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Executive Board

Catherine Barr,
President

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News & Events for April 2014

Your investment in AAVLD is paying off!

New funding of over \$800,000, to be distributed among AAVLD laboratories in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), has come about in 2014 in large part as a result of AAVLD's lobbying efforts over the last several years. Those lobbying efforts resulted in increasing USDA-NIFA funding to \$6.7M for the Food and Agricultural Defense Initiative (FADI), which provides infrastructure support to many NAHLN laboratories. The new FADI funding plus partnering by USDA-NIFA and USDA-APHIS resulted in the significant increases in infrastructure support seen in 2014 for both NAHLN Core and NAHLN Member laboratories across the country.

For the past 4 years, members of the AAVLD Executive Board, AAVLD Government Relations Committee, and AAVLD-USAHA Joint Committee on the NAHLN have made many 'storming the Hill' visits in Washington, DC, meeting with key Representatives and Senators on both sides of the aisle in an effort to increase NAHLN support and increase the visibility for the importance of animal health surveillance across the country by the NAHLN. With the guidance and constant attention of AAVLD's lobbyist, Brad Mollet of Capitol Counsel in Washington, DC, that effort is beginning to pay off in real dollars to NAHLN laboratories as indicated by the increased funding realized this year. In addition, those same lobbying efforts resulted in authorization of \$15M for the NAHLN in the recently passed 2014 Farm Bill for which appropriation decisions are currently ongoing on Capitol Hill.

This effort to increase NAHLN visibility and funding has also been made possible by the critical support of many organizations AAVLD interacts with in efforts that benefit many animal industries. Thanks

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to all of you who have drummed up the support and for continuing to support AAVLD! Please remember these partners in our efforts:

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
American Veterinary Medical Association
American Association of Avian Pathologists
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
American Association of Mycobacterial Diseases
American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners
American Association of Swine Veterinarians
American College of Veterinary Pathologists
American Dairy Goat Association
American Dairy Science Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Goat Federation
American Health Institute
American Horse Council
American Meat Institute
American Sheep Industry
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Veterinary Biologics Companies
Fat and Proteins Research Foundation
Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals
National Aquaculture Association
National Association of Federal Veterinarians
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Chicken Council
National Farmers Union
National Grain and Feed Association
National Institute of Animal Agriculture
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
National Renderers Association
National Turkey Federation
Pacific Egg and Poultry
Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers
of America (R-CALF USA)
United Egg Producers
United States Animal Health Association
United States Poultry and Egg Association
Western United Dairymen

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Agriculture Council of California
Arkansas Agriculture Department
California Cattlemen's Association
California Dairy Institute

California Farm Bureau Federation
California Grain and Feed
California Pork Producers Association
California Poultry Federation
California Wool Growers Association
Clemson University, South Carolina
Colorado Cattlemen's Association
Colorado Department of Agriculture
Colorado Livestock Association
Colorado State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and
Biomedical Sciences
Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine
District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Georgia Cattlemen's Association
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Georgia Farm Bureau Federation
Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation
Iowa Pork Producers Association
Iowa Poultry Association
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Iowa State University
Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Kansas Livestock Commissioner
Kansas Secretary of Agriculture
Kansas State Governor
Kansas Veterinary Medical Association
Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners
Kentucky Cattlemen's Association
Kentucky Dairy Development Council
Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Kentucky Poultry Federation
Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association
Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Commissioner
Louisiana State University President/Chancellor
Louisiana State University, School of Veterinary Medicine
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
Michigan Agri-Business Association
Michigan Allied Poultry Industry
Michigan Cattlemen's Association
Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Michigan Farm Bureau
Michigan Milk Producer's Association
Michigan Pork Producers Association
Michigan Veterinary Medical Association

Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Mississippi Poultry Association
Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association
Missouri Cattlemen's Association
Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
New Jersey Department of Agriculture
New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Cattlemen's Association
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services
North Carolina Pork Council
North Carolina Poultry Federation
New Mexico Cattle Growers
New Mexico Dairy Producers
New Mexico Livestock Board
New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association
North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
Oregon Veterinary Medical Association
PennAg Industries Association
Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association
Texas Association of Dairymen
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Texas Pork Producers Association
Texas Poultry Federation
Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association
University of Minnesota
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
Washington State Department of Agriculture

Thank you for your support of AAVLD!

Dr. Catherine Barr
2014 AAVLD President

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
57th Annual AAVLD Meeting
October 16 - 21, 2014
Crown Center Sheraton Hotel
and Convention Center
Kansas City, MO

Note: NEW this year laboratory staff are encouraged to apply for 3 AAVLD Foundation STAFF TRAVEL AWARDS! Trainees are also encouraged to apply for up to 12 Student Trainee Travel Awards.

The AAVLD is soliciting applications for the following AAVLD Awards:

AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards: Trainees in a Master's, PhD or residency program enrolled in all disciplines in veterinary diagnostic medicine are encouraged to apply, including epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology.

