate responses.

These documents may also be found on the APHIS website. We are seeking stakeholder feedback on both documents. Please send your comments by January 16, 2015, to VS.SPRS.Feedback@aphis.usda.gov.

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We value your opinion and contributions. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for articles, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jim Kistler
Executive Director
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians