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President's Message - Gary Anderson

We continue to look for ways of increasing our membership, with particular focus on young people who will be future diagnosticians. Our Foundation and selected discipline committees again will provide considerable support for resident-graduate student travel and presentation awards. In addition, we have established a Memorandum of Understanding between our association and the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine (CPCVM) that is intended to enhance visibility of laboratory diagnostic medicine and increase opportunities for veterinary students to experience the "discipline" of diagnostics. There will be a variety of ways to utilize the AAVLD-CPCVM agreement, and it will take time and effort to reap the benefits for each organization, the students and our profession.

An AAVLD-CPCVM mentorship program is currently being developed that will be aimed at providing an opportunity for students to develop one-on-one relationships with laboratory diagnostic professionals working in similar areas of interest. It is anticipated that much of the mentoring will be done long-distance because students and AAVLD members may not be in the same place. Mentoring packages are being developed that will provide tips and suggestions on how to best have an effective mentoring relationship even though you might not be in the same location as the student. The intent is to develop a mutually beneficial relationship that will provide AAVLD members opportunities to meet, get to know and provide some level of guidance for young, enthusiastic upcoming members of our profession.

The goal is to finalize a mentor program structure and begin identifying AAVLD members who may be interested in either serving as a mentor for a student or hosting a senior student for a clerkship. We anticipate matching students with potential mentors, and initiating more AAVLD-CPCVM interactions when students return for the upcoming academic year. If you are interested in participating in this partnership, either as a mentor or by hosting a student for an externship opportunity, please contact Dr Valerie Ragan, director of the CPCVM at vragan@umd.edu or 301-314-6820. For more information [click here](#).

Dr Craig Carter and the Program Committee are working hard to finalize the program for our annual meeting - we anticipate and expect it will be top-drawer. Thanks very much to all who have submitted abstracts and to those who are preparing for committee work and all the activities needed for a successful meeting. Please make plans to attend our 2010 annual meeting. It will be a great time to catch up with colleagues and move our profession forward. We hope to see you in Minneapolis!

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

- [2010 Annual meeting](#): November 11th – 17th schedule of events; Hotel registration link and information; Meeting registration link:
 - CL Davis Ocular Pathology symposium announcement.
 - Real time PCR cutoff value standards symposium (25.00, deadline Oct 12- form on annual meeting site).
 - Diagnostic pathology slide seminar submissions (due July 30)
 - Diagnostic Bacteriology case presentation titles (due October 1).

Job Board

Announcements of open positions in the field of veterinary diagnostics by discipline (18 currently)

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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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AAVLD Annual Meeting News

- **Real time PCR cutoff values standards** symposium will take place Thursday, Nov 11th from 1-5pm. The symposium will include presentations on the challenges in setting values between labs and equipment with a proposed plan presented to participants. Separate registration (25.00).
- CL Davis will sponsor a symposium on **Ocular Pathology** Nov 12th, Friday.
- The plenary session topic is **One Health: opportunities for veterinary diagnostic labs**
- There will be increased opportunities to interact with exhibitors with changes in the scientific session scheduling and exhibitor hours.

Online version of 2010 BMBL Manual Now available!

The new online (2010) version The new online version matches the CDC/NIH *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* ("BMBL") 5th ed published in December 2009 can be found on the [CDC website](#). Hardcopy is available via ordering from www.gpo.gov for US \$38.00.
