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## President's Message - Craig Carter



Time flies when you are having fun (even when you aren't)—I can't believe that the first quarter of 2011 is already past us! Regardless, I want you to know that your officers and Executive Board (EB) have been very busy working for the AAVLD membership!

Our Executive Committee (EC) monthly calls continue to be full of good discussion with careful tracking of high priority AAVLD projects. Thanks to our Immediate Past President, Gary Anderson, the full AAVLD Executive Board is now invited to our monthly calls. Not all of the Board members can join every month but it's nice to have them on the call to get their input when they can participate. The AAVLD teleconference is always followed by a Joint call with the USAHA Executive Board to cover issues of common interest. I continue to be impressed with the high level of collegiality, cooperation and synergy between our two Boards.

Please join me in welcoming our new JVDI editor, Dr. Pat Blackall, University of Queensland, Australia. Dr. Blackall brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the table. We know that he will help us to take JVDI to the next level. Many thanks to Jerry Saliki, JVDI editor-in-chief and his staff for conducting the search that led to this outstanding recruitment.

I also want to thank Jerry and his staff, along with our legal counsel, Philip Krause and Dan Ruth of Sage, for their efforts in finalizing a contract with Sage Publishing and in assisting with the transition. Sage is our new partner in publishing the JVDI with our first issue coming out in May, 2011. Jerry tells us that the transition is going very smooth. [Click here to read full text](#)

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

- **2011 Annual meeting** September 29-October 3, Buffalo, NY. All of the following are posted on the 2011 annual meeting page (link above)
  - **Call for abstracts (deadline May 15, 2011)**
  - Trainee Travel award **application (deadline May 15, 2011)**
    - The abstract submission and trainee travel applications are both being done on-line via abstract central this year. Direct link [here](#).
  - Call for the 2011 Diagnostic slide conference (due July 1<sup>st</sup>) **for details**
  - Diagnostic bacteriology case report titles (due Sep 1<sup>st</sup>).
  - AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic pathology best presentation **application** (deadline June 7)
  - **On line room reservation** link click on AAVLD (Adam's Mark is the meeting hotel and Hyatt is nearby regular shuttles between sites registration for both sites is at same link). Note visitors to Canada will require a passport or other approved international identification.
  - **Schedule of events** is now posted
  - **Things to do in Buffalo** go to [www.buffalocvb.com](http://www.buffalocvb.com) site
  - CL Davis will host a **Diagnostic respiratory pathology conference**
  - **AAVLD/NAHLN Quality Assurance** will host a Thursday, Sep 29 day long symposium, ½ or full day registration (deadline Sep 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Cornell U is organizing a visit their new laboratory facilities
- 2011 **February Executive board** now posted
- **AAVLD Lab Directors/NVSL February 18 conference call minutes** includes findings and critical issues from the laboratory FMD table top exercises of 2010, information on changes in Brucella and CWD programs and more.
- **AAVLD strategic plan 2010-2013**: members are encouraged to review and provide comments to committee Chair Grant Maxie or President Craig Carter.

## 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 (14 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 joined since the hard copy directory was printed.*

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**CL Davis symposium** will be another excellent all day Friday training program on **diagnostic respiratory pathology**. This is particularly valuable for trainees and residents but also provides excellent review for longer established pathologists.

AAVLD Accreditation and Quality Assurance committees and the NAHLN are hosting a full day pre-meeting **Quality Assurance symposium** on Thursday. Registration will be available soon for either a full or ½ day session. The morning will be devoted to an in depth review of root cause analysis. The afternoon session will focus on practical approaches and techniques regarding Management Reviews, Complaints and Control Charting. The symposium will be of value to Laboratory Directors, Supervisors, Quality Managers and persons interested in the effective implementation of a Quality System. Registration will cover lunch and materials.

Bacteriology/Mycology and Antimicrobial susceptibility subcommittees are hosting a **mini-symposium** Friday morning (pre-registration required) on **Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus**. The diagnostic bacteriology case presentations have been moved back to Saturday afternoon to accommodate the mini-symposium.

This year the annual meeting will have housing in two hotels; the Hyatt and The Adam's Mark. The Adam's Mark will have the meeting rooms. However, before you all rush to register there, a few items to note is that there will be regular and frequent shuttles between both hotels for our members with larger buses in the heavy use times. The Hyatt is ~15 minute walk for those that like to start the day with a brisk walk while seeing some interesting architecture. The Hyatt fee is \$10.00 less per night but there is a \$10.00/day internet connection while the Adam's Mark includes internet. The Hyatt will have an airport shuttle for a fee as time permits while Adam's Mark does not (group taxi is the best bet since there is no major shuttle provider from the airport). Hyatt has set aside a gathering room (Ellicott) for AAVLD while staying there and it is just a block or two from the theater district and on the route of the free downtown trolley. There are coffee shops and places to get food in both hotels. A nationally ranked Top 5 steak house is located in the Hyatt. There are also coffee and eateries within a block or two of both hotels. Both hotels will have the Convention and Visitors Bureau table set up in the registration area to provide information on shuttle service and things to do and see in the area. There are free tours at noon of City Hall, a prime example of Art Deco architecture. If you have never been to Niagara falls it would be a shame to get so close and miss it so try to plan some time to visit the falls by tour group or drive. The Niagara state park on the US side has lots to see and do and there are casinos and great views on the Canadian side as well. The Adam's Mark is only a couple blocks from a maritime museum if you want to tour a retired submarine, destroyer or cruiser. September/October is a beautiful time of year in Buffalo.

## AAVLD News

- **Nominees for 2012 AAVLD Vice President** and the Northeast and Southeast regional representative positions are open. Please suggestions to Dr. Gary Anderson
- **Committee reports:** go to members only **Committees** tab. At the top of the page is the list of chairs and email contact and at the bottom are the reports. The reports are hot linked to a table of contents. A few reports have been added since January and 3 are still pending.

- The Bacteriology committee/subcommittees have completed and posted on the members only Accreditation files tab the following document:

### **BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR A BACTERIOLOGY/MYCOLOGY QUALITY SYSTEM FOR AAVLD-ACCREDITED VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABS**

This documents is intended to provide guidance for a program framework and outline the core elements that should be included in a Quality System for diagnostic bacteriology and mycology laboratories

- **Pathology slides sets** from the 2010 AAVLD diagnostic slide seminar are still available for \$50.00 for the complete set of ~30 slides to match posted abstracts. Contact Dr. Jeff Hayes at [jhayes@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:jhayes@agri.ohio.gov). All income is used to fund pathology trainee travel awards.

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### AAVLD Web page getting a new look

Vanessa Garrison in the secretary treasurer's office has been working with the Publications committee to give the AAVLD website a new look and make it easier to find information using fewer major tabs but more popups. The revised site should be up in a few weeks but please send suggestions and ideas to [secretary-treasurer@aavld.org](mailto:secretary-treasurer@aavld.org)

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### In Memory of Larry G. Morehouse

We are deeply saddened to inform AAVLD membership that **Dr. Larry G. Morehouse** of Missouri, a past President, six year secretary/treasurer and EP Pope awardee of AAVLD and the first director of the University of Missouri veterinary diagnostic laboratory, a position he held for 19 years, passed away on March 2, 2011. A link to his obituary is above and can also be found under News: In remembrance on the AAVLD website.