The \$1,500 travel awards are intended to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to attend the Annual AAVLD meeting. The Trainee Travel Awards are funded by the AAVLD Foundation, and are intended to fulfill the recruitment and education mission of the AAVLD Foundation by encouraging trainee excellence in their diagnostic discipline, developing trainee presentation skills (verbal, written, organizational), and promoting networking of trainees with veterinary laboratory diagnosticians. This year, funds are available for up to 12 travel awards.

AAVLD Laboratory Staff Travel Awards: Veterinary diagnostic laboratory staff in any discipline are encouraged to apply, including epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology.

The \$1,500 travel awards are intended to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to attend the AAVLD Annual Meeting. The Laboratory Staff Travel Awards are funded by the AAVLD Foundation and are new for 2014. Laboratory staff travel to the AAVLD Annual Meeting is intended to encourage laboratory staff excellence in their diagnostic discipline, promote networking of veterinary laboratorians, and encourage participation in AAVLD committees. This year, funds are available for up to 3 laboratory staff travel awards.

AAVLD Graduate Student Presentations Awards (oral and poster presentations): The AAVLD encourages trainees in all disciplines of veterinary diagnostic medicine to apply. Veterinary diagnostic disciplines include epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology. The purpose of the awards is to encourage trainee excellence in their diagnostic discipline and to develop trainee presentation skills (verbal, written,

organizational).

Two awards will be selected and given during the 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO, one for best oral presentation and one for best poster presentation. The recipient of each award will receive a \$500 cash prize. The AAVLD Awards Committee will select the awardees and awardees will be announced during the joint AAVLD/USAHA President's Reception and Dinner during the annual meeting.

AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Award for Residents/Graduate Students: The AAVLD and the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) encourage trainees in veterinary pathology to participate in the annual meetings of both organizations. The AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Award for Residents/Graduate Students will be presented to graduate students and/or veterinary pathology residents for the best oral presentation in the field of veterinary pathology at the annual AAVLD meeting in Kansas City, MO. The purpose of the award is to support travel of the award winner to the next annual ACVP meeting to present the award-winning presentation at the ACVP meeting. Please visit <http://www.aavld.org/mc/page.do> for AAVLD meeting details.

- The awardee will receive \$1,000 from the AAVLD pathology committee to help defray travel and lodging costs associated with attending the ACVP annual meeting of the following year. The award winner must present the award-winning presentation at the ACVP meeting of the following year in order to receive the award. The award will be given to award winner following submission of the abstract to the ACVP meeting.
- The recipient will also be granted a waiver for the ACVP meeting registration fee.

All submission and award information is available on the aavld2014.abstractcentral.com site. Please click on the link to the site

aavld2014.abstractcentral.com

and follow the instructions. You may also access this information on the AAVLD website at www.aavld.org/annual-meeting and click the "Awards Page" tab.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: June 1, 2014

Thank you for considering submitting an abstract for presentation of your work at the 2014 AAVLD Annual Meeting. The quality of your presentations in the Scientific Oral and Poster Sessions, according to

the recent member survey, is the single most important reason for attending the AAVLD Annual Meeting.
Submit your abstracts EARLY!

Jim Kistler
Executive Director

Thomson Reuters ScholarOne is the official AAVLD provider of online abstract submission and management services. To submit an abstract, login to the AAVLD 2014 Abstract Submission Site with your User ID and Password e-mailed to you by ScholarOne Abstracts (current AAVLD member, previous submitters). For non-members and if you did not receive an email from ScholarOne containing your User ID and Password, follow the instructions on the website for creating a new account. After login, follow the online instructions to submit your abstract.

Publication in the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI), the official journal of the AAVLD: We encourage submission of manuscripts to the JVDI based on your oral and poster presentations 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 are published in the journal and on the AAVLD website (www.aavld.org). Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the editor for processing prior to the meeting if possible.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR CASES: AAVLD Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar

AAVLD 57th Annual Meeting Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar
October 16-22 2014, Kansas City, Missouri
Submission Deadline: July 1, 2014

Anatomic and clinical pathologists are invited to submit cases for the Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar at the 2014 AAVLD meeting. Necropsy, surgical pathology, or cytology cases that presented a diagnostic challenge or represent an emerging disease entity are solicited. Graduate students and residents are encouraged to present.

Presentations are 5 minutes in length, with another 4 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Dr Tim Cushing by July 1, 2014. Cases are reviewed as submitted; case submission will close early if presentation slots (16) are filled.

Style and format: Only one page per abstract please. Please use one inch margins, Times New Roman 11 pt font, center and bold title, center authors (full first name and last name) and affiliations below the title, bold presenter's name. Previous year's abstracts are available on the AAVLD annual meeting page for use as an example.

Presenters of accepted abstracts must supply a set of 65 H&E glass slides for necropsy and surgical pathology cases. Cytology cases should consist of as many glass slides as are available and if less than 65 slides then a series of high quality digital images that are representative of the case. Case materials should be submitted to Dr. Rob Bildfell by September 1, 2014 to allow for distribution and review of slides by attendees before the meeting.

