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## AAVLD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, AAVLD Colleagues:

Just as spring is coming, our AAVLD initiatives begun some 5 years ago are moving forward. Our major efforts continue to be enhanced accreditation and rapid, effective response to foreign animal disease and emerging or resurging diseases. Networking continues to be important and we are working with USAHA to build an effective NAHLN concept by partnering with USDA and other federal agencies such as LRN, FERN and Homeland Security. The hard work of making our initiatives effective, recognized and enthusiastically added to the nationwide response team is in its adolescence. Specific progress in several areas is highlighted here.

I attended the **AVMA House of Delegates** and their Informational Assembly meeting January 15 in Chicago as preparation for representing AAVLD at the AVMA House of Delegates in July. As a result of contacts initiated by Dr. Reed, AAVLD is now an affiliate member of the Animal Producers sub-council of the *DHS Food and Agriculture Sector Specific Coordinating Council*, with Pat Blanchard as AAVLD liaison.

**National Animal Health Laboratory Network:** In January, I attended my first meeting of the NAHLN Steering Committee (NAHLN SC). AAVLD input has been strengthened by moving from one-year to two-year terms for the AAVLD president, thus providing two AAVLD officers to serve at the same time on the NAHLN SC. The NAHLN SC meeting was busy and a number of action items were developed. For future meetings, NAHLN SC minutes will be provided to inform AAVLD of the progress and details of the committee.

**Executive Board Meeting and Government Relations Committee:** In February AAVLD Executive Board met in Las Vegas and the Joint USAHA/AAVLD Government Relations Committee met in Washington, DC. USAHA and AAVLD gave strong support to the NAHLN concept during our visits there, and we reaffirmed with APHIS, AAVMC and AVMA the importance of an organized state laboratory response to foreign animal diseases and emerging diseases. We will persist in our effort to expand the NAHLN by gaining concrete and specific authorization and funding for states providing NAHLN support – both in detection and surveillance. Currently, USDA defines the NAHLN as 43 laboratories in 37 states, based on their involvement in USDA supported surveillance testing. For all AAVLD/NAHLN labs to be effective, we need expanded support, which last October was defined by USAHA, AAVMC, NVSL and AAVLD at \$85 million to complete the infrastructure and preparation of the NAHLN as well as \$30 million for AAVLD laboratories and NVSL to continue annual maintenance of the network with the full features of our NAHLN position paper. We received assurances from both AAVMC and AVMA that NAHLN support is a continuing part of their legislative agenda. We are updating the AAVLD position paper on the NAHLN in concert with APHIS which has a parallel document. These new documents will reflect the early vision and the current reality for effective animal disease detection and surveillance involving state laboratories. AAVLD is formally restating this need to the APHIS Administrator.

**AAVLD Strategic Plan:** The Executive Board has reviewed a new document from the strategic planning committee and will be discussing this at the AAVLD Executive Board in July. When the draft strategic plan is released to the AAVLD Web, please let your regional AAVLD representatives to the Executive Board know your thoughts before the July meeting.

**The Laboratory Response Network (LRN)** of CDC and the **Food Emergency Response Network (FERN)** each has membership eligible to veterinary laboratories. LRN updated guidelines for veterinary membership in the LRN were released to laboratory directors. Drs. Terry McElwain and Willie Reed have provided leadership for AAVLD in this effort. Veterinary laboratories are increasingly involved in **FERN** and several have passed initial proficiency tests for membership.

**Annual Conference:** Planning the AAVLD Program scheduled for November 3-7, 2005 is well underway. Please consider a paper or poster for this year's meeting. Symposia on Toxicologic Pathology (CL Davis); Quality Assurance education and the NAHLN are planned. Drs. O'Toole and Powers have planned some new events including a live auction fund raiser during the AAVLD President's Reception. We will also work to streamline the USAHA/AAVLD President's dinner on Sunday evening.

We have a busy season in store, and your ideas and support will keep AAVLD involved and active. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome as part of this continuing process.

Best regards,  
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## AAVLD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2005, 1 PM – 5 PM

Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, NV

**Present:** Gary Osweiler, Shane Renwick, Carlos Reggiardo, Alfonso Torres, Alex Ardans, Barb Powers, Randall Levings, Richard Mock, David Steffen, Donal O’Toole, Bill Layton, Willie Reed, Ron Wilson, Grant Maxie. **Guests:** Terry McElwain, Sharon Hietala.

1. President Gary Osweiler called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2004 Executive Board meeting was made (Ardans) and seconded (O’Toole), and carried unanimously.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Dr. Alex Ardans presented the report of the Treasurer as follows:

January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Checking Account Balance on Hand January 1, 2004:	\$260,130.12	
Total Administrative Operating Receipts	\$236,483.54	
Total Administrative Operating Expenses	(\$312,436.83)	
<b>ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2004:</b>		<b>\$184,176.83</b>
Certificates of Deposit as of DECEMBER 31, 2004		
CD#000418518 (Maturity Date: January 14, 2005)	\$15,793.76	
CD#000475591 (Maturity Date: March 25, 2005)	\$14,743.44	
<b>TOTAL, CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</b>		<b>\$30,537.20</b>
Mutual Fund, Edward D. Jones, as of DECEMBER 31, 2004		
Account #190876276                      New Perspective Fund	\$101,047.02	
Account #165939129                      Investment Co. of America	\$90,514.29	
<b>TOTAL, MUTUAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$191,561.31</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND- DECEMBER 31, 2004</b>		<b>\$406,275.34</b>
<b>FOUNDATION ASSETS</b>		<b>\$101,401.43</b>

Dr. Ardans explained how the income and expenses from the annual meeting are divided between USAHA and AAVLD. There were 1113 registrants at the 2004 annual meeting. Major meeting expenses included audio/visual \$9,556.20, President’s reception \$4,907.13, and exhibitor food \$6,795.58, credit card charges \$3,237.32 and administrative expenses \$14,244.73. Net meeting earnings totaled approximately \$63,000.

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made (Reed), seconded (Maxie), and carried unanimously.

#### 4. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Gary Osweiler presented the President’s report as follows:

“AAVLD continues with a number of agenda items that build on previous vision and action plans including:

- Continuing commitment to the new accreditation guidelines - an example being this week’s training for evaluators in the QA system.
- Initiatives to upgrade the NAHLN system to a fully funded operational entity for all the labs currently included.
- Efforts to be a part of the funding initiatives supported by AAVMC - which should include a means for enhancing the pool of trained diagnosticians available to state diagnostic laboratories.
- Continued development of policies and procedures to enhance the USAHA/AAVLD annual meeting.

Committee chairs and liaison positions have all been named and most committees have been formed for the year. Epidemiology, Quality Assurance and Pathology have all expressed interest in pre-meeting symposia with Pathology having already set a program for 2005.

