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AAVLD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our journal is going electronic

I don't know about you, but I no longer have time to go to my institution's libraries. Actually, that's not quite true. On wet Saturdays, when I have only 10 undone things rather than the usual >30, I sometimes give myself permission to

cruise the library stacks and see what I've missed during the past 6 - 12 months. But for the most part, if I can't get it from my computer at home or in my office, the journal is unread. Time was, cruising the stacks for an afternoon was regarded as part of the job of being an academic or a diagnostician. No longer.

For the past few years the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI) has been primarily available as a hard copy. It is available electronically, but only sort of. Members of AAVLD can go to the website and access the portable document format versions (pdf) of each issue, and download what they need from <http://www.aavld.org/aavld-3/jvdi.jsp>. But this is a time-consuming, funky process. The searchable features that exist with online ASM and ACVP journals are lacking. This was one of Dr. Saliki's two major goals when he agreed to take on responsibility as editor for the journal. One is in place, the use of on-line reviewing of submitted manuscripts, since it cuts down time-to-publication.

In advance of its February 2006 meeting, the Executive requested that Dr. Saliki submit a proposal for getting the journal published on-line. Dr. Saliki submitted two proposals: a cheaper one, in which the journal would be available to subscribers as a pdf format only (similar to JAVMA), or a higher cost proposal in which the journal would be available in both HTML and pdf format (similar to Veterinary Pathology, ASM journals and New England Journal of Medicine). The costs of the latter would be \$27,000 for one-time development (including \$2,000 to load back issues), and \$19,800 in recurring annual costs.

We decided to go with the BMW, not the Ford. It has several advantages. Searchability is better, HTML documents open faster than pdf, figures and tables can be seen in expanded versions, and citations can be hotlinked to PubMed abstracts and full-text articles when available. The web publisher will be HighWire Press. This initiative will go a long way towards enhancing JVDI's visibility, the frequency with which good articles are cited, and attractiveness to potential advertisers.

Our electronic publisher, HighWire, is a division of the Stanford University's library system. It produces the online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed including Science, JAMA, PNAS and NEJM. Some 73 of the 200 most

frequently cited science journals are put out by HighWire. It has progressive policies about encouraging free access to back issues (6 months to 2 years and older; <http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freeart.dtl>), as well as free access for readers in underdeveloped/post-colonial/occupied countries. Not least of all, it is the most effective counterweight to predatory private publishers like Elsevier, which are largely responsible for the 8 - 12% annual 'inflation' rate of scientific journals that continue to bleed academic libraries and cause recurrent serial cancellations. As a former head of my institution's library council when we had to agree to several distressing serial murders, I long ago decided that the only way to combat this trend is through professional societies, like ours, working with not-for-profit electronic publishers.

Dr. Saliki anticipates we will have the journal online by the January 2007 issue. In many ways, the JVDI is the most important product of our association, apart from the annual meeting. It is not cheap. In 2005 the journal generated \$44,000 in income from page charges and \$147,000 in total costs, the biggest chunk of which was \$99,000 for printing. Expensive, yet a good investment. Dr. Saliki has been effective in attracting new advertisers, such as Ambion and IDEXX, to help defray publication costs. He is doing exactly what the executive council wanted of him when he came on-board as editor: position our most expensive, visible product to compete with other journals, and ensure that the peer-reviewed work of diagnosticians is shared with the wider scientific community.

At the annual meeting this fall I will propose an increase in membership fees to help defray the costs of going online with JVDI, as well as other changes that the Executive board agreed to at its February meeting. These include hiring a professional meeting organizer, a survey of AAVLD laboratories to see where the manpower shortages are now and where they can be anticipated, and utilizing a private company (MemberClicks) to manage membership payments and the AAVLD web site. We are negotiating with MemberClicks to provide secure credit card payments for members, perform surveys and voting, and maintain self-updated member profiles.

We have not had a fees increase for 5 years. It's time - a good investment for a good organization.

Donal O'Toole
Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory

AAVLD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2005, 1 PM – 5 PM

Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, NV

Present: Donal O'Toole, Bill Layton, Dave Steffen, Carlos Reggiardo, Richard Mock, Ron Wilson, Marie Spinato, Alex Ardans, Shane Renwick, Gary Osweiler, Barb Powers, Alfonso Torres. **Guests:** Terry McElwain, Sharon Hietala, Bev Schmitt, Monte Reimers, Leon Thacker, Willie Reed.

1. President Donal O'Toole called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2005 Executive Board meeting was made (Steffen) and seconded (Layton), and carried unanimously.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dr. Alex Ardans presented the report of the Treasurer as follows:

January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Checking Account Balance on Hand January 1, 2005:	\$184,176.83	
Total Administrative Operating Receipts	\$286,552.17	
Total Administrative Operating Expenses	(\$439,480.97)	
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2005:		\$31,248.03
Certificates of Deposit as of DECEMBER 31, 2005		
CD#000418518 (Maturity Date: January 13, 2006)	\$16,124.95	
CD#000475591 (Maturity Date: March 24, 2006)	\$15,019.44	
CD#650338112 (Maturity Date: March 30, 2006)	\$17,969.16	
CD#650338113 (Maturity Date: March 23, 2007)	\$49,612.31	
TOTAL, CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		\$98,725.86
Mutual Fund, Edward D. Jones, as of DECEMBER 31, 2005		
Account #190876276 New Perspective Fund	\$112,440.86	
Account #165939129 Investment Co. of America	\$96,731.61	
Account #650338114 American Balanced Fund	\$50,472.26	
Account #650338119 Capital World Growth & Income Fund	\$29,594.42	
Account #650338120 Washington Mutual Investors Fund	\$25,319.64	
Account #650338121 Growth Fund of America	\$11,201.84	
TOTAL, MUTUAL FUNDS		\$325,760.63
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND- DECEMBER 31, 2005		\$455,734.52
FOUNDATION TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND- DECEMBER 31, 2005		\$113,951.23

Dr. Ardans reported that as of February 17, 2006 AAVLD has approximately \$131,000 in cash on hand. He reviewed activity of the association's mutual funds and major income/expense items from annual meeting and noted that in March 2005 \$180,000 was invested in mutual funds and CDs upon approval by the board. In regard to the unusually high cost of the President's reception in Hershey, Dr. Ardans reported that the food order had to be doubled due to the large turnout for the reception and Foundation auction. The issue of reception admission was raised. The net income for the meeting was approximately the same as the previous year. Dr. Ardans pointed out that although the total membership of USAHA and AAVLD are about same, quite a few less AAVLD members are attending the annual meeting than USAHA members and suggested that this issue be given consideration. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Donal O'Toole reported that the Government Relations meeting in Washington DC was held February 14-16. On Tuesday evening the group met with USAHA and discussed USAHA's executive director position and the possibility of AAVLD contracting services with this person, trading sponsorship lists including which association will be able to contact each sponsor, and the possibility of exhibitors during the USAHA portion of the meeting.

Meeting site selection and USAHA member attendance at the AAVLD President's reception were also discussed, although no changes were made. AVMA arranged meetings in its new DC offices and following an orientation by the AVMA staff, the first morning was spent with the Animal Ag Coalition, led by John Adams, National Milk Producers. Discussions included USDA budget (\$7 billion decrease) and the redirection of \$5.7 billion to the Ag Defense Initiative. Needs for the NAHLN were reviewed and suggestions made for funding opportunities. \$2.3 million has been committed to plan for Plum Island retention/relocation; however the facility at the island is expected to be in place for at least 10 years. In meetings with the AVMA staff the emphasis was on the Veterinary Workforce Expansion Act (VWEA). Materials, with a focus on the VWEA and to a lesser extent on the NAHLN, were provided for visits with state congressional representatives.

Wednesday meetings were held in Riverdale on National Animal Health Policy and Programs. Thursday meetings were held in the Whitten Building with Drs. Ron DeHaven and John Clifford both of whom pledged support for the NAHLN expansion and maintenance.

