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President's Message - Craig Carter



To begin, I just want to say *thank you* for entrusting me with the honor and privilege of leading the AAVLD in the coming year. I just realized that this is my thirtieth year as an AAVLD member. During that time I have developed a tremendous respect for our organization, its leaders and members. To be sure, I admire AAVLD's commitment to excellence and its many contributions to agriculture and society. Bottom line, I promise that I will give it my best!

Next, I want to thank all of the speakers, poster presenters, and attendees at our outstanding Minneapolis meeting in November. The One Health plenary was timely and well received as gauged by feedback received thus far. There were eleven scientific sessions over two days with 111 papers presented and 59 high quality posters. We also want to thank our 37 exhibitors and 10 sponsors who contributed record support for the meeting. We could not put this meeting on without them. Please be sure to thank them when the opportunity arises. In addition, I want to thank the program committee and the moderators for their hard work. I also wish to thank Jackie Cassarly, our meeting planner, Vanessa Garrison, AAVLD Administrative Analyst, Ben Richey, Kelly Janicek and Linda Ragland, USAHA Staff, and so many others that helped to make the meeting a great success. Finally, I want to thank our intrepid and hard-working Secretary-Treasurer, John Adaska who makes sure we can and do pay the bills!

I want you to know that your Executive Board (EB) is working very hard to move the AAVLD forward in a couple of key areas. First, we are currently executing a move to a new publisher for the JVDI which will surely result in better overall efficiency, profitability, and new opportunities for the journal to flourish. Dr. Jerry Saliki, our editor-in-chief and his staff are also working diligently to make this happen as soon as possible. Secondly, the EB recently approved adoption of a professional meeting and abstract management software system (the same one the AVMA uses) which will streamline and professionalize the annual meeting planning and scientific program and proceedings production process. We will have it operational in time for this year's call for abstracts/posters.

In September, I represented the AAVLD at the first EAVLD (European) meeting in Lelystad, Netherlands. With 215 attendees, the meeting was considered a huge success. This new association is very keen on working closely with the AAVLD in a number of areas. Specifically, the EAVLD would like to work out an arrangement for their members to receive subscriptions to JVDI. We will keep the dialog open with our sister organization in Europe.

Tim Baszler, this year's President-Elect and Program Chair, is already working on putting together an outstanding program for our upcoming meeting in Buffalo. The meeting occurs a bit earlier than normal this year. Put Sep 29-Oct 5 on your calendar now so it doesn't sneak up on you! The Executive Board just received the results of the USAHA-AAVLD Monkey Survey which requested feedback on our meeting in Minneapolis. We take your comments seriously and will keep them in mind as we plan the upcoming meeting. Please begin thinking about good topics for your presentations and posters. Also, help spread the word regarding the Trainee Travel Awards funded by the AAVLD Foundation. Application materials must be in to Gary Anderson (ganders@vet.k-state.edu) by May 15, 2011 for trainees (residents/grad students) to be eligible.

You may not be aware that Tom McKenna, this year's Vice President, is also Chair of the AAVLD Membership Committee. You are our most precious commodity—AAVLD members! If you haven't paid your dues for 2011, we ask that you get that done today—we need your active membership to move the AAVLD and diagnostic veterinary medicine to the future. If you feel that we have somehow failed you as a member, please call/email Tom, myself or any member of the Executive Board to voice your concerns. Our main goal is to make the AAVLD better for you!

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

- **2011 Annual meeting** September 29-October 3, Buffalo, NY
 - Call for the 2011 Diagnostic slide conference (due July 1st) and Diagnostic bacteriology case reports (due Sep 1st).
 - Trainee Travel award **application** (deadline May 15, 2011)
 - Coming soon – Call for abstracts (deadline May 15, 2011) and AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic pathology best presentation application (deadline June 7)
 - Visitors to Canada will require a passport or birth certificate.
 - CL Davis will host a Diagnostic respiratory pathology conference
 - NAHLN, Accreditation and Quality Assurance will co-host a Sep 28 day long symposium
 - U of Guelph and Cornell U are organizing separate trips to visit their respective new laboratory facilities (details to follow)
- 2010 Meeting **proceedings** (abstracts) and **Diagnostic slide abstracts** are posted on the annual meeting page. Slide bar right to view the former.
- 2010 November **Executive board** and House of Delegates **1 & 2** minutes.
 - **HOD 1** has bylaw changes approved at the 2nd HOD.
 - **HOD 2** has the text of resolutions approved at the 2nd HOD.
- **AAVLD strategic plan 2010-2013**: members are encouraged to review and provide comments to committee Chair Grant Maxie or President Craig Carter.
- AAVLD Lab Directors- NVSL **Dec 17 conference** call minutes