January 11-12 was the first NAHLN Steering Committee meeting which I attended representing AAVLD. The input of AAVLD has been expanded by having the term extended to include both the President and the immediate Past President on the Steering Committee. This should provide a healthy acclimation transition to keep the AAVLD perspective engaged with the NAHLN. The meeting was a very intense learning experience for me, well organized, and the minutes are detailed and organized to include action items and responsibilities in an ongoing manner.

I attended the AVMA House of Delegates and their Informational Assembly meeting January 15 in Chicago. This meeting is preparatory for delegates who will attend the AVMA House of Delegates in July. AAVLD is one of seven organizations that serve on a non-voting advisory panel to the House of Delegates. Some organizations continue this role over multiple years so the representative has some continuity and familiarity with AVMA issues and procedures. This could be something AAVLD should consider. To be a full member of the HOD, 90% of AAVLD members must be AVMA members. Currently only about 50% of AAVLD membership are AVMA members.

As a result of contacts made last year by Dr. Reed, AAVLD has been approved as an affiliate member of the Animal Producers sub-council on the DHS Food and Agriculture Advisory Council. Pat Blanchard will serve as AAVLD liaison to the sub-council. To date, neither AVMA nor AAVLD has been apprised of the meeting schedule.

The MOU Conference calls with Veterinary Services continue on an alternate monthly basis involving the Executive Committee with VS personnel. This year, in accordance with action at the October AAVLD meeting, AAVLD committee chairs were asked for agenda items. We (O'Toole/Osweiler) keep a written record of the phone call, and those notes are distributed back to committee chairs. The January call has been completed and will be forwarded to committee chairs before the call for a March agenda.

Dr. Ardans and I met February 21 with Rick Willer and J. Lee Alley to discuss financial and support aspects of the USAHA/AAVLD meeting. These discussions and Executive Board input will be a part of new business at this meeting.

The Annual Government Relations Committee meeting of USAHA and AAVLD with USDA (APHIS, ARS, CSREES, FSIS), DHS, and FDA will be February 27 – March 2 in Washington, DC. This will also include meetings with AVMA, NASDA, and AAVMC. This is an opportunity to stay connected with those who can support, influence or control diagnostic related activities. An understanding of how the rules are set and how the system works is vital to AAVLD staying in consideration and contributing as much as we can to the animal health effort. In addition to the Executive Committee of AAVLD, two members of AAVLD Government Relations Committee (Bruce Akey, David Zeman) will attend. Items or issues from the Executive Board can be carried to the group for this meeting.”

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Accreditation

Dr. Sharon Hietala reported that the Accreditation Committee met February 22 from 8:00AM-12:45 PM. The committee approved reports received on three laboratories. The committee also discussed definitions and review procedures for different management models. The committee will meet again from 7:00-9:00 PM, February 22.

### B. Publications

#### i. JVDI – Dr. Osweiler read the following report from Dr. Jerry Saliki:

In 2004 138 manuscripts were submitted; 52 accepted, 34 rejected, 23 pending with authors and 29 pending with reviewers. About 60% (52/86) of manuscripts for which a final editorial decision has been made were accepted.

Assuming that about 60% of the pending manuscripts (i.e. 31) will be accepted, our estimated acceptance rate for 2004 manuscripts will be 60%.

Time to publication ranges from 3 – 13 months with an average of 9.5 months. A medium term goal for JVDI is to cut down the average time to publication to 7-8 months. It is important to note that at least 2 months is time spent in the printing process. Time spent with reviewers continues to be the factor most impacting time-to-publication. Implementation of the online submission/review process should improve our time to publication.

The 2004 ISI rankings (which would reflect manuscripts published in 2002 and 2003 but cited in 2004) will be available around June 2004. The latest available ranking (2003) ranks JVDI 28<sup>th</sup> of 120 journals within the veterinary sciences category, with an impact factor of 1.005

The online manuscript submission/review site has been configured, tested and is ready for business. The site is planned to go live on March 1, 2005. From that date, all submissions and reviews will be conducted online. Dr. Saliki believes this process will increase worldwide visibility of JVDI and improve time to publication.

- ii. Newsletter – Dr. Osweiler reported that Dr. Pat Blanchard expects the next newsletter to be published in April.
- iii. Web Site Update – Dr. Bruce Janke provided a written report to Dr. Osweiler. Minimal changes have been made to the web since October 2004. Changes made in the past year were mostly to make navigation more intuitive. JVDI is available on the members-only portion of the webpage. At this time there is not the ability to post archives of listserv discussions.

#### C. Program Committee

Dr. Donal O'Toole reported that there are three mini symposia tentatively planned for the 2005 AAVLD annual meeting. These include Toxpath (Matti Kiupel/CL Davis), Epidemiology and QA/QC. A clinical pathology session may also be added to the program, however if not enough papers are received it will be incorporated into the pathology session. A Food Safety session is also being considered. Possible topics for the Joint Plenary session include Brucellosis/TB and BVD eradication, however no theme has yet been established and topics still need to be discussed with USAHA. Topics that have been suggested for the First Plenary session include adverse reactions to veterinary compounds, the shortage of public health veterinarians, and the back end of disease eradication. It was suggested that Dr. O'Toole send an email to the program committee to solicit ideas for additional topics.

The Foundation Committee hopes to hold a silent auction during the AAVLD President's reception. The New Member Orientation meeting will be held again this year.

#### D. Canada Report – Dr. Shane Renwick's report included:

##### i. BSE

Two cases of BSE in Alberta were confirmed in January 2005. Neither animal entered the food or feed systems. In total, Canada's BSE surveillance program has now confirmed 3 cases of BSE in Canadian cattle. The first case (Case 1) was confirmed in May 2003. Case 2, an 8-year-old (born 1996) downer dairy cow from Alberta, was confirmed on January 2, 2005. All test results on animals from the birth cohort of the positive cow were negative for BSE and the investigation is complete. Case 3, a Charolais cow born in early 1998 (after the 1997 feed ban) was confirmed on January 11, 2005 in Alberta. The investigation is now complete.

Total industry losses in Canada due to BSE are now estimated to be \$7B since the first case appeared in 2003. Cattle and beef exports in 2003 were \$1.9B- about one half of their value in 2002. However, domestic slaughter was 15% higher than it was in 2002. The national cattle herd is at a record level of 15.1 million head as January 2005.

Exports to the US of animals under 30 months of age are due to resume on March 7. Resumption of exports of beef products from animals older than 30 months of age has been delayed pending further study by US authorities. The industry in Canada remains cautious, though a 12% rebound in livestock receipts is expected in Canada in 2005.

Canada launched a review of its feed ban following Case 3, and facilitated a review of the ban by US authorities. US and Canadian reports are expected to be released simultaneously.

