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## President's Message



We enjoyed a very successful 50th anniversary meeting of the AAVLD in Reno, Nevada, and I'm pleased to have been elected only the second Canadian president in the history of the AAVLD. I'm also very pleased that Dr. Barb Powers, immediate past-president, has agreed to stay on to deal with the more strictly American issues that face the organization.

Highlights of the 50th anniversary celebrations included the recollections of Bob Crandell, Larry Morehouse (via video), and Vaughn Seaton. From humble beginnings with visionary leaders, we've grown to an organization of more than 1,300 members. My thanks to David Steffen, President-elect, for his assistance with organizing the anniversary events and the attendance by Pope Award winners and life members, as well as the production of our anniversary pin. Thanks also to Bill Fales for generating a photo collage of many of our past events.

The 2007 Foundation auction raised more than \$9300, allowing the Foundation Committee to increase the value of travel awards - well done Paige Carmichael and thank you contributors! The Canada goose carving purchased at the auction was later awarded to Alex Ardans as a special Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of his many years of service to AAVLD and his 30 years in veterinary laboratory medicine. [Read more...](#)

## What's New on the Web

- [October Executive Board and House of Delegates Minutes](#)
- [August Lab Directors Conference Call Minutes](#)
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## Congratulations to our AAVLD Award Winners...

Dr. Beverly Byrum was recipient of our highest honor the EP Pope Award  
Dr. Alex Ardans was the first recipient of AAVLD Distinguished Service Award  
Graduate Student Award for Best Presentation – Dr. Joshua Daniels  
Graduate Student Award for Best Poster – Dr. Akinyi Nyaoke  
JVDI Best Manuscript – Dr. Todd Cornish, et. al.  
JVDI Best Brief Communication – Dr. Steven Kleiboeker, et. al.  
2007 Pioneers in Virology – Dr. Janice Miller  
Trek Award for an Outstanding Diagnostic Microbiologist – Ms. Joann Kinyoun.

## Job Board

Announcements of open positions in the field of veterinary diagnostics by discipline

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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## Legislative Updates

AAVLD sent a letter to Representatives Dingell and Stupak (posted on web site) on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in October stating our position regarding the [BSL3 and BSL4 facility construction concerns for animal and human pathogens](#)

## Information from AAVLD Annual Meeting

- Quality Assurance Committee posted 3 downloadable PPT presentations under QA [committee header](#) titled: Internal audits; Root Cause Analysis; and Quality Control. They also approved guidance documents for Management Review and Internal Audits
- Informatics committee developed an [IT Guidance document](#) for Accreditation posted under their committee on members only site.
- AAVLD Foundation has increased the number of general travel awards to five and the award amount to \$750.00 each. They will also provide matching funds to any discipline that raises \$375.00 for a discipline specific travel award. Please encourage your residents and graduate students to apply for these awards.
- 2008 Annual meeting information will be [posted](#) as available.
- The Bacteriology QA self assessment will return May 2008. NVSL will distribute the isolates and format will be similar to past years.
- We appreciate the support of our exhibitors and sponsors posted on [annual meeting site](#) with brief write ups in the exhibitor directory and Proceedings.

## NVSL Launches New Website and Contact Us Link

NVSL launched a new website and added a link to contact them under Contact Us: [NVSL\\_Concerns@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:NVSL_Concerns@aphis.usda.gov). They are soliciting client feedback. The new on-line catalogs for services/tests and reagents include fees and have replaced the former hard copies. Current proficiency test panels, their target month and a 2 page document with 13 specifics for each panel are posted. Also posted are laboratories approved for program/export testing, a link to the NAHLN web site and scope of NVSL tests in their ISO17025 accreditation. [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/lab\\_info\\_services/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/lab_info_services/).

## New Job Board Launched in August 2007

AAVLD launched its new job board in August. The new board allows employers to manage their postings ([click on post a job](#)), set expiration dates and renew postings. Fees are \$50.00 for 90 days. [Searches](#) (click on view jobs) can be done on keyword or by job category or location.

## Safety in the Workplace Conference

[CDC's 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Biosafety](#): Protecting Workers in Clinical Laboratories, Research, Animal Care, and Public Health Communities will be in Atlanta, Georgia, February 9-13, 2008. 15 Pre-symposium courses and sessions on: Risk Assessment and Management; Worker Protection; Preparedness; Animal Issues; Facility Design and Equipment and more.