A letter was sent to NVSL proposing a mock AAVLD site visit. Proposed members of the site visit team are Grant Maxie, Terry McElwain and Leon Thacker. The NAHLN Steering Committee met in January and discussed the British Columbia/Washington State avian influenza exercise, five state exercise, data and messaging standards, Luminex multiplex assay, BSL-3 space, and the best use of remaining funds in the NAHLN budget. The use of NAHLN funds will be further discussed at the next meeting. Samples for H5 N1 testing for Wildlife Services and the National Wildlife Research Center will be processed through NAHLN laboratories. John Clifford was approached regarding AAVLD input in selection of candidate for NVSL director and as a result Dr. O'Toole has been asked to serve on the interview panel for the position. A candidate has been identified to replace Donna Dare in the exhibit coordinator position. The person hired will be paid a commission for each exhibitor obtained in addition to the normal honorarium.

Dr. O'Toole proposed AAVLD do a survey of laboratory directors similar to the survey done by ACVP regarding manpower needs in veterinary diagnostics.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Accreditation

Leon Thacker reported that the Accreditation Committee met from 8:00 AM – 12:00 noon on February 21, 2006 and all members were in attendance, including the newest member, Helen Acland, and resigning member, Don Lein. The finances of the Accreditation committee are solvent. The committee reviewed the current accreditation fees which are as follows: \$300.00 annual laboratory dues, \$500.00 site visit fee and \$300.00 per branch laboratory visit fee. Site visit reports were received for the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and Ohio Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. A draft test validation document was reviewed. The committee also reviewed and approved a document "Definitions and Review Procedures for Various Laboratory Administrative Structures". In addition the committee accepted site visit guidelines to be used internally by Accreditation committee.

B. Program

Barb Powers reported that the program committee membership has been updated. Proposed Joint Plenary Session topics include surveillance issue (e.g. global avian influenza, zoonotic diseases & public health, domestic animal surveillance & NAHLN, food surveillance & FERN, gaps in the current surveillance system). Dr. Powers requested that any comments or suggestions regarding topics or speakers be emailed to her. No specific topics have yet been chosen for the AAVLD scientific sessions. John Andrews will be giving a presentation on the state of diagnostic laboratories and issues facing them.

Proposals for workshops including budgets were received as follows:

- CL Davis - avian pathology symposium
- NAHLN - emergency response symposium with a half-day QA breakout session in the afternoon

A motion (Maxie, Spinato second) to approve the CL Davis and NAHLN workshops carried unanimously.

A proposal was also received from the Epidemiology Committee for a sampling workshop. A budget was received and expenses will be covered by registration fees & sponsorships. Dr. Powers noted that the sponsorships for this workshop presents another conflict within the association for solicitation of

sponsorships and highlights the need for a more streamlined and coordinated sponsorship policy. A motion (Maxie, Layton second) to approve the Epidemiology sampling workshop carried unanimously.

A website for electronic abstract submission will be instituted this year and will be linked to the AAVLD website. It is hoped that the electronic submission will streamline the abstract review process.

C. Canada Report – Dr. Shane Renwick presented the report as follows:

1. New Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

A general election was held in Canada on January 23, 2006. The Conservative party headed by Stephen Harper has formed a minority government and replaced the Liberal Party headed by former Prime Minister Paul Martin. The new government has particular strength in Western Canada and in rural Canada in general, having elected few members from large urban centres such as Toronto and Montreal. Mr Chuck Strahl, a businessman from British Columbia, has replaced Andy Mitchell as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

2. Avian Influenza

In August 2005, a national survey of migratory waterfowl was initiated by the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC) with support from Environment Canada, the provinces, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Public Health Agency of Canada. The national survey includes samples from migratory birds along six flyways. Testing (RRT-PCR) was conducted in six provincial and university veterinary diagnostic laboratories belonging to the CAHSN network with QA oversight, confirmatory testing and molecular typing provided by the CFIA Winnipeg laboratory. All of the AI viruses identified were confirmed to be low pathogenic, North American strains. Nationally, over 3800 samples (cloacal swabs) were collected with about 40% positive for influenza A and about 5.5% positive for H5. Monitoring of dead birds will be expanded in 2006. Another survey of live birds is planned and final details are currently being worked out.

3. BSE

On January 23, 2006 the CFIA confirmed bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in an approximately six-year-old cross-bred cow born and raised in Alberta. No part of the animal entered the human food or animal feed systems. This finding was not unexpected and was identified through Canada's national surveillance program, which targets cattle at highest risk of being infected with BSE. To date the program has tested more than 90,000 animals since Canada's first BSE case in 2003. Over 7,500 animals have been tested so far during 2006. The CFIA's animal investigation is complete. A total of 156 cattle from the affected animal's birth cohort were identified and traced. All animals were accounted for and no additional cases of BSE were detected. As of February 17, the feed investigation was nearing conclusion. A final analysis of records collected at the farm, retail and mill levels is underway. In keeping with previous findings of BSE in Canada, the CFIA will prepare and distribute a full report on the epidemiological investigation.

4. Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network (CAHSN)

This project is led by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and involves a partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), provincial and university veterinary diagnostic laboratories. The principle objective of the CAHSN is to develop early detection capability for key high threat diseases (FMD, END, CSF and AI). An important tool to be used by the CAHSN will be web based software developed by PHAC to support the Canadian Public Health Intelligence Network (CPHIN). As an initial pilot study to test the system, laboratories in the TSE Diagnostic network are linked through a common reporting database to provide up to date national reporting of BSE surveillance test data. Under the project, some equipment (RT-PCR) has been purchased for installation in network diagnostic laboratories. CFIA Quality Assurance and Biocontainment experts are planning site visits to all CAHSN laboratories over the next few months to assess individual laboratories and make recommendations on what, if any, investments need to be made.

5. Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network (CAHLN) Meeting 2006

The CAHLN Annual Meeting will be held June 4-7, 2006 in Ottawa. Keynote speakers include: Dr. Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada on the new Canadian Animal Health Strategy; Dr. Barb Powers, of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) on developments with the US National Animal Health Laboratory Network; Dr. Paul Kitching on the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network

(CAHSN), Dr. Jane Parmley of the BC Centre for Coastal Health on Avian Influenza; Dr. Neil Cashman of PrionNet Canada on prion research; Dr. Sharon McGladdery, of Department of Fisheries and Oceans on the laboratories' role in the new National Aquatic Animal Health program. Over 35 technical presentations are expected with presentation of awards for Canadian Laboratorian of the Year and Best Presentation by a Graduate Student. This year's meeting will be combined with the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Veterinary Pathologists.

6. New Veterinary School at the University of Calgary

The new veterinary medical school at the University of Calgary is scheduled to open in September 2007. The three-year program will focus on production animal medicine of all species, population medicine and epidemiology. It will be closely linked with the university's Faculty of Medicine and is expected to graduate 30 veterinarians each year. There will be close cooperation with private veterinary clinics in developing clinical programs. The program will coordinate with other provincial animal-medicine programs in universities and colleges throughout the province. It will also complement the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN) in Saskatoon. A steering committee will be established to develop a program that will meet the province's rural practitioner and research needs.

7. New Alberta Prion Research Institute

The Alberta Prion Research Institute officially opened on February 2, 2006. The Institute is a \$35 million initiative announced by the Government of Alberta in February 2005 that supports top researchers committed to finding an Alberta-based solution to the serious issues and challenges associated with prions. The Institute will coordinate fundamental, applied and multidisciplinary research geared toward providing solutions and models of policy action that can meet the BSE challenge for the beef and food industries, and similar challenges from other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and other diseases in plants, animals and humans related to protein misfolding. The Prion Institute takes an Alberta-wide approach to prion-related research, incorporating a research strategy that engages a broad spectrum of disciplines to address economic and social impacts of prion and related diseases. It will support outcomes-oriented research on prevention, mitigation and treatment of these diseases, and will develop the scientific evidence to inform public policy on solutions and best practices.

D. Membership Report:

Grant Maxie reported that membership numbers are stable. The new member welcome in Hershey, PA was successful and will be continued at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Timing of the meeting may be adjusted to allow for an USAHA representative to attend. The membership committee meeting will be moved to different time to avoid conflicts with other meetings that the Vice-president must attend.

Richard Mock reported that the Life Member list in the AAVLD directory includes some deceased members. He proposed that these members be moved to a 'Role of Honor'. The board agreed and the issue will be forwarded to the House of Delegates for inclusion in the Bylaws.