Presenters and their sponsoring laboratory will receive a set of slides at no charge. The additional slide sets will be available, on a first come-first serve basis, for a \$50 donation to the Pathology travel fund of the AAVLD Foundation. A few slide sets from 2011, 2012 and 2013 conferences are still available for purchase. Please contact Dr. Rob Bildfell if you are interested.

Conference coordinators:

Send abstracts to:

Dr. Tim Cushing, Clemson University Veterinary Diagnostic Center;
e-mail tlcushing@gmail.com;
phone (803) 726-7827.

Send slides for accepted abstracts to:

Dr. Rob Bildfell, Oregon State University, Department of Biomedical Science, College of Veterinary Medicine, 146 Magruder Hall, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-4802;
e-mail: Rob.Bildfell@oregonstate.edu;
phone: 541-737-6965

Joint U.S. BVDV / ESVV Pestivirus Symposium

Call for abstracts

Pestiviruses: Old Enemies, New Challenges

Sheraton Crown Center
Kansas City, MO
October 14-15, 2014

Deadline for Abstract Submission: June 1, 2014

Abstracts for poster presentations are solicited on the following three themes:

- . Pestiviruses and the immune system

- Genetic Variability and Evolution of known pestivirus species
- "Old" pestiviruses in new hosts and the emergence of new pestiviruses

All submissions will be presented as abstracts, the Program Committee will select some abstracts to also be presented as 15 minute oral presentations. Authors will be notified of acceptance decisions by **July 15, 2014**.

Abstracts should be emailed to Julia.ridpath@ars.usda.gov. If you would like the abstract to also be submitted for the AAVLD meeting that follows the Symposium please see instructions below.

Instructions for authors

1. Only narrative type abstracts will be accepted. Do NOT use headings (i.e. Introduction, Materials and methods, Results, Discussion and conclusion, etc.) for individual sections.
2. Abstract length is restricted to 3000 characters, about 400 words.
3. Submit abstracts as word processing documents attached to the email.
4. Abstracts must be accurate and in the complete and final version (edited for grammar and spelling) before submission.
5. Addition of up to 3 references from peer-reviewed literature, as well as indication of sources and manufacturers of products are possible, but need to be considered within the 400-word limit. Style for quotation and references needs to follow *Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation* guidelines.

Instructions for submission of abstracts to the AAVLD meeting

All abstracts to be considered for the AAVLD Annual Meeting shall be submitted using the AAVLD abstract submission weblink:

[AAVLD 2014 Abstract Central](#)

To submit an abstract, login to the AAVLD 2014 Abstract Submission Site with your User ID and Password e-mailed to you by ScholarOne Abstracts (current AAVLD member, previous submitters). For non-members and if you did not receive an email from ScholarOne containing your User ID and Password, follow the instructions on the website for creating a new account. After login, follow the online instructions to submit your abstract.

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SAVE THE DATES ! AAVLD 57th Annual Meeting

We are gearing up for the 57th AAVLD Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium this fall. We will be offering an expanded selection of presentations and events this year.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE INCLUDES:

Tuesday & Wednesday, OCTOBER 14-15:

- **International BVDV/Pestivirus Symposium**

"Pestiviruses: Old Enemies, New Challenges" will be the theme of a joint meeting of the 6th U.S. Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) Symposium and European Society of Veterinary Virology (ESVV) Pestivirus Symposium. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo., October 14-15, 2014.

This is the first time that the U.S. BVDV group and the ESVV group will jointly meet. The objective of the symposium is to bring together scientists, animal health industry representatives, veterinary practitioners, educators, cattle producers and policy makers to discuss how the latest BVDV/pestivirus research findings can be used improve the health of beef and dairy cattle and control emerging disease problems.

For more information and to view the program, visit the ESVV website at <http://esvv.vamosarodar.es/meetings/show/joint-us-bvdvesvv-pestivirus-symposium>.

Thursday, OCTOBER 16:

- **AAVLD Quality Assurance Symposium** - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- **TOUR OF K-State BIOSCIENCE FACILITY and NBAF SITE** (Limited to first 100) - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday, OCTOBER 17:

- **C.L. Davis: Diagnostic Pathology of Bovine Diseases** - 8 am to 5:30 pm
- **AAVLD Committee Meetings and Scientific Presentations** - All Day

- **AAVLD Education Foundation Dinner and Auction - 6 pm - 9 pm**

Saturday, OCTOBER 18:

- **AAVLD Plenary Session - 7:30 am to NOON**
- **AAVLD Committee Meetings and Scientific Presentations - Afternoon**

Sunday, OCTOBER 19:

- **AAVLD Committee Meetings and Scientific Presentations - All Day**
- **AAVLD / USAHA Presidents' Reception, Dinner and Awards Ceremony - 6 pm to 10 pm**

Monday, OCTOBER 20:

- **AAVLD / USAHA Joint Plenary Session - 7:30 am to NOON**
- **AAVLD Committee Meetings - Afternoon**

Watch your email and the AAVLD Newsletter for additional information as it becomes available. See you in KC!

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Sincerely,

Jim Kistler
Executive Director
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians