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Greetings from Indiana!

The members of the AAVLD are amazing.

They spend long hours at work protecting livestock, pets, & wildlife, and thereby, the health & well-being of the animals and people in our communities. They serve by diagnosing animal diseases, generating new knowledge, and passing on that knowledge and experience. Then, they spend more hours assisting the profession and their colleagues by volunteering time on AAVLD committees, in planning and leading workshops & symposia, and presenting cases & research in scientific sessions. Last month, thanks to the efforts of many people, the annual meeting in San Diego was a resounding success. Today, I am thankful to be the president of such a great organization full of dedicated people. I look forward to serving you and the AAVLD during the upcoming year!

Steve Hooser
AAVLD President

2017-18 Leadership Team

PRESIDENT - Dr. Steve Hooser



Dr. Hooser was elected Vice President of AAVLD in 2016, and served as President-Elect / Program Committee Chair of AAVLD in 2017. Dr. Hooser was presented the gavel as President of AAVLD on Monday, October 16th, in San Diego.

Dr. Hooser received his DVM from the University of Illinois in 1982. Following a brief stint in a small animal practice, he returned to the University of Illinois for graduate studies and residency training in Toxicology.

Dr. Hooser received an M.S. in Toxicology in 1986, a PhD in pathology in 1989 and became a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology in 1989. Dr. Hooser pursued post-doctoral studies in hepatotoxicology at the University of Arizona and in reproductive toxicology at TNO Food and Nutrition Research in The Netherlands.

In 1994, he began his diagnostic career at Purdue University as the Head of the Toxicology Section in the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Pathobiology (CPB). Currently, he is the Toxicology Section Head at the Purdue Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and is a Professor of Toxicology. Dr. Hooser has previously served as the Director of the Purdue ADDL and as Past President of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology.

PRESIDENT-ELECT - Dr. Keith Bailey



Dr. Keith Bailey was elected as Vice President of AAVLD in 2016 and assumed the role of President-Elect and Program Chair of AAVLD at the October 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Dr. Bailey is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. He is a board-certified veterinary anatomic pathologist and actively participates in the instruction of veterinary students and training of pathology residents at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

Dr. Bailey earned DVM (1992) and PhD (1996) degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Upon completion of graduate training, he served as pathologist and Director of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission laboratory in Springdale, AR (1996-1997), followed by diagnostic pathologist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1997-2003).

Dr. Bailey served as a comparative pathologist at Pfizer (2003-2006) and Amgen (2006-2010) before returning to Oklahoma. Dr. Bailey has been a member of AAVLD since 1992 and currently serves on the AAVLD Executive Committee, the AAVLD Executive Board and the Pathology Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT - Dr. Deepanker Tewari



Dr. Deepanker Tewari was elected as Vice President of AAVLD and assumed that position at the Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. The Vice President position is a four year commitment to AAVLD where he will annually navigate through the the other leadership posts as President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President.

Dr. Tewari received his graduate degree from the University of Cambridge, UK in veterinary medicine. Dr. Tewari obtained his earlier veterinary education at the Haryana Agriculture University in Hisar, India. He also holds a management degree from the Penn State University.

Dr. Tewari is a board-certified microbiologist in the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists. He currently serves as the Director of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory following his appointment to the position in 2013. Dr. Tewari has also worked at the Rockefeller University in New York, NY and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

Dr. Tewari has been an AAVLD member for the last 18 years, serving on the Proficiency Committee, Bacteriology Committee, Molecular Technology Committee, Membership Committee, Accreditation Committee, JVDI Editorial Board and the AAVLD / USAHA Joint Committee on Johne's Disease. Dr. Tewari has also been actively involved with the NAHLN Council, committees and working groups.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Dr. Pat Halbur



Having served the last year as the 2016-17 President of AAVLD, Dr. Halbur will assume the position of Immediate Past President for the 2017-18 year. Dr. Halbur currently serves as the Interim Dean of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine and as Executive Director of the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Dr. Halbur co-owned a food animal focused private practice in Iowa for 5 years before earning his MS and PhD degrees in veterinary pathology at Iowa State University. He also previously served as a diagnostic and research pathologist in the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ISU VDL) for 15 years.