E. Foundation:

Barb Powers reported that Paige Carmichael is now the chair of the committee. The Foundation will again hold an auction at the Annual Meeting which will also include a silent auction portion. The new exhibit coordinator will be approached about helping with the auction.

There was a discussion regarding possible changes to the AAVLD President's reception. It was agreed that the bar would be changed to full cash bar. USAHA will be requested to provide AAVLD with a portion of registration fees to help cover the reception and a donation from each region of USAHA for the auction.

F. NVSL

Bev Schmitt reported that follow-up on *Brucella ovis* antigen testing is being done and results for 10 out of 16 labs are completed. The core NAHLN laboratories are doing testing for CSF and web-based forms are currently going through user acceptance. A second training session for HL7 messaging is occurring during the week of February 20th. Implementation of the incident command structure for high path avian influenza surveillance is underway and approximately \$10M in Wildlife Services money will be going to NAHLN laboratories for testing.

The core quality assurance team is making great strides. NVSL will probably bring in A2LA for accreditation, but a final decision has not yet been made. A response letter was recently sent regarding the AAVLD mock site visit requesting that the visit occur sometime after March, possibly after the new NVSL director is in place. NVSL will look at both the AAVLD and ISO 17025 processes to determine NVSL's direction. Tests for which NVSL will most likely be seeking ISO accreditation will include EIA, Newcastle, avian influenza RT-PCR, vesicular stomatitis, TSE IHC, foot & mouth and equine piroplasmosis ELISA.

G. Nomination

Gary Osweiler reported that the committee has been selected and consists of Gene Erickson, Flint Taylor and Sharon Hietala. The Nominations committee has responsibility for selecting new officers (Vice President), and when necessary Secretary-Treasurer. Osweiler reported for information purposes that the three regions up for elections are the Northwest, Southwest and Canada (Provincial). All current representatives for these regions are eligible to run for a second term. The responsibility for regional representative elections falls to a committee appointed by the President for each region as defined in AAVLD By-Laws Article V, Section 2.

Alex Ardans reported that the Secretary/Treasurer's position is also up for election this year. Dr. Ardans is not interested in running for another three year term, but is willing to stay on for another year to assist with the transition. The Board agreed that they would like Dr. Ardans to stay on for an extra year.

H. Awards:

Gary Osweiler reported that the Awards committee has been set according to the Bylaws.

Donal O'Toole reported that the money from auction will be used to match one travel award per committee provided the committee can raise the matching funds (\$500). Dr. O'Toole also reported that he would like to recognize Donna Dare for her service to the association with a formal thank-you. An award will be presented as a special tribute from the President and will include a plaque and gift. A travel voucher was suggested and Dr. Harvey Gosser will be contacted for additional ideas. A motion to commit \$1000 from the Association's general fund for the award was made (O'Toole), seconded (Steffen) and carried unanimously.

I. Miscellaneous Reports

Alfonso Torres reported that the Northeast region recently held a 1-day session at the USAHA Northeastern regional meeting to discuss regional AAVLD issues. He also reported that funding in the amount of \$80M has been secured for New York's new laboratory building. Once the funding is official Dr. Torres will be sending a letter to the Accreditation Committee.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Veterinary Workforce Expansion Act

Donal O'Toole reported that AVMA has requested letters of support for the Veterinary Workforce Expansion Act. Those willing to support this act should write a letter in their capacity as a laboratory director.

B. NAHLN Steering Committee Update

Bev Schmitt reported that hiring certificates have been completed for the assistant and associate positions and are now awaiting approval. Dr. O'Toole reported that the draft NAHLN Strategic plan and draft requirements for becoming a NAHLN laboratory will be sent out to the Board.

Barb Powers noted that the "Definitions and Review Procedures for Various Laboratory Administrative Structures" document approved at the Accreditation Committee, once finalized, may be helpful for the NAHLN guidelines. She also noted that some non-AAVLD laboratories that are currently in NAHLN, such as poultry laboratories that are full service, should be informed that they can apply for accreditation.

Donal O'Toole reported that Homeland Security may be willing to contribute money to the NAHLN, but will require more than the White Paper for funding. Homeland Security would need to see a report of what increased testing service would result from the funding. If approved by USDA, Dr. O'Toole requested that anyone willing to work on developing this document contact him. The issue will also be added as an agenda item for the next

NAHLN Steering Committee meeting. Increased funding is needed in order to make the NAHLN fully functional. Congressional representatives with whom the AAVLD delegation met with in Washington DC were not very aware of NAHLN. AAVLD needs to work to move up the NAHLN on the AVMA priority list by contacting individual AVMA representatives. AVMA support for the NAHLN will be voted on at next AVMA Executive meeting. It was suggested that the NAHLN map be adjusted to show funded NAHLN labs.

C. Summer Meeting Location

Alex Ardans distributed a list of possible hotels and rates in the San Francisco Airport area for the summer meeting. The Executive Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 13th, 8AM-12 noon. The Accreditation Committee will meet Thursday, July 13th, 1-5PM and Friday, July 14th, 8AM-12 noon.

A motion (Maxie, Powers second) to meet at the Holiday Inn Express San Francisco Airport North carried unanimously.

D. Survey on Workforce Shortages.

Donal O'Toole reported that two quotes for the survey were obtained. The estimated cost is \$8,500.00. The survey will be web-based and laboratory directors will be requested to participate. The survey company will collect the information and compile a report. Dr. O'Toole hopes the resulting report will be similar to the AVMC report documenting shortages. Recommendations from the survey companies included keeping questions short and to the point and limiting the survey to 25 questions. Dr. O'Toole read a sampling of the proposed survey questions. Participants will be asked to designate their AAVLD region at beginning of survey. There was discussion regarding increasing the number of questions related to training included on the survey and soliciting donations from participating laboratories to help cover the cost of the survey.

A motion (O'Toole, Spinato second) to work with Survey Research Laboratory, University of Illinois at Chicago to start the survey process carried with one abstention.

E. Electronic Journal Publishing

A written proposal to publish JVDI online was submitted by Jerry Saliki. The proposal is to use HighWire Press to publish the journal electronically, which will cost approximately \$25,000.00 in start up fees and \$15,000 in recurring fees. Alex Ardans reported that in 2005 the journal had approximately \$44,000 in page charge income and \$147,000.00 in total costs including \$99,000.00 in printing costs. He suggested that advertisements were a possibility for increased journal revenue. There was discussion regarding the benefits and costs of publishing the journal electronically and possible increase in membership fees.

A motion (O'Toole, Powers second) to approve electronic publishing using HighWire Press carried unanimously. The Secretary/Treasurer's office will present a proposal for a membership/subscription fee increase at the July meeting. Alex Ardans asked the Board to consider what the association's long term plans are for the association's resources and suggested that the Strategic Planning and Financial Advisory Committees be asked to consider the issue.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Role of Meeting Coordinator

Donal O'Toole reported that Jackie Casserly has been selected as the new AAVLD meeting coordinator. She owns her own meeting planning company, Planning Connection, in Gainesville, Florida and plans meetings for several other organizations. She will initially be hired for a one-year overlap with Donna Dare to facilitate the transition. Before December 2006 she will submit a formal set of recommendations for the meeting's development and management. She will receive a \$5,000.00 base salary and 15% commission on exhibitor fees and sponsorships collected in excess a set amount and will attend the meeting site visit in April. Ms. Casserly was introduced to the Board via teleconference and she discussed her firm's operations. Additional roles she will be asked to assume will be helping with the Foundation auction and soliciting meeting sponsors.

B. Online Membership Management:

Alex Ardans presented a proposal for online membership management. The proposed membership management program, MemberClicks, will allow the association to collect secure credit card payments, perform surveys and voting, maintain self-updated member profiles, post events and collect registration all

online in addition to webpage management capabilities and more. A motion (Wilson, Maxie second) to allocate the necessary funds to purchase MemberClicks, to be reevaluated in one-year, carried unanimously.

C. Grandfathering Test

Sharon Hietala presented a document, developed by a small work-group, containing guidelines for grandfathering existing test methods. It provides categories of acceptable criteria for existing tests. The Accreditation committee requested that the list of reputable technical organizations be distributed to the discipline committees for feedback on additional organizations that should be added to the list. Suggestions are due by July, when the Accreditation Committee will again review the document. Donal O'Toole will contact the chair of each discipline committee to request that they submit a list of published reputable technical manuals with methodologies used. Sharon Hietala will help to compose the note. The document will be taken on by the Accreditation Committee after feedback is received and after the October meeting it will be made available to the membership. The document will serve as a starting point for existing methods and the Approved Methods committee is still charged with developing validation guidelines.

D. Annual Meeting Registration Fee Increase

USAHA has requested to increase meeting registration fees by \$25.00. A motion (O'Toole, Powers second) to increase annual meeting registration fees carried unanimously.

E. Relationship between QA and Accreditation Committees

The Accreditation Committee recommended formation of QA committee several years ago. The QA Committee was charged with creating a quality manual template. It has now grown to be a large committee and they would like to clarify the role of the QA Committee in relation to Accreditation Committee. Leon Thacker noted that the Accreditation Committee is currently undergoing many changes and is not yet sure how it will draw on the QA Committee's resources. This year there will be a QA member on site visits for the first time. It was determined that the QA Committee should remain a special committee similar to the other discipline committees and that a clear mission should be developed.

F. Donation Matching for Beth Williams Memorial

Donal O'Toole reported that he had been approached to have AAVLD match a \$500.00 donation given by USAHA to the Beth Williams/Tom Thorne Memorial fund. It was suggested that the money should come out of the Foundation fund. Barb Powers will contact the Foundation chair, Paige Carmichael to inquire.

G. USAHA Executive Director

USAHA has invited AAVLD to share the Executive Director they plan to hire. USAHA expects to pay \$110,000.00-120,000.00 in salary and benefits plus \$10,000.00 for travel expenses for the Executive Director. Proposed functions that the Executive Director could perform for AAVLD are:

- Organize national meeting
- Website management, membership management
- Other roles within organization

The person will not be allowed to lobby and will probably not be located in Washington DC because violating the organization's apolitical status will result in a loss of tax status.

Barb Powers suggested that the position could be used to track government activities, coordinate resolutions and compliment the role of Jackie Casserly, overseeing issues in bringing the two organizations together. Concern was expressed by several members that it would be difficult for the person to serve two organizations equally. It was suggested that AAVLD carefully assess the need for this position.

USAHA is willing to develop legal agreement allowing AAVLD to withdraw from the arrangement. Dr. O'Toole will contact Brett Marsh and ask for the Executive Director's job description. After circulation of the job description further discussion will be held regarding the possibility of using the Executive Director's services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM

AAVLD Internal Bacteriology Quality Assurance Survey 2006

This year, the survey includes five organisms and case histories contributed by members of the IBQAS Committee. The National Veterinary Services Laboratories is providing support to compile and ship the survey kits to participants in early June. More detailed instructions will be included with the check test. Results are due by July 14. Any questions regarding the survey contact Dr. Susan Sanchez at 706-542-5568, or by e-mail at ssanchez@vet.uga.edu.

Complete the order form below and return to User Fees, USDA, APHIS, VS, NVSL, PO Box 844, Ames, IA 50010; Phone: (515) 663-7725; Fax: (515) 663-7402; or via e-mail to Haley.R.Wilkening@aphis.usda.gov by **May 15, 2006**.

Internal Bacteriology Quality Assurance Survey Order Form

Your Laboratory Information:

Kit Contact: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Laboratory: _____ Lab Code: _____

Street:(ship to address)_____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email:_____

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			Total Due:	\$

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PO Box 844
Ames, IA 50010
Fax (515) 663-7402

All requests should be accompanied by a copy of your laboratory "United States Veterinary Permit for Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors" issued by USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services.

AAVLD TRAINEE TRAVEL AWARD

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians is soliciting applications for Trainee Travel Awards. These \$500 awards are open to applicants from all training programs in diagnostic medicine to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to the Annual AAVLD meeting. These awards are also intended to encourage students to develop excellence in their diagnostic discipline and presentation skills (verbal, written, organizational). As such, the majority of the work (scientific and preparatory) should be done by the student, with the guidance of mentors and collaborators. The successful applicant must be primary author of a platform or poster presentation in the scientific session of AAVLD and must submit: 1) copy of the abstract to be presented; 2) a one to two page letter stating the candidate's role in the work and the significance of the work to veterinary diagnostic medicine, and 3) a one to two page biographical data sheet. Note abstracts must also be submitted separately for the Scientific Program to Dr. Barb Powers, Program chair. **The deadline for receipt of all application materials is June 9th, 2006.** Applicants who do not submit complete applications before the deadline or whose applications do not adhere to the above guidelines will not be considered.

The application materials must be emailed to: Dr. Gary Osweiler, osweiler@iastate.edu. Any questions contact Dr. Osweiler at 515-294-1950.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICIANS
TRAINEE TRAVEL AWARD

Deadline for Applications: Friday, June 9th, 2006

To promote the attendance of trainees in all disciplines of diagnostic medicine, the AAVLD is offering competitive \$500 Travel Awards to offset travel expenses to the Annual AAVLD Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Please specify your discipline (select one): Bacteriology ___ Epidemiology ___ Immunology ___

Molecular Diagnostics ___ Pathology ___ Toxicology ___ Virology ___

Other (write in) _____

Candidate name: _____

Position: _____ No. of years in position: _____

Department: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Abstract Title (attach copy of abstract) : _____

Include letter stating trainee's contribution to the work to be presented and significance of work to veterinary diagnostic medicine

Include 1-2 page biographical datasheet

CALL FOR PAPERS

49th Annual AAVLD Meeting, October 12 –19, 2006
Minneapolis Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Deadline for Abstracts: JUNE 15, 2006

Papers and posters are solicited on laboratory procedures, techniques, and research that apply to the activities of veterinary laboratory diagnosticians. Papers and posters from all diagnostic laboratory disciplines and animal species are needed for a well-balanced program. Investigative case reports are appropriate and encouraged. Presentations are limited to 15 minutes. The AAVLD Program Committee will review abstracts. Corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance by July 15, 2006.

FORMAT: Submit abstracts on line through www.aavld.org, select Annual meeting then select Call for papers: Abstracts/Posters. Then Create a login from this link making sure you answer all required questions. Log on to the system, complete the abstract form and Upload your abstract (in Word 6.0 or older or Word Perfect 6.1 or older). All abstracts should be one page or less. Format the body of the abstract with one-inch margins using Times New Roman 11-point font. Center and bold the title. Center authors' names below the title with their initials followed by last name. Place location of authors' names one line below the body of the abstract text. Abstracts should be accurate and complete. Statements such as "results to be discussed" are not acceptable. Previous meeting proceedings should be examined for style. For your convenience, here is an EXAMPLE ABSTRACT from 2003 linked to the page with the on-line Call for Papers.

If you are unable to submit your abstract on-line, please follow above formatting and send as an e-mail attachment to the Program chair and include the following information:

- Do you plan to use an LCD computer presentation?
- Is the submission to be considered for graduate student competition?
- Do you desire an oral presentation, poster, or either?
- Which disciplinary session you prefer (microbiology, toxicology, anatomical pathology, clinical pathology, virology, bacteriology, molecular diagnostics, food safety, epidemiology, or avian/aquatic)?
- The name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail address of the corresponding author.

AAVLD Foundation Trainee (Graduate Student or Resident) Awards of \$500 are given for the best poster and the best presentation. Graduate student/Resident presentations/posters **MUST** be indicated as such on the abstract to qualify. The purpose of these awards is to encourage students to develop excellence in their diagnostic discipline and presentation skills (verbal, written, organizational). As such, the majority of the work (scientific and preparatory) should be done by the student, with the guidance of mentors and collaborators.

Abstracts are submitted to the Program chair: Dr. Barbara Powers, Colorado State University. For inquiries and questions contact Dr. Barbara Powers by phone at 970-297-1281 or email at Barb.Powers@Colostate.edu.

Publication of Proceedings: Manuscripts are encouraged for all papers and posters selected for presentation at the annual meeting. Those accepted by the editor after scientific peer review will be published as refereed journal articles in the *Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation*. Guidelines for format and style of manuscripts can be found in the journal and on the AAVLD WEB site (www.aavld.org). Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the editor for processing prior to the meeting, if possible.