From the start of the enhanced BSE surveillance program in January 2004 to present (February 2005), approximately 32,000 higher-risk, 4D animals (dead, dying, diseased or down) and cattle exhibiting neurological symptoms, tested negative for BSE. Both Prionics Check Western® and Bio-Rad TeSeE® rapid tests were used as screening tests in federal and provincial laboratories of the National TSE Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Network. About two-thirds of the samples were tested in federal laboratories and one-third in provincial laboratories. Submission rates have held steady since the 2nd and 3rd cases were reported. Financial reimbursement programs for producers, veterinarians, deadstock operators and renderers are continuing.

Provincial testing in TSE Network occurs mainly in Alberta. New testing capabilities are expected to be in place and operating in Ontario, Quebec and BC very shortly. Evaluation of new diagnostic tests is continuing at National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease (NCFAD), Winnipeg. Planned for 2005 are evaluations of the IDEXX test for BSE and Priostrip (Prionics). Full details are available on website of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) (<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/>)

#### ii. Avian Influenza

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food announced on January 17 the completion of the CFIA's review of its management of the 2004 Avian Influenza outbreak in British Columbia ("Lessons Learned review"). Three others preceded this final review during 2004 including Scientific Peer Review of CFIA Epidemiology Report; European Commission Review and the Canadian Poultry Industry Forum.

The CFIA has identified a series of commitments to respond to both its internal review findings, and those of the joint industry/government forum held in October 2004. The CFIA has undertaken an action plan to address recommendations from its Lessons Learned report, including enhancements to its emergency preparedness plans, support for industry in the development of enhanced bio-security measures, improvements in the management of laboratory data, networking of federal and provincial diagnostic laboratories, and increased collaborations between the Public Health Agency of Canada and CFIA to increase zoonotic disease response capacity.

Plans are underway to network the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease with provincial partner laboratories in four provinces to improve early detection for Avian Influenza. Veterinary diagnostic network development is the subject of a recent proposal to the CBRN Research Technology Initiative (CRTI) led by the CFIA.

#### iii. New Emergency Operations Centre

Canada's Public Health Agency has just opened a new \$3-million emergency operations centre at the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health in Winnipeg. NCFAD is expected to have access to the centre.

The recent SARS outbreak was a major driver for its construction as have been concerns about the current situation internationally with avian influenza. The Centre will allow public health officials to hold video-conferences and share computer data with counterparts across the country and with international groups such as the World Health Organization.

#### iv. Linkages to NAHLN

Linkages between the NCFAD, Winnipeg and NAHLN continue to develop under the leadership of Dr. Paul Kitching. NVSL, Ames has been the key contact with NCFAD.

Funding to support linkage and to develop a Canadian Animal Health Laboratory Network with provinces is being sought through CRTI.

v. Canadian Animal Health Laboratorians Network (CAHLN) Meeting 2005

CAHLN will hold its fourth annual meeting from June 5-8, 2005 at Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire, Université de Montréal, Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec, about 45 minutes south of Montreal. Dr. Donal O'Toole, AAVLD, has agreed to provide a keynote address. Graduate student awards and Laboratorian of the Year will be presented.

Details are available at <http://www.medvet.umontreal.ca/RCTLSA/default.html>

E. Membership

Dr. Barb Powers reported that the association has 1209 paid members as of 2/15/05. It was suggested that the names of delinquent members be mailed to their lab director or state delegate so that those individuals can encourage members to rejoin the association. It was also suggested that the delinquent notice include a list of the benefits of membership.

F. Credentials

Dr. Barb Powers reported that she will soon be starting on the credentials. Dr. O'Toole will send her the email list of the delegates from 2004.

G. Foundation

Dr. Barb Powers reported that the Foundation is planning to meet with fundraising advisors during the July meeting board meeting to discuss different fundraising strategies.

H. NVSL Report – Dr. Randall Levings reported on the following:

i. Program

New Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, is asking many questions on BSE, but he is also being asked lots of questions. Quadrilateral meetings held the last two weeks of February included Peter Fernandez, John Clifford and Larry Granger. BSE (Minimum Risk Rule, Canadian Review teams) and National ID are major VS efforts. Secretary and Administrator testimonies will be given next week. In addition the National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) and National Response Plan are priorities.

Safeguarding Action Plans are completed with the exception of a few plans by one of the groups (changed leaders). Plans are mostly approved with budget considerations, so groups are going back and working the plans, then VS will be entering the implementation phase. This includes Lab Safeguarding, which included NAHLN, NVSL QA, NVSL Customer Service, input on research priorities, etc. Outreach is expected on the final product(s).

The NVSL Strategic Plan is going through final iteration before sharing with stakeholders. It will be reviewed by NVSL Supervisors and VS Deputy's Office and then shared. Currently objectives are in the areas of diagnostics (including surveillance, accreditation), emergency preparedness and response, NAHLN, international reference, and human resource management.

Johne's fecal proficiency tests will start on March 1, 2005. Assay improvements will include Equine Piroplasmiasis and heat inactivation and a *Brucella ovis* project. The END PCR protocol error is being corrected. Have had findings of *Theileria buffeli* in Kentucky, however this happens from time to time, and in recent years cases have been found in Michigan, Missouri, Texas and North Carolina.

ii. NAHLN

The BSE network is ahead of schedule (242,378 ELISAs, 247,135 total - 7 weeks in a row >10K). Will keep going until June 1, 2005. The data tool is becoming operational for data analysis. LPAI received \$23M for surveillance, hope to link with END and do NAHLN testing. Also hoping to do CSF, FMD NAHLN surveillance testing this year with AHMS pass-through money. The CSF plan is still in draft form and plan to do sick pig surveillance as opposed



to normal market. Barb Martin head of task group on facilities inspection and its role in approving laboratories for certain work and for Select Agent registration. An official minute-taker for the NAHLN Steering committee has been assigned, which we hope will result in a version of the minutes that can be distributed widely. A website and brochure are in progress.

iii. Masterplan

Enough funding was received to finish the Combined Lab Facilities in Ames. Still need 58.8 M (which is in the President's budget) to finish the plan. One wing of the BSL-2 Large Animal will be built, including the TSE wing. Old BSL-3 space will be refurbished to BSL-2 to accommodate the rest of the needs. Combined Services (APHIS and ARS in Ames) is proceeding. Stakeholder input has been collected on Plum Island and at this point a USDA plan is in the works.

iv. Budget

For FY05 VS received significant increases in the Animal Health Monitoring and Surveillance (AHMS) line (48.6 M, much for BSE, ID, and NVS), LPAI (21.8), Emergency Management System (EMS) (3.3), Scrapie (2.0), and Import/Export (1.79). For NVSL Veterinary Diagnostics up 389K, and AHMS up 4,450K. We were directed to use 750K formerly earmarked for the NAHLN. Plum Island funds were not received. This is not pass-through testing money for the 268.5K test, and Congress specifically stated that is what the CCC money is for, so we assume it is for post-June testing. According to Congress language NAHLN received 1.9M for pass-through to the states. NPIP received the same funding as last year. LPAI is up 902K for reagent production.

For FY06 the President's budget shows a 6M increase for the Veterinary Diagnostics line (FAD Dx) and 30M for CSREES NAHLN funding. For VS there are also increases in AHMS, EMS, Select Agents and Security. The LPAI level and John's funding are down (but may be restored by Congress) and scrapie and Tb are slightly up.

v. Quality Assurance

Kathy Moser has been appointed QA manager for the Diagnostic Virology Lab, and the advertisement for the FADDL QA manager has closed. Two additional QA positions are being advertised for Diagnostic Bacteriology and Pathology labs.

USDA, NVSL is in the process of being audited by Agricultural Marketing Service, Office of the Inspector General, and the Government Accountability Office for the BSE program and Biosecurity/Select Agents. Auditors are visiting contract labs.

vi. IT

Progress has been made on LIMS and currently are working with Jim Case, Mike Martin and others on NAHLN IT.

vii. Security

Working with APHIS and others on document security.

Dr. Levings reported that NVSL is currently considering accreditation options. Most likely the laboratory will go ISO 17025 so that it is equivalent to Canadian labs, etc. It will start ISO accreditation with high impact tests and then go on to others.

A motion was made to send a letter from AAVLD to encourage NVSL to, at a minimum, go for AAVLD accreditation (Ardans), seconded (Powers), and carried unanimously.

I. Nominations

Dr. Reed reported that the committee has been appointed and he will be contacting them shortly.

## J. Miscellaneous Reports

- i. Pathology Committee – Dr. Donal O’Toole reported that the Pathology committee plans to redo the AAVLD Abortion Manual. Four editors have been identified. The manual will be web-based and will be a revamp of Kirkbride’s text. Sections of interest would be made available for publishing in JVDI. The plan has been approved through the Publications committee. Sharon Hietala requested that the use of Serology in abortion testing be included in the manual.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. AAVLD Mailing List

A motion was made to set the price for the AAVLD mailing list at \$250.00 (O’Toole), seconded (Torres) and carried unanimously. Pricing for the list will be reviewed as necessary.

### B. AAVMC Initiatives

Dr. Gary Osweiler distributed information from AVMA on Public Law 108-161: The National Veterinary Medical Service Act, which has been passed and not funded. He also distributed a draft bill amendment to the Public Health Service Act. Dr. Osweiler asked the committee for input on what position AAVLD should take on these issues.

After discussion, it was decided that AAVLD should back these issues along with USAHA. However, AAVLD will also ask for more specificity towards training public health veterinarians in the draft bill amendment to the Public Health Service Act. Dr. O’Toole will make initial comments for changes and will circulate them to the Executive Board, David Zeman and Bruce Akey. Eventually a resolution will need to be passed through the House of Delegates.

### D. Homeland Security Food & Agriculture Sub-Council

Dr. Gary Osweiler reported that the Homeland Security Animal Producers Sub-council of the Food & Agriculture Sector Specific Coordinating Council has not yet met. Pat Blanchard has been named AAVLD liaison to the sub-council.

### E. LRN, FERN status and plans for future development

Dr. Willie Reed reported that he was unable to attend last FERN Steering committee meeting.

Dr. Reed attended the LRN partnership meeting February 1, 2005. Storage of forensic samples during an outbreak/how long to keep samples before disposal was discussed. Each district will decide how long to retain samples and will work with government to set up guidelines. All hazard receipt facilities were also discussed. Funding has been received to build a few of these buildings. They will be used to triage and screen samples before they are brought into a laboratory. There has been some difficulty in moving proficiency testing samples due to difficulty obtaining USDA required permits. There was also discussion about the Biowatch program and how laboratories are gearing up to do testing from detectors such as LRN labs that would serve as human testing labs for the Postal Service in case of terrorist attack. A presentation on network for G7 countries was given and was followed by discussion regarding its viability. There was also open discussion on integrative consortium of lab networks. Dr. Reed encouraged veterinary labs to look at the LRN qualification checklist and work with their public health official to apply for membership in LRN.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Investment Plan

Dr. Alex Ardans presented an Investment Plan proposal from the Financial Advisory Committee. The proposal involves moving \$50,000 into a money market account, moving \$68,000 into CDs, \$102,000 into low-risk mutual funds and \$10,000

into moderate-risk mutual funds from the Association's cash account. During the mid part of the year the cash account would dip and money would have to be transferred from the money market into the cash account. Dr. Ardans noted that AAVLD should consider what they would like to do with the income from these investments. It was suggested that the money could go to the Foundation for education, veterinary internships, etc. These concerns should be brought to the Strategic Planning Committee. The money could also help to absorb some of the increased costs that the Association has incurred in the last few years such as in increase in the number of paid staff. It would also be a source of backup if for some reason there were a problem with the annual meeting.

A motion to implement the investment plan as presented was made (Reed), seconded, and carried unanimously.

#### B. CSREES request for comment on research agenda

Dr. Gary Osweiler distributed a letter from the USDA-CSREES-Competitive Programs National Program Leader, Dr. Peter Johnson, regarding AAVLD input on the agency's Animal Protection and Animal Biosecurity Competitive Grant Programs. Dr. Terry McElwain reported that several organizations have provided a formal response to the request for input on the program. After discussion it was decided that AAVLD should provide a formal response to the request. It was agreed that the program's change to fewer, larger grants was good for impact, good targets had been identified, and that AAVLD would be willing to help support the quest for increased funding. A motion to support the statement that ACVP has developed in response to the request from CSREES was made (Reed), seconded (Maxie) and carried unanimously.

#### C. USAHA Proposals – Annual Meeting

Dr. Gary Osweiler reported that he and Dr. Alex Ardans met with Dr. Rick Willer and Dr. J. Lee Alley from USAHA the evening of February 21, 2005 to discuss several issues relating to the AAVLD/USAHA Annual Meeting. The proposals from USAHA were as follows:

- a. Add an entertainment element to the AAVLD/USAHA President's dinner. A regional entertainer was suggested that would cost approximately \$2,500.00. USAHA would like to try to find a company to provide a sole sponsorship of the dinner for \$10,000.00.
- b. Increase the meeting registration fee by \$25.00
- c. AAVLD pay USAHA \$30.00 per complimentary registration provided to exhibitors in order to balance out the costs of the President's dinner.
- d. Offer exhibitors the option of staying over during the USAHA portion of the meeting.
- e. AAVLD share the costs of USAHA news alerts.
- f. USAHA handle AAVLD membership.

It was also noted that USAHA was working to correct some of the registration problems that occurred at the meeting last year. In addition, accommodations will be tight in Hershey and it was recommended that people make their hotel reservations early.

The Board members discussed the proposals from USAHA. They decided that they would agree to adding entertainment to the President's dinner as long as the rest of the program was limited (limit to five minutes per presenter/30 minutes total) and did not make the program longer and a sponsor was identified to pay for the entertainment. A question was also raised as to whether the invocation could be made more generic in order to make all participants feel included. It was also agreed that AAVLD would pay USAHA \$30.00 for each complimentary exhibitor registration. The board was not interested in contributing to the USAHA news alerts or in having USAHA handle the AAVLD membership.

#### C. AAVCT Journal proposal to AAVLD

Dr. Gary Osweiler reported that AAVCT has asked AAVLD to provide its members a discounted (50%) subscription to JVDI for one year (online access only). The organization is undergoing major changes and has ceased publication of its journal. A motion to grant the request from AAVCT was made (Maxie), seconded (Ardans) and carried unanimously.

#### D. Request for greater House of Delegates involvement

Dr. Gary Osweiler distributed a letter to the board from a member of the AAVLD House of Delegates expressing concern for the involvement of the House of Delegates in the association and the direction of AAVLD and AAVLD Accreditation. It was suggested that Regional representatives should try to communicate more effectively with their regions and members of the House of Delegates. Members of the House of Delegates are published in the AAVLD Newsletter each year. Regional Representatives can also contact the AAVLD Secretary Treasurer for a list of delegates from their region.

In response to the letter it was also noted that Accreditation Committee membership is not limited to laboratory directors and includes discipline specialists. The committee suggested that it might be necessary to provide the Accreditation Committee chair with administrative support.

#### E. AAVLD Strategic Plan review and future planning session.

The AAVLD Strategic Plan was distributed to the Board. Discussion of this topic was postponed until the Summer Meeting to allow ample time for discussion. Time will be set aside for the morning of Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Strategic Plan. The Board was asked to review the plan, make comments and come prepared to discuss.

#### F. AAVLD Emergency Preparedness Work Group Report – Future Role

It was suggested that communication with public health in cases of zoonotic diseases be added to document.

#### G. Government Relations Committee Meeting

Dr. Gary Osweiler reported that the Government Relations Committee is meeting with USAHA, USDA (APHIS, ARS, CSREES, FSIS), DHS, and FDA February 27 - March 2 in Washington, DC.

#### H. Annual Meeting – Silent Auction

Dr. Barb Powers reported that the AAVLD Foundation would like to hold a silent auction at the AAVLD President's Reception. The Foundation will solicit donations from AAVLD laboratories that include items representing the state valuing \$50.00 or more. A few select items will be auctioned off and the rest will be done by silent auction. The Board approved the auction.

#### I. Out-of-State Pricing

Dr. Alfonso Torres noted that more and more laboratories are relying on fee income and that some heavily subsidized laboratories are charging subsidized rates for out-of-state testing. Although AAVLD cannot control laboratory pricing, it was suggested that the association survey laboratories to collect funding percentages and pricing information. It was also suggested that laboratories should try to be conscious of other public laboratories when setting out-of-state pricing.

#### J. Academic Network on Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease

Dr. Gary Osweiler announced that the Department of Homeland Security is holding a National Conference on Establishing an Academic Network on Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease. At this conference they will be discussing network models that work.

#### I. Next Meeting – Minneapolis, MN

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 PM and July 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 noon (Strategic Plan) and will be held in conjunction with the annual AVMA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

# USAHA/AAVLD Registration

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- U.S.A.H.A. Member   
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**Please Remit To:**

U.S. Animal Health Association  
 P. O. Box K227  
 Richmond, VA 23288  
 Fax: 804-285-3367

Preregistration Deadline – **October 14, 2005**

Preregistration (Members)	\$225.00	\$	
Preregistration (Non-Members)	\$375.00	\$	
Pre-registration (Life Member)*	\$125.00	\$	
Spouses Registration	\$ 50.00	\$	
Registration At Meeting (Members)	\$275.00	\$	
Registration At Meeting (Non-Members)	\$375.00	\$	
Registration At Meeting (Life Member) *	\$150.00	\$	
U.S.A.H.A. Annual Dues – 2006	\$110.00	\$	
A.A.V.L.D. Annual Dues – 2006	\$ 75.00	\$	
A.A.V.L.D. Graduate Student Registration	\$125.00	\$	
A.A.V.L.D. Graduate Student Dues - 2006	\$ 25.00	\$	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	

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**REFUND POLICY**

\$25 will be withheld for processing if notified before the meeting.  
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 Everyone must notify USAHA within 7 days following the meeting for a refund

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United States Animal Health Association and  
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# AGENDA - as of March 29, 2005

109<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
and  
48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICIANS  
Hershey, Pennsylvania  
November 3-10, 2005

USAHA/AAVLD Daily Schedule

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

USAHA/AAVLD HEADQUARTERS HOTEL – The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center is the site of this years meeting.  
Telephone number: 717/533-3311, Fax: 717/534-8668 for reservations or you can make your reservations online through a web link at [www.usaha.org](http://www.usaha.org).

## USAHA/AAVLD REGISTRATION

Chocolate Lobby

Thursday, November 3 – 12:00Noon-5:00pm	Monday, November 7 - 8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, November 4 - 8:00am-5:00pm	Tuesday, November 8 - 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, November 5 - 8:00am-5:00pm	Wednesday, November 9 - 8:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, November 6 - 8:00am-5:00pm	

## REGISTRATION FEES

Member's Pre-registration Fee: \$225.00  
Non-Members Pre-registration Fee: \$375.00  
Life Member Pre-registration Fee\*: \$125.00  
Member's Registration Fee at Meeting: \$275.00  
Non-Members Registration Fee at Meeting: \$375.00  
Life Member Registration Fee at Meeting\*: \$150.00  
AAVLD Graduate Student/Residents Registration 2004 - \$125.00  
One Day Registration Fee: \$150.00  
Two Day Registration Fee: \$200.00  
Spouse's Registration Fee: \$50.00  
USAHA Annual Dues - 2005: \$110.00  
AAVLD Annual Dues – 2005: \$75.00  
AAVLD Graduate Student/Resident Dues 2004 - \$25.00

**You can register on line at [www.usaha.org](http://www.usaha.org)**

Please register early. Wear your badge when attending all meetings. (You must have a badge in order to attend the meetings.)

## AAVLD EXHIBITS/POSTERS

Blue Room

Saturday, November 5 – 12:00noon-5:00pm  
Sunday, November 6 – 8:00am-3:30pm  
Monday, November 7 – 8:00am-1:00pm

## BULLETIN BOARD

The Bulletin Board will be located at Registration Desk. Please check the bulletin board often for last minute changes in program, time and location of committee meetings, personal messages, telephone calls and faxes.

## USAHA WORK ROOM

Located in the Cocoa 6 and will be open Thursday through Wednesday, 8:00AM-5:00PM.

## PRESS ROOM and COMMITTEE REPORT READING ROOM

Located in the Exhibit Hall Coat Room. Larry Mark will be in charge of the Press Room. There will be an area set aside to read committee reports.

## USDA, APHIS WORK ROOM

Tower 2 – Friday-Thursday.

## DAILY EVENTS

### THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2005

Johne's Working Group – 8:00am-9:00pm; Crystal A.  
AAVLD NAHLN Symposium – 8:00am- 5:00pm; Cocoa 2-3.  
AAVLD Quality Assurance Education Symposium – 8:00am- 5:00pm; Wild Rose A-B.  
National Milk Producers Federation – 12:00noon-9:00pm; Empire C.  
AAVLD Accreditation Committee – 1:00-6:00pm; Tower 1 (Closed Meeting).  
AAVLD – Strategic Planning Committee – 3:00-5:00pm; Tower 2.  
AAVLD – NAHLN Steering Committee – 6:00-7:00pm; Tower 3.  
AAVLD Food Safety Committee – 6:30-8:30pm; Cocoa 1.  
AAVLD - VetLIMS Users Group – 7:00-10:00pm; Tower 2.  
AAVLD – Directors of National Animal Health Laboratory Network Labs – 7:00-9:00pm; Cocoa 2-3.

### FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2005

AAVLD Financial Advisory Committee - 7:00-8:00am; Tower Suite Board Room.  
AAVLD CL Davis Toxicologic Pathology Symposium – 8:00am-5:30pm; Crystal A.  
AAVLD Subcommittee on Bacteriology and Mycology - 8:00am-12:00noon; Wild Rose A-B.  
AAVLD Approved Methods Committee – 8:00-10:00am; Cocoa 1.  
AAVLD Publications Committee – 8:00-10:00am; Tower Suite Board Room.  
AAVLD Accreditation Committee - 8:00am-12:00noon; Tower 1 (Closed Meeting).  
Johne's Working Group – 8:00am-5:00pm; Aztec.  
Holstein Association – 8:00am-4:00pm; Tower 3.  
AAVLD Emergency Preparedness Committee – 9:00-10:00am – Empire C-D.  
AAVLD Epidemiology Committee – 10:00am-12:00noon; Empire A-B.  
USAHA Executive Committee - 12:00noon-5:00pm; Tower Board Room.  
AAVLD Quality Assurance Committee – 1:00-3:00pm; Empire C-D.  
AAVLD Virology Committee - 1:00-4:00pm; Empire A-B.  
AAVLD Subcommittee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing - 1:00-3:00pm; Wild Rose A-B.  
AAVLD Executive Board - 1:00-5:00pm; Cocoa 1.  
American Board of Veterinary Toxicology (ABVT) Executive Board – 1:00-2:00pm; Magnolia A.  
AAVLD Informatics Committee - 1:00-3:00pm; Cocoa 2.  
American Academy of Veterinary and Comparative Toxicology (AAVCT) Annual Meeting – 2:00-3:00pm; Magnolia A.  
AAVCT – Veterinary Toxicology Case Presentations – 3:00-4:30pm; Magnolia A.  
AAVLD Enteric Diseases Committee – 3:00-5:00pm; Wild Rose A-B  
NAHLN Information Technology Committee – 3:00-5:00pm, Cocoa 2.  
AAVLD Serology Committee - 4:00-6:00pm; Empire C-D.  
AAVLD Editorial Board of Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation (JVDI) – 4:00-6:00pm; Tower 1.  
AAVLD Constitution and Bylaws Committee – 5:00-6:00pm; Tower 3.  
AAVLD New Member Orientation – 5:15-6:00pm; Cocoa 3.  
AAVLD President's Reception and Auction – 6:00-8:00pm; Nigerian - Trinidad  
AAVLD Foundation Committee – 8:00-9:00pm; Cocoa 1.

### SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2005

USAHA Animal Health Emergency Management Committee (formerly National Animal Health Emergency Management Steering Committee) – 8:00am-5:00pm; Magnolia A-B.  
AAVLD – 1st Plenary Scientific Session – 8:00-11:15am; Nigerian  
AAVLD House of Delegates and General Membership – 11:15am-12:00noon; Nigerian  
AAVLD Exhibits and Poster Session - 12:00noon-5:00pm; Blue Room  
National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials Meeting & Luncheon - 12:00noon-6:00pm; Trinidad  
AAVLD – Scientific Session – 1:00-3:00pm; Crystal A  
AAVLD – Pathology scientific Session – 1:00-3:00pm; Aztec.  
AAVLD – Toxicology Scientific Session – 1:00-3:00pm; Empire A-B  
AAVLD – Microbiology Scientific Session – 1:00-3:00pm; Empire C-D  
AAVLD – Scientific Session – 1:00-3:00pm; Nigerian.  
AAVLD Administrative Management Personnel Committee - 1:00-5:00pm; Cocoa 1.  
American Horse Council Health and Regulatory Committee – 1:00-5:00pm; Cocoa 5  
USAHA Scientific Advisory Sub-Committee for Johne's – 3:00-6:00pm; Magnolia D.



**SATURDAY--NOVEMBER 5, 2005 (continued)**

AAVLD Veterinary Analytical Toxicology & Mycotoxins and USAHA Environment Committee - 3:30-6:30pm; Empire AB.  
AAVLD Diagnostic Bacteriology Case Reports - 3:30-6:00pm; Empire C-D.  
AAVLD Government Relations Committee - 3:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 2.  
USAHA Scientific Advisory Subcommittee on Tuberculosis - 3:30-5:30pm; Magnolia D.  
AAVLD Histopathology Slide Seminar - 3:30-6:00pm; Aztec.  
National Cattlemens Beef Association - 3:30-6:30pm; Cocoa 3  
AAVLD Membership Committee - 5:00-6:00pm; Confection Office  
AAVLD Laboratory Directors Committee - 5:30-7:30pm; Crystal A.  
Board of Directors of the American Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians - 6:00-10:00pm; Cocoa 2  
USAHA Program Committee - 6:00-8:30pm; Cocoa 1.  
Extension Veterinarians - 3:00-10:00pm; Magnolia C.  
AAVLD Bacteriology Steering Committee - 8:00-10:00pm; Confection office

**SUNDAY--NOVEMBER 6, 2005**

Prayer Breakfast - 6:30-8:00am; Cocoa 4.  
Northeast Animal Health Association Breakfast - 6:30-8:30am; Magnolia A.  
North Central Animal Health Association Breakfast - 7:00-11:30am; Wild Rose A.  
Southern Animal Health Association Breakfast - 7:00-9:00am; Magnolia B.  
Western States Animal Health Association Breakfast - 7:00am-11:30am; Wild Rose B.  
AAVLD Exhibits and Posters - 8:00am-3:30pm; Blue Room.  
Food Safety Symposium - 8:00am-12:00noon; Cocoa 2-3.  
AAVLD - Microbiology Scientific Session - 8:00am-12:00noon; Crystal A.  
AAVLD - Pathology Scientific Session - 8:00am-12:00noon; Aztec.  
AAVLD - Scientific Session - 8:00-12:00noon; Empire A-B.  
AAVLD - Scientific Session - 8:00-12:00noon; Nigerian.  
AAVLD - Scientific Session - 8:00-12:00noon; Empire C-D  
AAVLD Administrative Management Personnel Committee - 8:00am-12:00noon; Cocoa 1.  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association - 8:30am-12:00noon; Cocoa 5.  
USAHA Scientific Advisory Subcommittee on Brucellosis - 10:00am-12:00noon; Tower 1.  
USAHA Education Subcommittee on Brucellosis - 10:00am-12:00noon; Tower Board Room.  
AAVLD Pathology Committee - 12:00noon-2:00pm; Aztec.  
USAHA Committee on Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock - 12:30-5:30pm; Empire C-D.  
USAHA Committee on Food Safety - 12:30-5:30pm; Wild Rose A-B.  
USAHA/AAVLD Committee on International Standards - 12:30-5:30pm; Tower 3.  
USAHA/AAVLD Animal Health Information Systems Committee - 12:30-5:30pm; Magnolia B.  
USAHA Committee on Johne's Disease - 12:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 2-3.  
USAHA Committee on Salmonella - 12:30-5:30pm; Crystal A.  
USAHA Committee on Sheep and Goat - 12:30am-5:30pm; Magnolia A.  
Feral Swine Meeting - 1:00-4:00pm; Cocoa 5.  
APHIS, VS Managers Workshop Conference - 1:00-5:00pm - Empire A-B.  
USAHA Mycoplasma Subcommittee of Transmissible Diseases of Poultry and Other Avian Species - 1:00-5:00pm; Tower 1  
AAVLD Laboratory Safety and Waste Disposal Committee - 1:00-5:00pm; Cocoa 1.  
District at Large (Allied Industry and Regional Delegates) - 12:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 4.  
USAHA Orientation for New Members - 4:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 5.  
USAHA/AAVLD President's Reception and Dinner - 5:30-8:30pm; Nigerian-Aztec-Trinidad.

**MONDAY - NOVEMBER 7, 2005**

AAVLD Past Presidents Breakfast - 6:30-8:00am; Cocoa 5.  
AAVLD Exhibits and Posters - 8:00am-1:00pm; Blue Room.  
USAHA Membership Meeting - 7:30-8:00am; Nigerian-Aztec-Trinidad.  
USAHA/AAVLD Plenary Scientific Session - 8:00-11:30am; Nigerian-Aztec-Trinidad.  
AAVLD House of Delegates - 11:30am-12:30pm, Nigerian-Aztec-Trinidad.  
Spouses Brunch - 9:30-12:00noon; Crystal A.  
USAHA Past President's Luncheon - 12:00noon-1:30pm; Tower 1.  
Directors of State Meat Inspection - 12:30-5:30pm; Wild Rose A-B.  
USAHA Committee on Infectious Diseases of Horses - 12:30-5:30pm; Magnolia A.  
USAHA/AAVLD Committee on Aquaculture - 12:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 4.

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2005 (continued)**

USAHA Committee on Import-Export – 12:30-5:30pm; Empire B-C-D.  
USAHA Committee on Infectious Diseases of Cattle, Bison and Lama – 12:30-5:30pm; Magnolia C.  
USAHA Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Poultry and Other Avian Species - 12:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 2-3.  
USAHA Committee on Tuberculosis - 12:30-5:30pm; Trinidad.  
Pseudorabies Control Board & Pseudorabies Program Standards – 1:30-5:30pm; Confection Office.  
AAVLD Committee Chairs and Program Committee – 1:30-4:00pm; Cocoa 1.  
National Association of Federal Veterinarians – 5:30-8:00pm; Crystal A.  
NIAA Executive Committee – 6:30-9:00pm; Tower 1.  
USAHA Board of Directors – 6:00; Aztec.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

USAHA Committee on Bluetongue and Bovine Retrovirus – 8:00am-12:00noon; Empire C.  
USAHA Committee on Foreign and Emerging Diseases - 8:00am-5:30pm; Trinidad.  
USAHA Committee on Livestock Identification – 8:00am-5:30pm; Nigerian.  
USAHA Committee on Pseudorabies – 8:00am-12:00noon; Cocoa 4.  
USAHA Committee on Public Health and Rabies – 8:00am-12:00noon; Crystal A.  
National Scrapie Oversight Board – 8:00am-12:00noon; Cocoa 5.  
USDA-ARS National Animal Health Research Review - 8:00AM-12:00PM; Empire A-B.  
Directors of State Meat Inspection - 8:00am-5:30pm; Empire A-B.  
American Association of Avian Pathologist Liaison with AVMA – 10:00am-12:00noon; Tower 3.  
USAHA/AAVLD Officers Luncheon – 12:00noon-2:00pm; Tower 1.  
USAHA Committee on Animal Welfare – 12:30-5:30noon; Empire C.  
USAHA Committee on Brucellosis - 12:30-5:30pm; Magnolia A-B-C.  
USAHA Committee on Feed Safety - 12:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 1.  
USAHA Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Poultry and Other Avian Species – 12:30-5:30pm; Cocoa 2-3.  
USAHA Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Swine – 12:30am-5:30pm; Crystal A.  
USAHA Committee on Wildlife Diseases – 12:30-5:30pm; Wild Rose A-B.  
Rabies Compendium – 1:00noon-6:00pm; Magnolia D.  
USAHA Board of Directors – 6:00-7:00pm; Aztec.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2005**

USAHA Committee on Biologics and Biotechnology - 8:00am-12:00noon; Magnolia C.  
USAHA Committee on Parasitic Diseases – 8:00AM-12:00noon; Magnolia B.  
USAHA Committee on Pharmaceuticals – 8:00am-12:00noon; Magnolia A.  
USAHA Committee on Public Relations – 10:00am-12:00noon; Tower 1.  
USAHA Committee on Scrapie – 8:00am-12:00noon; Wild Rose A-B.  
Rabies Compendium – 8:00am-5:00pm; Magnolia D  
USAHA Membership Meeting - 1:00 – 4:00pm; Nigerian.  
USAHA Board of Directors - 6:00-7:00pm; Aztec.

