

Dr. Jerry Saliki was born in Cameroon, West Africa. He obtained his DVM from the University of Liège, Belgium in 1984. After obtaining a post-graduate diploma in tropical animal health and production, he returned to Cameroon and served as a research veterinarian for 4 years. In 1989 he enrolled at Cornell University, obtaining a PhD degree in Virology in 1993. During his doctoral studies, he worked at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center. His career over the past 21 years has been in veterinary diagnostics. First, he served as a diagnostic virologist at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory from 1993-2005. During that period he rose through the academic ranks to become a tenured full professor. Since 2005, Jerry has served as a Virologist at the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, University of Georgia and has also been director of that Laboratory since 2007. Jerry has been a steadfast member of AAVLD for the past 22 years and has served the association for the past 11 years as editor-in-chief of our flagship journal, JVDI. Over his 30 years' career as a diagnostician Jerry has been an avid generator of knowledge relevant to veterinary diagnosticians, having authored or co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications. His expertise in diagnostic veterinary medicine has been put to use internationally over the past 7 years by serving as a trainer and consultant to diagnostic laboratories in several countries (Mali, Senegal, Ethiopia, Gambia, Tanzania, and the Philippines) at the behest of the FAO and USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service. In his free time, Jerry enjoys hiking. He is married and father of six children aged 14 through 33 years.