SATURDAY DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY SLIDE SEMINAR

Saturday, October 14, 2006, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 3:30- 6:00 pm.

Presented at the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar are short, interesting, classic, and educational histopathology or cytology cases. The cases include submissions of challenging, cautionary, or emerging disease entities where feedback is sought. Graduate students and residents are encouraged to present. Presentations are 5 minutes in length, with another 3 minutes for discussion. A copy of abstracts will be available at the seminar and posted on the AAVLD website.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to both coordinators by July 1, 2006. Presenters of accepted abstracts must supply a set of 60 H&E glass slides for histopathology cases. Cytology cases should consist of as many glass slides as are available, plus a series of high quality digital images that are representative of the case. The slide materials should be submitted to the moderator by September 1, 2006 to allow review of slides by members before the meeting. Presenters are entitled to a complete set of slides at no cost. Home laboratories of presenters are also entitled to a set of slides. The additional slides set will be available, on a first come-first serve basis, for a \$50 donation to the Pathology travel fund of the AAVLD Foundation.

Conference coordinators are: Dr. Carol Lichtensteiger at University of Illinois, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and Department of Pathobiology, 2001 S. Lincoln Ave. Urbana, IL, 61802. Email: clichten@uiuc.edu . Phone: 217-244-8308 and Alan Liggett, University of Georgia, Tifton, GA 31793. Email: aliggett@uga.edu Phone:229-386-3340.

DIAGNOSTIC BACTERIOLOGY CASE PRESENTATIONS

Saturday, October 14, 2006, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 3:30-6:00 pm

Come and join an interesting and informative discussion group. We need your case presentations in order to make this gathering a success. All presentations are informal - yours will be welcome! Send title of presentation to Dr. Karen Post at karen.post@ncmail.net or phone 919-733-3986 or fax 919-733-0454 by September 1, 2006.

MINNEAPOLIS AREA INFORMATION

Hotel has a fitness center and indoor pool, wireless internet access in all guest rooms and speed check-in available. Hotel parking is 12.00 daily self parking or 20.00 for valet parking.

Airport Transportation: The Minneapolis Hilton uses Super Shuttle (26.00 round trip, 15.00 one-way) serves this hotel offering twice hourly routes from the hotel. Reservations are not required to or from the airport. At the airport follow signs to Ground Transportation and check in at Super Shuttle desk. 1-800-Blue-Van or www.supershuttle.com. **On a tight budget** - try the Light Rail - Hiawatha Line. At the airport go to ground transportation and take the Tram to Light rail. Runs weekdays every 7-10 minutes from 4:15am-10:15pm, weekends every 10-15 minutes, 10:15pm-1:30am daily every 30 minutes. Purchase ticket at vending machine for 1.50 to 2.00. Stop is Nicollet Mall on South 5th St between Nicollet and Marquette. Walk South on Marquette 5 blocks to hotel at South 10th St and Marquette. The light rail also runs to Mall of America. More information: www.metrotransit.org. Taxis are one-way ~28.00 to airport and ~25.00 to Mall of America.

City Tours Sat-Sun Minneapolis RiverCity Trolley or take a self-guided St. Anthony Falls Heritage Trail walking tour.

The outdoor and free admission **Minneapolis Sculpture Garden** is walking distance from the hotel and worth a visit. Minneapolis offers a range of **theater** options from small dinner theater to large productions in the Guthrie Theater.

For more information visit: www.minneapolis.hilton.com or <http://www.bloomingtonmn.org/> or <http://arts.minneapolis.org/>

USAHA/AAVLD Registration

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- Dr.
 Mr.
 Ms.

Last Name

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 Program Speaker

Please Remit To:

U.S. Animal Health Association
 P. O. Box K227
 Richmond, VA 23288
 Fax: 804-285-3367

Pre-registration Deadline – **September 18, 2006**

Pre-registration (Members)	\$250.00	\$ _____
Pre-registration (Non-Members)	\$425.00	\$ _____
Pre-registration (Life Member)	\$125.00	\$ _____
Spouses Registration	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
Registration At Meeting (Members)	\$300.00	\$ _____
Registration At Meeting (Non-Members)	\$425.00	\$ _____
Registration At Meeting (Life Member)	\$150.00	\$ _____
U.S.A.H.A. Resident or Graduate Student Registration	\$125.00	\$ _____
U.S.A.H.A. Veterinary Student Registration	\$ 0.00	\$ _____
U.S.A.H.A. Individual Annual Dues – 2007	\$120.00	\$ _____
A.A.V.L.D. Annual Dues – 2007	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
A.A.V.L.D. Graduate Student Registration	\$125.00	\$ _____
A.A.V.L.D. Graduate Student Dues - 2007	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

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You must have tickets to attend complimentary meal events included in your registration. Please indicate below which meals you plan to attend so that proper counts can be determined.

- I will be attending the USAHA/AAVLD President's Reception and Dinner on Sunday Evening, Oct. 15, 2006** Yes No
I will be attending the USAHA Membership Meeting & Luncheon on Monday, Oct. 16, 2006 Yes No

You can register online at www.usaha.org
 USAHA'S Federal ID No: #21-6008168

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Enclose your personal check, money order, or credit card information as indicated below: Please make checks payable to USAHA.

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REFUND POLICY

\$25 will be withheld for processing if notified before the meeting.
 \$75 processing fee if notified after the meeting.
 Everyone must notify USAHA within 7 days following the meeting for a refund

Spouse's Registration

Name: _____
 Address: _____



HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

**United States Animal Health Association / American Association of Veterinary
Laboratory Diagnosticians 2006 Annual Convention**

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 – Thursday, October 19, 2006

GUEST ROOM RATES:

SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$126.00

ADDITIONAL PERSON: \$20.00

*** All room rates are subject 13% tax ***

All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than 5:00pm on Monday, September 11, 2006. Any reservation request received after this date will be subject to hotel availability. If the rate you requested is no longer available, the next available rate category will be confirmed. Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm. An early departure fee of \$75.00 will be assessed if any changes are made to the reservation after check-in that result in departure prior to the confirmed departure date.

Reservations may be made by one of the following methods:

Telephone: Dial **1-888-933-5363** and request the USAHA rate for your stay.

Internet: 1. Visit us online at www.hilton.com or type the URL below to link to the Hilton Minneapolis:
<http://www.minneapolis.hilton.com>

2. Enter your reservation information and enter **AHA** in the "Group/Convention Code" field.

Fax or mail: Complete the form below and fax to **612-397-4888** or mail to:

**Reservations Manager • Hilton Minneapolis
1001 Marquette Avenue • Minneapolis, MN 55403**

All reservation requests must be received no later than 5:00pm Monday, September 11, 2006.

NAME: _____

ROOMMATE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Accommodation Requests: One King Bed Non-Smoking
 Two Double Beds Smoking
 ADA Accessible Room

All accommodation requests are subject to availability on the date of arrival.

To guarantee your reservation, please enclose a check for the first night's room and tax (\$142.38) or provide a credit card number in the space below. All credit cards used will be charged immediately for the first night's room and tax. Deposits are refundable up to 72 hours prior to arrival. All reservation cancelled within 72 hours of arrival will forfeit the paid deposit of one night's room and tax.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TENTATIVE AGENDA – April 17, 2006
110TH ANNUAL MEETING
UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
and
49TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICIANS
Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 12-18, 2006

USAHA/AAVLD Daily Schedule

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAHA/AAVLD HEADQUARTERS HOTEL – The Minneapolis Hilton is the site of this years meeting. Telephone number: 1-800-445-8667 or 612-376-1000, Fax: 612-697-4888 for reservations or you can make your reservations online through a web link at www.usaha.org .