Dr. Halbur's areas of expertise include food animal production medicine, pathology and microbiology. Dr. Halbur is a member of the National Academy of Inventors, an Honorary Iowa Master Pork Producer, received the Howard Dunne Memorial Award from the AASV, and has received the Zoetis Research Excellence Award.

Dr. Halbur was elected as Vice President of AAVLD in 2015, and previously served as the North Central Regional Representative to the AAVLD Executive Board, a member of the AAVLD Executive Committee and has also served as President of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.

SECRETARY-TREASURER - Dr. Kristy Pabilonia



Dr. Pabilonia was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for AAVLD for 2016. Dr. Pabilonia's first term as Secretary-Treasurer will continue through 2018.

Dr. Pabilonia is an Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology at Colorado State University (CSU). She completed a Microbiology Residency and earned her PhD at Colorado State University.

Dr. Pabilonia is the Coordinator of the Colorado Avian Disease Surveillance Program and Associate Director of the CSU National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.

Newly-elected NORTHEAST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE - Dr. Subhashinie Kariyawasam



Dr. Subhashinie Kariyawasam was elected to represent the AAVLD Northeast Region on the Executive Board. Dr. Kariyawasam assumed this position in October at the AAVLD Annual Meeting.

Dr. Kariyawasam is a Clinical Professor of the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and the Bacteriology Section Head of the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory (ADL) at The Pennsylvania State University. She also served as the interim section head of Mammalian Virology and Serology Section at

ADL for five years.

Dr. Kariyawasam earned a veterinary degree from University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka and a PhD from University of Guelph in Canada. Dr. Kariyawasam is board certified with the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM) (Bacteriology/Mycology and Immunology), American College of Poultry Veterinarians (ACPV), and American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (ACVPM).

Dr. Kariyawasam has served on many committees of ACVM, ACPV, and AAVLD. At present, she is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI).

Newly-elected SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE - Dr. Jerry Saliki



Dr. Jerry Saliki was elected to represent the AAVLD Southeast Region on the Executive Board and assumed his responsibilities at the October Annual Meeting.

Dr. Saliki has served in a number of leadership positions in the AAVLD, including serving as the Editor of the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI) from 2004 to 2014. As the Editor, Dr. Saliki led the JVDI Editorial Board, and has received three of AAVLD's highest awards; the E.P. Pope Award, the Distinguished Service Award and has been granted Lifetime Membership by the AAVLD House of Delegates.

Dr. Saliki has served as the Director of the Athens Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory (AVDL) - an AAVLD accredited laboratory - for the last 10 years. Dr. Saliki is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and was awarded the Charles

Dobbins Award in Service by the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in 2010 for a long-standing record of service to the people of Georgia and surrounding regions.

For a complete listing of all AAVLD Executive Board members, click [here](#) .

2017 AAVLD Awards

During the 2017 Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, excellence and innovation were on open display. With more than 200 abstracts presented and a stellar lineup of some of the profession's most influential scientists appearing in plenary sessions, the 60th Annual Conference was the appropriate forum to recognize the following award winners:

E.P. Pope Award

Lanny Pace, DVM, PhD

Distinguished Service Award

Matti Kiupel, PhD

AAVLD Life Membership

Terry McElwain, DVM, PhD

Bio-Mic Award for Excellence in Diagnostic Microbiology

Dr. Connie Gebhart

Richard L. Walker Bacteriology Award

Tessa LeCuyer

J. Lindsay Oaks Bacteriology Award

Noah Hull

Best Classical Bacteriology Presentation

in Honor of Dr. Brenda Love

Sreenidhi Srinivasan

Best Oral Presentation

Michael Zeller

Best Poster Presentation

Sreenidhi Srinivasan

Best Staff Presentation Award

Margaret Johnson

Best Full JVDI Manuscript

Resolving bovine viral diarrhea virus subtypes from persistently infected U.S. beef calves with complete genome sequence.