Veterinary Student/Undergraduate membership approved

The House of Delegates (HOD) approved a new class of membership which is in line with the AAVLD strategic plan to encourage more people to enter the fields of diagnostic veterinary medicine and with our MOU with the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine. The new class of membership is 25.00 per year with access to JVDI on line (not in print copy) and all other benefits of membership except right to vote or chair a committee. The 2011 **membership form** on the website has the new member class and we encourage those members who have been working with or mentoring veterinary or undergraduate students to sponsor their first year of membership to AAVLD. The joint USAHA/AAVLD meeting registration has been waived for veterinary students for several years under a USAHA workforce development initiative.

The HOD also voted to drop the restriction that associate members could not chair a committee. This action allows clerical and bench technical personnel who join as associate members to chair committees where they have been active for years.

AAVLD Annual Meeting Committee reports and chairs

- The committee reports from most of the AAVLD and all the joint USAHA/AAVLD committee meetings are now available on the members site under **Committees** tab. At the top of the page is the list of chairs and their email contact and at the bottom is the 2010 reports. The reports are linked to a table of contents by hot links. A few committee reports are still pending.
- Some committees have also posted presentations given in the committee meeting and those can be found under the individual committee name on the webpage (includes pathology, laboratory emergency management, epidemiology and parasitology). Presentations at the USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Animal Emergency Management can be found on the **USAHA website** under the committee header.
- Presentations from the PCR symposium will be posted soon under the Laboratory Technology committee.
- 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.oh.gov. All income is used to fund pathology trainee travel awards.

2010 AAVLD Awardees

A complete listing of the AAVLD awardees can be found on the [Awardees](#) tab of the web page and the home page.

Dr. Doris Miller, UGA was the E.P. Pope honoree (see Jan 2011 issue of JVDI for full write up) and Dr. Jay Kammerzell, CSU was awarded the AAVLD Distinguished service award.

Foundation student travel awards were given to Drs. Barbara Brito UCD, Roxann Brooks UCD, Susan Detmer UMN, Stephane Guillosoou KSU, Ailam Lim MSU, Christie Mayo UCD, Cara Pillitteri UTN, Ha-Jung Roh UGA, Marty Soehnlén, PSU.

Foundation presentation/poster awards were presented to Dr. Dr. Benjamin Newcomer, Auburn (best oral), Dr. Barbie Gadsden, MSU (AAVLD/ACVP pathology), Dr. Marty Soehnlén, PSU (Richard Walker award) and Dr Roxann Brooks, UCD (best poster).

Dr. Lorraine Hoffman, ISU, was awarded the Trek Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Microbiology.

Dr. William Mengeling received the Pioneers in Virology award.

American Academy of Animal Scientists Fellow

Terry F. McElwain, was elected a fellow of the AAAS "for distinguished contributions to public health through infectious diseases investigation and implementation of laboratory networks for detection and confirmation of pathogen emergence and spread." McElwain is a professor of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology and executive director of the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

In Memory of J. Lindsay Oaks

We are deeply saddened to inform AAVLD membership that Dr. J. Lindsay Oaks passed away January 15th after a courageous battle with rapidly progressive liver cancer. Lindsay was an extraordinary human being, father and colleague. Our thoughts and prayers be with Lindsay and his family at this most difficult time.

Lindsay was an exceptional young veterinary microbiologist and diagnostician at the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Washington State University. Many in AAVLD came to befriend and admire Lindsay through his dedication and expertise serving on numerous AAVLD committees. He was truly a fine representative for veterinary diagnosticians worldwide with his work on global conservation medicine of birds. We all will miss him tremendously.

His colleagues at WADDL will be putting together a book of thoughts and remembrances for Lindsay's family, including three young children who did not have a chance to know all that their father had accomplished and what he meant to his colleagues. If you would like to contribute a memory or picture to that book, please send it to Dr. Terry McElwain at tfm@vetmed.wsu.edu.

The family of Lindsay Oaks has requested that in lieu of flowers and cards, memorial gifts for Lindsay may be made to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, P.O. Box 647010, Pullman, WA 99164-7010, or The Peregrine Fund, 5668 W. Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709. Gifts will be used to support the projects Lindsay was most passionate about.