USAHA/AAVLD REGISTRATION

3rd Floor Ballroom Foyer (outside Red Wing Room)

Thursday, October 12 – 12:00noon-5:00pm	Monday, October 16 - 8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, October 13 - 8:00am-5:00pm	Tuesday, October 17 - 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, October 14 - 8:00am-5:00pm	Wednesday, October 18- 8:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, October 15 - 8:00am-5:00pm	

REGISTRATION FEES

Member's Pre-registration Fee: \$250.00
Non-Members Pre-registration Fee: \$425.00
Life Member Pre-registration Fee: \$125.00
Member's Registration Fee at Meeting: \$300.00
Non-Members Registration Fee at Meeting: \$425.00
Life Member Registration Fee at Meeting: \$150.00
AAVLD Graduate Student/Residents Registration: \$125.00
Spouse's Registration Fee: \$75.00
USAHA Annual Dues - 2007: \$120.00
AAVLD Annual Dues - 2007: \$75.00
AAVLD Graduate Student/Resident Dues - 2007: \$25.00

You can register on line at www.usaha.org

Please register early. Wear your badge when attending all meetings. (You must have a badge in order to attend the meetings.)

AAVLD EXHIBITS/POSTERS

Ballroom Salons EFG and Posters in adjacent Foyer
Saturday, October 14 – 12:00noon-5:00pm
Sunday, October 15 – 8:00am-3:30pm
Monday, October 16– 8:00am-1:00pm

BULLETIN BOARD

The Bulletin Board will be located at Registration Desk at 3rd Floor Foyer. Please check the bulletin board often for last minute changes in program, time and location of committee meetings, personal messages, telephone calls and faxes.

USAHA WORK ROOM

Located in the Red Wing room will be open Thursday through Wednesday, 8:00AM-5:00PM.

PRESS ROOM and COMMITTEE REPORT READING ROOM

Located in the Director Row #1 Room. Larry Mark will be in charge of the Press Room. There will be an area set aside to read committee reports.

USDA, APHIS WORK ROOM

Nicollet Room – Friday-Wednesday

DAILY EVENTS

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 12, 2006

AAVLD NAHLN – Laboratory Emergency Management Symposium – 8:00am- 5:00pm; Salon C.
AAVLD Quality Assurance Education Symposium – 1:00pm- 5:00pm; Salon B.
AAVLD Food Safety Symposium – 8:00am – 12:30pm, Marquette/Lasalle
AAVLD Epidemiology Symposium on Sampling – 2:30pm – 6:30pm, Marquette/Lasalle
Johne's Working Group – 8:00am-9:00pm; Hennepin/Carver
AAVLD Accreditation Committee – 1:00-5:00pm; Ramsey, CLOSED SESSION COMMITTEE ONLY
AAVLD – NAHLN Steering Committee – 6:00-7:00pm; Ramsey.
AAVLD Food Safety Committee – 6:30-8:30pm; Salon B.
AAVLD – Directors of National Animal Health Laboratory Network Labs– 7:00-9:00pm; Salon C.

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 13, 2006

AAVLD Financial Advisory Committee - 7:00-8:00am; Board Room 3
AAVLD CL Davis Diagnostic Avian Pathology Symposium– 8:00am-5:30pm; Salon C.
AAVLD Subcommittee on Bacteriology and Mycology - 8:00am-12:00pm; Salon E.
AAVLD Approved Methods Committee – 8:00-10:00am; Duluth.
AAVLD Publications Committee – 8:00-10:00am; Board Room 3.
AAVLD Accreditation Committee - 8:00am-12:00pm; Board Room 2. CLOSED SESSION COMMITTEE ONLY
Johne's Working Group – 8:00am-5:00pm; Salon A.
AAVLD Emergency Preparedness Committee – 9:00-10:00am – Hennepin/Carver.
AAVLD Epidemiology Committee – 10:00am-12:00pm; Marquette/Lasalle.
AAVLD Quality Assurance Committee – 1:00-3:00pm; Salon G.
AAVLD Virology Committee - 1:00-4:00pm; Salon F.
AAVLD Subcommittee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing - 1:00-3:00pm; Salon E.
AAVLD Executive Board - 1:00-5:00pm; Duluth.
American Board of Veterinary Toxicology (ABVT) Executive Board – 1:00-2:00pm; Board Room 2.
AAVLD Informatics Committee and NAHLN Information Technology Committee – 1:00-5:00pm; Hennepin/Carver.
American Academy of Veterinary and Comparative Toxicology (AAVCT) Annual Meeting – 2:00-3:00pm; Marquette/Lasalle.
AAVCT – Veterinary Toxicology Case Presentations – 3:00-4:30pm; Marquette/Lasalle.
AAVLD Enteric Diseases Committee – 3:00-5:00pm; Salon E.
AAVLD Serology Committee - 4:00-6:00pm; Salon F.
AAVLD Editorial Board of Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI) – 4:00-6:00pm; Board Room 2.
AAVLD Constitution and Bylaws Committee – 5:00-6:00pm; Board Room 1.
AAVLD New Member Orientation – 5:15-6:00pm; Salon G.
AAVLD President's Reception and Auction– 6:00-8:00pm; Salon D
AAVLD Foundation Committee – 8:00-9:00pm; Salon D following auction (alternatively Board Room 2).

SATURDAY – – OCTOBER 14, 2006

USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Animal Emergency Management– 8:00am-5:00pm; Marquette/Lasalle.
AAVLD – 1st Plenary Scientific Session – 8:00-11:15am; Salon AB.
AAVLD House of Delegates and General Membership – 11:15am-12:00pm; Salon AB.
AAVLD Exhibits and Poster Session - 12:00-5:00pm; Salons EFG and Foyer.
AAVLD Membership Committee – 12:00-1:00pm; Directors Row 4.
National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials Meeting & Luncheon - 12:00-6:00pm; Salon D.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 1– 1:00-3:00pm; Salon A.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 2– 1:00-3:00pm; Salon B.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 3– 1:00-3:00pm; Salon C.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 4– 1:00-3:00pm; Duluth.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 5– 1:00-3:00pm; Rochester.
AAVLD Administrative Management Personnel Committee - 1:00-5:00pm; Ramsey.
American Horse Council Health and Regulatory Committee – 1:00-5:00pm; Directors Row 4.
National Milk Producers Federation – 1:00-7:00pm; Board Room 2.
USAHA Scientific Advisory Sub-Committee for Johnes – 3:00-6:00pm; Board Room 3.
AAVLD Veterinary Analytical Toxicology & Mycotoxins and USAHA Environment Committee - 3:30-6:30pm; Rochester.
AAVLD Diagnostic Bacteriology Case Reports – 3:30-6:00pm; Salon B.
AAVLD Government Relations Committee – 3:30-5:30pm; Directors Row 3.
USAHA Scientific Advisory Subcommittee on Tuberculosis – 3:30-5:30pm; Carver.
AAVLD Histopathology Slide Seminar - 3:30-6:00pm; Salon C.
AAVLD Laboratory Directors Committee - 5:30-7:30pm; Duluth.
Board of Directors of the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians - 6:00-10:00pm; Directors Row 4.
USAHA Program Committee – 6:00-8:30pm; Marquette.
Extension Veterinarians Program – 3:00-6:00pm; Hennepin.
Extension Veterinarians Business – 6:00-10:00pm; Ramsey
IDEXX Customer Appreciation Reception (open to all registrants) – 7:00-11:00pm; 3rd Floor Foyer.
AAVLD Bacteriology Steering Committee - 8:00-10:00pm; Board Room 3.

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2006

Prayer Breakfast – 6:30-8:00am; Carver Restaurant.
USAHA District Breakfasts (all districts) – 6:30-8:30am; Salon D.
Northeast District Meeting - 8:30-11:30am; Marquette.
North Central District Meeting - 8:30-11:30am; Lasalle.
Southern District Meeting - 8:30-11:30am; Hennepin.
Western District Meeting - 8:30am-11:30am; Carver.
District-at-large Meeting – 8:30-11:30am, Ramsey.
AAVLD Exhibits and Posters - 8:00am-3:30pm; Salons EFG and Foyer.
Food Safety Symposium - 8:00am-12:00pm; Symphony Ballroom III.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 6 – 8:00am-12:00pm; Salon A.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 7 – 8:00am-12:00pm; Salon C.
AAVLD – Pathology Scientific Session – 8:00-12:00pm; Salon B.
AAVLD – Scientific Session 8 – 8:00-12:00pm; Duluth.
AAVLD Administrative Management Personnel Committee - 8:00am-12:00pm; Rochester.
National Cattlemen’s Beef Association – 8:30am – Noon; Symphony IV.
USAHA Subcommittee - 10:00am-12:00pm; Board Room 3.
AAVLD Pathology Committee – 12:00-2:00pm; Salon B.
USAHA/AAVLD Animal Health Information Systems Committee - 12:30-5:30pm; Marquette.
USAHA Committee – 12:30-5:30pm; Duluth
USAHA Committee – 12:30-5:30pm; Rochester.
USAHA Committee – 12:30-5:30pm; Lasalle
USAHA/AAVLD Committee on International Standards – 12:30-5:30pm; Directors Row 3.
USAHA Committee - 12:30-5:30pm; Symphony III.
USAHA Committee - 1:00-5:00pm; Carver.
APHIS, VS Managers Workshop Conference - 1:00-5:00pm – Salon A.
USAHA Mycoplasma subcommittee of Transmissible Diseases of Poultry and Other Avian Species– 1:00-5:00pm; Symphony IV
AAVLD Laboratory Safety and Waste Disposal Committee – 1:00-5:00pm; Hennepin.
AAVLD – Strategic Planning Committee – 3:00-5:00pm; Board Room 3.
USAHA Orientation for New Members – 4:30-5:30pm; Ramsey.
USAHA/AAVLD President’s Reception and Dinner - 5:30-8:30pm; Salons ABCD and Foyer.

MONDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2006

AAVLD Past Presidents Breakfast - 6:30-7:30am; Board Room 1.
AAVLD Exhibits and Posters - 8:00am-1:00pm; Salons EFG and Foyer.
USAHA/AAVLD Plenary Scientific Session- Surveillance – 7:30-11:30am; Salons ABCD.
Co- Chairs: Dr. Barb Powers, President-Elect, AAVLD
Dr. Lee Myers, President-Elect, USAHA
USAHA Membership Meeting – 11:30am-12:00pm; Salon D
AAVLD House of Delegates - 11:30am-12:30pm, Duluth.
Spouses Brunch - 9:30-12:00pm; Carver Restaurant.
Directors of State Meat Inspection – 12:30-5:30pm; Duluth
USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Aquaculture – 1:00-6:00pm; Rochester
USAHA Committees (6) – 1:00-6:00pm; TBA
State NAIS Coordinators – 1:00-5:00pm; Ramsey
Pseudorabies Control Board and Pseudorabies Program Standards – 1:30-5:30pm; Directors Row 3
AAVLD Committee Chairs and Program Committee – 1:30-4:00pm; Board Room 2
USAHA Committee – 4:00-7:00pm; .
National Association of Federal Veterinarians – 5:30-8:00pm; Ramsey
NIAA Executive Committee – 6:30-9:00pm; Directors Row 3
USAHA Board of Directors – 6:00; Salon A
USAHA Committee – 7:00-9:30pm; Symphony I
USAHA Committee - 7:00-9:00pm; Board Room 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006

USAHA Past President’s Breakfast - 7:30-9:30am; Board Room 3
USAHA Committees (6) – 8:00am-12:00pm; TBA
USDA-ARS National Animal Health Research Review - 8:00am-12:00pm; Salon A
Directors of State Meat Inspection - 8:00am-5:30pm; Marquette/Lasalle
American Association of Avian Pathologist Liaison with AVMA – 10:00am-12:00pm; Board Room 1
USAHA/AAVLD Officers Luncheon – 12:00noon-2:00pm; Board Room 3
USAHA Committee on Animal Welfare – 12:30-5:30pm; Hennepin
USAHA Committees (6)– 12:30-5:30pm; TBA
Rabies Compendium – 1:00-6:00pm; Directors Row 3
USAHA Board of Directors – 6:00-7:00pm; Salon A

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006

USAHA Committees (4)– 8:00am-12:00pm; TBA
Rabies Compendium – 8:00am-5:00pm; Board Room 1
USAHA Membership Meeting - 1:00 –3:00pm; Salon D
USAHA Board of Directors - 3:00-4:00pm; Salon A

6th CL Davis Diagnostic Pathology Symposium: Diagnostic Avian Pathology

October 13th, 2006, Friday, 8am- 5:30pm

Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota in conjunction with AAVLD annual meeting

The Charles Louis Davis DVM Foundation will be conducting an eight-hour continuing education symposium entitled “Diagnostic Avian Pathology” on October 13th, 2006. Course Director Matti Kiupel (Michigan State University) and invited guest lecturers Fred Hoerr (Auburn University), Peter Woolcock (California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, University of California-Davis), and Richard Fulton (Michigan State University). Topics that will be covered include diagnostic pathology of chickens, turkeys and game birds as well as an overview of modern diagnostic approaches and tools in avian pathology. Didactic lectures will be combined with audience participation to result in an engrossing day-long seminar. CL Davis is an approved CE provider. Don’t miss out on what promises to be another exciting C.L. Davis/AAVLD co-sponsored symposium.

Tuition of \$125 includes refreshments, CD of presentations and continuing education credits. The tuition fee will be waived for the winners of the travel award.

Please Pre-register to guarantee receipt of materials. Registration is through CL Davis and is separate from meeting registration fees.

Introduction, Announcements	Kiupel	08.00–08.10
Modern Approaches and Tools in Diagnostic Avian Virology	Woolcock	08.10–10.00
Break	30 min	10.00–10.30
Diagnostic Pathology of Chickens	Hoerr	10.30–12.00
Lunch	1 hour	12.00–13.00
Diagnostic Pathology of Chickens	Hoerr	13.00–14.30
Diagnostic Pathology of Game Birds	Fulton	14.30–15.30
Break	30 min	15.30–16.00
Diagnostic Pathology of Turkeys	Fulton	16.00–17.30

APPLICATION FORM FOR: Diagnostic Avian Pathology Symposium

October 13th, 2006 at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Without exception, each person attending this symposium must submit an application form. I hereby apply for enrollment in the Symposium on Diagnostic Avian Pathology and agree to hold The C. L. Davis, DVM Foundation, its officers and faculty and the co-sponsor, Pfizer Animal Health, and the AAVLD, free of any loss or complaint which may arise from their conduct of the aforementioned program, or any action any one of them may take in relation to this application. “This course has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 8 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB’s RACE approval; however participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Call Dr. James Britt, 501-907-2435 for further information”

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**AAVLD Food Safety Symposium &
Sampling Methods for Detection of Disease**
Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date: October 12, 2006 , Thursday
Time: 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM – Food Safety; 2:30 to 6:30 PM – Sampling Methods
Fee: Food Safety: \$40.00 (includes snack, notes and additional resources)
 Sampling Methods: \$ 40.00 (includes notes, examples, and sources of additional information)
 Both Food Safety & Sampling: \$60.00

AAVLD Food Safety Symposium
8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Objective: This symposium is intended to provide a forum for exchanging information between academia and industry. Experts will address the progress made in preharvest food safety and the role of diagnostic laboratories; the epidemiology and control of food borne pathogens; useful and rapid methods of identifying microbial pathogens; and antimicrobial use and resistance in food pathogens. Representatives from five food-animal industries will share their perspectives on preharvest food safety, the progress made, what more could be done and ways it can maximize the partnership with diagnostic laboratories to strengthen their efforts in food safety and food security.

Target audience: Laboratory, research, regulatory and industry personnel with an interest in defining and improving collaborative food safety efforts. No background is necessary. Workshop is open to non-AAVLD members.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Time	Topic
8:05-8:45am	Overview of preharvest food safety and the role of veterinary diagnostic laboratories Dr. Scott Hurd, Iowa State University
8:45-9:25am	Epidemiology and control of food borne pathogens Dr. Scott Wells, University of Minnesota
9:25-10:00am	Detection and identification of enteric pathogens: Useful methods for food safety and food defense Dr. Thomas Cebula, FDA
10:00-10:15am	Break
10:15-10:45am	Antimicrobial use and its association with antimicrobial resistance in food borne pathogens Dr. Wondwossen Gebreyes, NCSU
10:45-12:00pm	Partnerships with Food Animal Production Industries: Aquaculture: Dr Ron Lewis , BC Canada Beef: Dr. Gary Weber, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Dairy: Dr. Denise Mullinax , California, Dairy Institute Pork: Dr. Liz Wagstrom , National Pork Producers Poultry: Dr. Bob O’Connor, Foster Farms
12:00-12:30pm	Panel Discussion

Sampling Methods for Detection of Disease
2:30 to 6:30 PM

Objective: To promote and lead to a better understanding of sampling principles and tools for disease diagnostic investigation and control programs.