Aspen M. Workman, Michael P. Heaton, Gregory P. Harhay, Timothy P. L. Smith, Dale M. Grotelueschen, David Sjeklocha, Bruce Brodersen, Jessica L. Petersen, Carol G. Chitko-McKown.

Best JVDI Brief Communication

Characterization of spinal cord lesions in cattle and horses with rabies: the importance of correct sampling.

Daniele M. Bassuino, Guilherme Konrad, Raquel A. S. Cruz, Gustavo S. Silva, Danilo C. Gomes, Saulo P. Pavarini, David Driemeier.

AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards

Zhenyu Shen, University of Missouri
Elizabeth Houston, Iowa State University
Shubhada Chothe, Pennsylvania State University
Rozalyn Donner, Kansas State University
Henrique Almeida, Iowa State University
Scott Radke, Iowa State University
Yin Wang, Kansas State University
Sreenidhi Srinivasan, Pennsylvania State University
Fangfeng Yuan, Kansas State University
Jennifer Kopanke, Colorado State University
Arya Sobhakumari, University of California-Davis
Jaber Belkhiria, University of California-Davis
Steven Waldrop, Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Lorelei Clarke (Pathology), University of Georgia

AAVLD Staff Travel Awards:

Melanie Koscielny, Ohio University Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
Jennifer Rudd, Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Malgorzata Johnson, Michigan State University
Christina Cappelli, Cornell University
Erica Butler, Cornell University

AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Resident/Graduate Student Award

Franco Matias Ferreyra

ACVP/AAVLD Diagnostic Pathology Resident/Graduate Student Award

Dr. Carolyn Andrews, DVM, DACVP



**AAVLD and Thermo Fisher Scientific
Announce Recipients of
Innovation in Veterinary Diagnostic
Medicine Grant Program**

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) and Thermo Fisher Scientific joined forces to promote a new grant program in support of innovation in veterinary diagnostics. The call for proposals received an enthusiastic response and a large number of high quality applicants. During the Annual Meeting in San Diego, the grant winners were announced.

The grant recipients are:

**Laura B. Goodman, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate,
Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
*High-throughput tick-borne disease detection by nanoscale PCR***

The goal of Dr. Goodman's research is to develop a nanoscale PCR testing panel covering all major tick-borne disease pathogens in North America, which could be shared with other labs to improve assay harmonization.

Christie Mayo, Assistant Professor,
Colorado State University

Novel, translational, multidisciplinary approach to diagnose and genetically characterize high consequence pathogens affecting animal health

The goal of the Colorado State University team's research is development of a novel molecular method based on next generation sequencing to systematically investigate bovine respiratory disease (BRD) and bovine abortion (BA) cases. The improved methodology will be designed to gain a significantly clearer picture of the polymicrobial nature of the BRD and BA.

"It's important to our industry to continue to strive forward with important research by innovative individuals in our field and to never stop searching for scientific breakthroughs," said Dr. Pat Halbur, 2016-17 President of the AAVLD. "We hope the research generated by this grant will help diagnosticians keep their labs on the leading edge of technology and improve efficiency and profitability."

"We congratulate our winners and are excited and proud to support cutting-edge research that aligns with our mission to drive creative solutions that will push the boundaries of animal health diagnostics and help our customers make the world healthier, cleaner and safer," said Martin Guillet, global head and general manager of AgriBusiness at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

The grants were awarded at the AAVLD Annual Conference in San Diego in October. Proposals were evaluated based on innovativeness, potential for broad impact on veterinary diagnostic medicine, clarity of the proposal, quality of the science, and likelihood that the research can be completed within a year.

Committee Reports Available

AAVLD is making 2017 Annual Meeting committee reports available as they are received. The document has links on the Table of Contents page to allow members to jump directly to a specific report.

Members will need to sign into the website, click on "Committees" and then scroll down to "2017" under the Annual Meeting Reports header.

If you click on "2017", a pdf will open containing the reports currently submitted. Members can then scroll through the report on their browser, or click the download function in their browser to open the document on their computer. Downloading the document will allow members to click upon report titles to navigate through the document.

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Conference Photos



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Passing The Gavel



E.P. Pope Award



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