

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**56th Annual AAVLD Meeting, October 17 – 23, 2013**  
**Town and Country Resort and Convention Center**  
**San Diego, California**

**Deadline for Abstracts: June 1, 2013**

**Get your abstracts in early!**

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 (12 minutes presentation, 3 minutes questions). The scientific Program Chair –Dr. Catherine Barr, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory – and the AAVLD Annual Meeting Program Committee will review abstracts. Corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance by **July 15, 2013**.

We will use Thomson Reuters ScholarOne Abstracts as the official provider of online abstract submission and management as we did last year. The AAVLD abstract submission website is <http://aavld2013.abstractcentral.com>.

To submit an abstract, login to the AAVLD Annual Meeting abstract site with the User ID and Password e-mailed to you by ScholarOne Abstracts (if you are a current AAVLD member).

If you did not receive an e-mail from ScholarOne containing a User ID and Password, just follow the instructions on the website for creating a new account. After login, follow the online instructions to submit your abstract.

Some important particulars of electronic abstract submission on the AAVLD ScholarOne Abstract site include:

1. Only narrative type abstracts will be accepted.
2. Abstract length is restricted to 400 words.
3. Abstract text can be “cut and pasted” into the website from a variety of word processing programs, but entire word processing files of abstracts cannot be uploaded.
4. Applications for graduate student awards (oral presentation, poster presentation), and trainee travel awards are submitted online, concurrent with abstract submission.
5. Authors may edit submitted abstracts up until the abstract submission deadline.
6. Authors can upload PowerPoint presentations on the abstract website ahead of the annual meeting.
7. Published AAVLD Annual Meeting Proceedings will have author and keyword indices.
8. Abstracts must be accurate and in the complete and final version (edited for grammar and spelling) before submitting to the AAVLD ScholarOne Abstract website.

Publication in the AAVLD journal, the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI): We encourage submission of manuscripts to the JVDI based on papers and posters selected for presentation at the annual meeting. Manuscripts accepted by the JVDI editor after scientific peer review will be published as refereed journal articles. Guidelines for format and style of manuscripts can be found in the journal and on the AAVLD website ([www.aavld.org](http://www.aavld.org)). Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the editor for processing prior to the meeting, if possible.

Thank you for considering submission of an abstract to the 2013 AAVLD Annual Meeting. According to the AAVLD member survey, the Scientific and Poster Sessions remain major reasons for attending the AAVLD Annual Meeting. The quality of the meeting is only as good as the number and quality of abstracts presented.