Methodology of instruction: Lecture-based workshop with emphasis on laboratory field applications and examples. Demonstrations of software used for sample size calculations and data analysis.

Target audience: Diagnosticians, researchers, practitioners, and students interested in diagnostic sampling, field investigations, and surveillance programs.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Time	Topic
2:30-2:35	Welcome
	Introduction to sampling
2:35-3:00	<i>Principles of and justification for sampling</i> Terminology of sampling; sampling strategies and procedures; overview of simple probability theory in relation to sampling
3:00-3:30	<i>Sampling designs</i> Basic sampling designs; biases; sample size; sampling frequency; cost; statistical/diagnostic confidence
3:30-3:40	Break
3:40-4:40	Sampling for surveys and disease investigations in a herd or flock Sampling design to estimate disease prevalence in a herd or flock; sample size calculations; statistical analyses; sampling for outbreak investigation and field trials. Sampling for herd-level certification and surveillance programs on a regional basis
4:40-5:10	<i>Disease detection at the herd/flock level</i> Sampling for demonstration of disease freedom or identification of infected herds
5:10-5:40	<i>Sampling for surveillance</i> Surveillance program design; multilevel sampling
5:40-5:50	Break
5:50-6:20	Pooling Principles of pooling; estimation of sensitivity and specificity of tests of pools; prevalence estimation and disease detection; sampling of “naturally” pooled specimens (environmental fecal samples, bulk tank milk); cost effectiveness of testing of pooled samples
6:20-6:30	Summary and final discussion

Pre-AAVLD/USAHA Annual Meeting Symposia

Food Safety Symposium

AAVLD – Food Safety Committee
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Samplings Methods for Detection of Disease

AAVLD – Epidemiology Committee
2:30 to 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 12, 2006
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- \$40.00 Food Safety Symposium only** (8:00am – 12:30pm)
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NAHLN/AAVLD Laboratory Emergency Management Subcommittee

JOINT SYMPOSIUM

**October 12, 2006, 8:15am - 5:00pm
Minneapolis Hilton, Minneapolis, MN**

Cost: \$70.00: Registration fee includes morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch, notebooks, handouts and appendices.

Who should attend: All laboratory directors and personnel interested in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) and laboratory preparedness for an animal emergency event.

Program Description: This symposium will provide participants with the opportunity to learn from and interact with others regarding the functions of the NAHLN and state-based laboratories in providing laboratory support during an emergency disease outbreak. A goal is to provide laboratories with information and resources to assist them in becoming better prepared to respond quickly and efficiently and integrate with a state/federal task force. *See schedule for details*

Morning Session

Exercises - Lessons Learned (3 speakers from labs)
Laboratory Specific Emergency Response Plans
Select Agent Rule and Emergency Response- **L. Thomas**
NAHLN Surveillance Program Updates
Modeling Lab Surge Capacity Needs

Afternoon Session

Texas A&M BL3 Mobile Unit
Activation of the NAHLN – **B. Martin**
USDA Disease Response Plans
Resources (Area Emerg Coord, NVS, Training)
Developing Exercises
Stress Management during an Emergency

NAHLN/AAVLD LAB EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE JOINT SYMPOSIUM

Registration Form

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Repeating the success from last year, the AAVLD Foundation Auction will return again at this year's annual AAVLD meeting !

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The procedure is as follows;

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3. Items will be posted on the AAVLD web site.
4. At the Annual Meeting at the AAVLD President's reception there will be
 - (a) A silent auction followed by
 - (b) A live auction with a professional auctioneer.

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AAVLD membership renewals are going electronic! The Executive Board recently approved the use of MemberClicks™ membership management software for AAVLD. This software will allow the organization to streamline its membership renewal process and handle secure electronic credit card payments. You will no longer have to fax, phone or mail your credit card number to renew your membership. Once the new process is put in place you will be able to log on to the AAVLD website, update your contact information and pay online with your credit card. For those of you who prefer paper - you will still be able to send us a check or money order. Our goal is to have the new system in place for 2007 membership renewals. More information will be made available as the new software is implemented. Please feel free to contact Allison Reitz in the Secretary/Treasurer's office at areitz@cahfs.ucdavis.edu or 530-754-9719 if you have any questions.

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May 22-25, 2006. **Histologic Basis of Ocular Disease** is the pathology section of the **Magrane Basic Science Course in Veterinary and Comparative Ophthalmology** sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. This section is 3.5 days and offers broad exposure to ophthalmic pathology through didactics, group discussions, and gross and microscopic laboratory sessions. The course is offered at SVM, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Tuition: \$525 plus room and board. Interested individuals should contact: Kathy Nelson (nelsonk@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu), Raleigh, NC 27606-1499, USA, or via e-mail to samantha_hartford@ncsu.edu. <http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/info/ce/ophtho.html>

June 4-6, 2006: **Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network (CAHLN) 5th Annual Meeting** at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Ottawa Laboratory Fallowfield, Ottawa, Ontario Canada. Speakers on Canadian Animal Health Strategy; Developments with the US National Animal Health Laboratory Network; Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network (CAHSN); Avian Influenza; Prion research; Laboratories' role in the new National Aquatic Animal Health program plus over 35 scientific presentations. Pre-registration required (no cost). Simultaneous French and English translation. Contact: Dr. Shane Renwick; tel.: (613) 221-7019; e-mail: renwicks@inspection.gc.ca

June 8-9, 2006. **North Central Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Meeting** will be at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 North 9th Street, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Complete information including registration forms can be found at <http://vbms.unl.edu/NCCVLD/index.shtml>. Pre-registration is recommended and the deadline is May 5, 2006.

July 25-28, 2006: The **8th Biennial Congress of the Anaerobe Society of the Americas** will be held in Boise, Idaho. An anaerobe workshop will be held July 25, 2006. Please contact either Spencer Jang (ssjang@ucdavis.edu) or Glenn Songer (gsonger@u.arizona.edu) regarding presentation in the veterinary session. More information at www.anaerobe.org.

July 30- August 4: 4th Biennial Foreign Animal Training course will be held at the Inn on the Park, Madison, WI. Experts from Africa, Europe and North America will provide in-depth presentations and discussions on the recognition, diagnosis and control of foreign animal diseases that threaten our livestock industries. Detailed information regarding the meeting can be found at: www.vetmed.wisc.edu/pbs/courses/FAD2006

August 15-18, 2006: **11th Annual Conference Advancing Practice, Instruction and Innovation through Informatics**. Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia. This conference (APIII 2006) provides a broad overview of applications of biomedical informatics in pathology and oncology practice, education and research. While a human medicine conference, most of the applications of informatics are relevant to veterinary diagnostics. For more information and to register go to <http://apiii.upmc.edu/registration/index.html>.

September 6, 2006. **International Society of Veterinary Dermatologists** (information at <http://www.isvd.org/>) in Lisbon, Portugal in conjunction with the annual meeting of the European Society of Veterinary Dermatologists and ECVD (September 7-9, 2006) for more information see ESVD site at <http://www.esvd2006.org/index.htm>.

October 6-7, 2006: **16th Annual South Central meeting of the C.L. Davis Foundation**, San Luis Resort, Galveston Island, TX. Dr. Rob Moeller is the invited speaker on "The Pathology of Foreign Animal Diseases" and attendees can present pathology and laboratory animal case reports. For slide case submissions contact: Dr. John Edwards, TAMU, phone (979) 845-4608 jedwards@cvm.tamu.edu Meeting information at <http://www.afip.org/CLDavis/CLDavis.meetings.htm>

October 11-18, 2006. **Annual AAVLD and USAHA meeting** in Minneapolis, MN at the Minneapolis Hilton.

October 27-28 2006. **39th Annual Western Conference of Veterinary Diagnostic Pathologists** at the University Inn Best Western in Moscow, ID sponsored by the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State. Theme is Diseases of the Hematopoietic and Lymphoid System. Case submissions due before June 1 to Dr. Dorothy Middleton, Department of Pathology, University of Saskatchewan, dorothy.middleton@usask.ca.

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