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President's Message



Planning is well underway for the 51st annual meeting of the AAVLD in Greensboro, NC, and Dr. David Steffen, President-elect, is bringing together some excellent speakers and topics for the AAVLD plenary session and working with Dr. Don Hoenig to also present an exciting AAVLD-USAHA joint plenary session. Pre-meeting symposia on Quality Assurance - Responding to nonconformances, National Animal Health and Laboratory Network (NAHLN) Emergency Response and CL Davis Foundation Gastrointestinal pathology are planned. The Bacteriology Committee also has plans for a special session on Mycology. The scientific abstracts for the meeting are due June 15. Items for the AAVLD Foundation auction are also welcome.

Minutes will follow shortly from the recent Government relations meeting held in Washington DC. As I write this, the executive committee has just returned from Davis California and the quarterly meeting of the NAHLN Steering Committee, where the ongoing challenges of strengthening and expanding funding for the NAHLN were discussed. We have also just concluded our joint teleconference with the USAHA Executive Committee and our monthly Executive Committee teleconference. Planning is proceeding for our one-day strategic planning session at our summer Executive Board meeting in New Orleans. We are planning this as an in-depth facilitated review of our organization, its roles, and its effectiveness, and updating our plan for the future. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,
Grant Maxie, DVM, PhD, Diplomate AVCP

What's New on the Web

- [February Executive Board Minutes](#)
- [December and February Lab Directors Conference Call Minutes](#)
- [Accreditation site visit evaluation form, Informatics committee accreditation IT guidance document and SOP for site audits](#)
- [Annual meeting 2008 information](#)
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AAVLD Travel Awards & AAVLD/ACVP Award...deadline JUNE 7th

AAVLD Foundation sponsors five travel awards for graduate students or residents. In 2008, the award will increase to \$750.00 each. The Foundation also provides matching funds for discipline specific awards if the discipline

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committee raises 375.00 per award. June 7th is the deadline to apply. AAVLD/ACVP co-sponsor a \$1000.00 award plus waived registration fee for an outstanding student platform presentation in pathology. The award funds will offset expenses for the recipient to attend the ACVP meeting. Pathology students must apply by June 7th to be considered for this award.

2008 AAVLD/USAHA Annual Meeting

- 2008 Annual meeting (October 23-28) information is [posted](#).
- Tentative agenda lists meeting times and contains meeting registration rates. USAHA has not yet posted the registration form.
- Hotel room reservations for online registration or call in are posted under hotel information (also in tentative agenda)
- Symposia with separate registration and fees include Quality Assurance –Responding to nonconformances; CL Davis Gastrointestinal pathology; and NAHLN Emergency Response symposium. Topics for each are posted.
- CALL FOR PAPERS – submit abstracts on-line- Deadline June 15th
- The Bacteriology Case presentation titles due September 1st
- Diagnostic pathology slide conference submissions due July 31st

Executive Board Minutes

The executive board minutes include a 6-page NVSL update and a 3-page Canadian Federal report as appendices. Both include excellent information.

- Accreditation committee updated the essential requirements document section on “environment” to address biosecurity, biosafety and containment.
- A workgroup is being established to develop BVDV voluntary proficiency test program similar to Johne’s.
- NVSL is providing a BVDV immunohistochemistry set of unknowns for a voluntary evaluation this spring.
- Several workgroups (3) were established to address issues related to changes in VS memorandum 580.4.
- The NAHLN beta-tested a HPAI laboratory table top exercise at Iowa and Ohio and will be offering the facilitated table top over the next 5 months at laboratories throughout the United States. The game will stay behind for future use by the laboratories after the facilitated session. A summary of the after action reports and lessons learned will be presented at the NAHLN Emergency Response Symposium at the AAVLD annual meeting.
- Canada initiated a working group to establish a National Animal Health Strategy that aims to consolidate and coordinate activities of government, industry and animal health communities on animal health issues.

Trek Award for Outstanding Diagnostic Microbiologist

Nominations deadline July 31st 2008