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**HERSHEY LODGE AND AREA INFORMATION**

For more information on activities in the area see the website at [www.HersheyPA.com](http://www.HersheyPA.com)  
Visit Chocolate World, Zoo America, Hershey Museum, Several golf courses and 60 Outlet stores right in Hershey, PA  
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The **Hershey Lodge and Convention Center** has free guest access to on-site indoor pool, fitness facility, tennis and basketball courts, and on-site 18-hole miniature golf course. Three on-site restaurants, plus a sports bar with restaurant, Lobby Bar and Lounge for light fare and a Coffee shop.

For more information see: [http://www.hersheypa.com/accommodations/hershey\\_lodge/index.html](http://www.hersheypa.com/accommodations/hershey_lodge/index.html).

The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center can provide transportation from the Harrisburg Airport and Harrisburg train station for a fee of \$22.00 round trip but they arrangements must be made in advance of arrival by calling 717-533-3311 ext 8601.

## CL DAVIS SYMPOSIUM

### 4th CL Davis Diagnostic Pathology Symposium: Diagnostic Toxicologic Pathology

November 4 2005, Friday, 8am- 5:30pm

Hershey, Pennsylvania

in conjunction with AAVLD annual meeting

The Charles Louis Davis DVM Foundation will be conducting an eight-hour continuing education symposium entitled "Diagnostic Toxicologic Pathology" on November 4, 2005. Course Director Matti Kiupel (Michigan State University) and invited guest lecturers Bryan Stegelmeier, Wanda Haschek-Hock (University of Illinois), John Van Vleet (Purdue University), and Gavin Meerdink. Topics that will be covered include organ specific toxicity of the liver, the heart and skeletal muscle and the lungs and kidney, as well as poisonous plants and diagnostic toxicology. Didactic lectures will be combined with audience participation to result in an engrossing day-long seminar. CL Davis is an approved CE provider. Don't miss out on what promises to be another exciting C.L. Davis/AAVLD co-sponsored symposium.

**Tuition of \$125 includes refreshments, CD of presentations and continuing education credits. The tuition fee will be waived for the winners of the travel award. Please Pre-register to guarantee receipt of materials. Registration is through CL Davis and is separate from meeting registration fees. Additional information and registration materials are available at the CL Davis Foundation Web site: <http://www.afip.org/CLDavis> or call 847-367-4359.**

Introduction, announcements	Kiupel	08.00 – 08.10
<i>Organ specific toxicity</i>		
General Principles and Hepatic Toxicity	Haschek-Hock	08.10 – 09.10
Cardiovascular and Skeletal Muscle Toxicity	Van Vleet	09.10 – 10.05
Break	30 min	10.05 – 10.35
Cardiovascular and Skeletal Muscle Toxicity	Van Vleet	10.35 – 11.30
Pulmonary and Renal Toxicity	Haschek-Hock	11.30 – 12.30
Lunch	1 hour	12.30 – 13.30
<i>Poisonous Plants and General Toxicology</i>		
Poisonous Plants	Stegelmeier	13:30 - 15:30
Break	30 min	15.30 – 16.00
Diagnostic Toxicology	Meerdink	16:00 - 17:00
Time for Discussion	15 – 30 min	17.00 – 17.30

### APPLICATION FORM FOR: Diagnostic Toxicologic Pathology Symposium November 4, 2005 at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA

Without exception, each person attending this symposium must submit an application form. I hereby apply for enrollment in the Symposium on Diagnostic Toxicologic Pathology and agree to hold The C. L. Davis, DVM Foundation, its officers and faculty and the co-sponsor, Pfizer Animal Health, and the AAVLD, free of any loss or complaint which may arise from their conduct of the aforementioned program, or any action any one of them may take in relation to this application. "This course has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 8 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB's RACE approval; however participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Call Dr. James Britt, 501-907-2435 for further information"

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send your application to: The Charles Louis Davis Foundation, 6245 Formoor Lane, Gurnee, IL 60031-4757 USA, Telephone: 847-367-4359, Fax 847-247-1869, Email: [CLDavisDVM@ameritech.net](mailto:CLDavisDVM@ameritech.net)

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## SATURDAY DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY SLIDE SEMINAR

Saturday, November 5, 2005, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 3:30- 6:00 pm.

Short, interesting, and educational cases are requested for the Saturday Diagnostic Pathology Slide Seminar. Either histopathology cases OR CYTOLOGY CASES are welcome at this slide seminar. We particularly welcome submission of challenging, cautionary or emerging disease entities where feedback is sought. Presentations are 5 minutes in length, with another 3 minutes for discussion. A copy of abstracts will be available at the seminar, and posted on the AAVLD website. Abstracts should be no more than one page long, single-spaced in 11 pt Times New Roman font

DUE DATE for submission of abstracts and cytology/HE slide: July 5, 2005

Please mail the typed abstract and one cytology/HE slide of the lesion to: Dr. Rob Bildfell, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Oregon State University, PO Box 429, Corvallis, OR 97339-0429 (phone 541-737-6965), email: Rob.Bildfell@oregonstate.edu. Email a copy of abstract to Dr. Carol Lichtensteiger at clichten@uiuc.edu.

If multiple authors are on the abstract, please identify which individual will make the presentation. Authors will be notified of whether the presentation is accepted by August 1. Presenters of accepted abstracts must supply a set of 60 HE glass slides for histopathology cases. Cytology cases should consist of as many glass slides as are available, plus a series of high quality digital images that are representative of the case. The materials should be submitted to the moderator by September 1, 2005 to allow review of slides by members before the meeting. Presenters are entitled to a complete set of slides at no cost.

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## DIAGNOSTIC BACTERIOLOGY CASE PRESENTATIONS

Saturday, November 5, 2005, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 3:30-6:00 pm

Come and join an interesting and informative discussion group. We need your case presentations in order to make this gathering a success. All presentations are informal - yours will be welcome! Send title of presentation to Dr. Karen Post at karen.post@nccmail.net or phone 919-733-3986 or fax 919-733-0454 by September 1, 2005.

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## FOUNDATION AUCTION

### **AUCTION TO BENEFIT AAVLD FOUNDATION DURING AAVLD PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AT 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

This year the AAVLD Foundation will have an auction of donated items during the president's reception on Friday night. The purpose of the auction is to increase the pool of money available to the Foundation to use for student travel grants and awards. This is the first time this is being tried. We would like it to be both fun and a financial success. Dr. Steve Cummings, a large animal veterinarian from Lusk, WY and a professional auctioneer, kindly agreed to MC the event. We are paying Steve's travel and accommodation so we have at a minimum to clear those costs before we make money for the Foundation's training/travel fund.

### **The Foundation is requesting each AAVLD laboratory to consider donating ONE item to the auction (value of \$50 or greater).**

Suitable items might be objects emblematic of your state, or objects handmade by an AAVLD member who has a particular skill, or are of sentimental value (associated with a well-established member, possibly one who is retired). Examples of appropriate items might be a case of wine from California, or a jackelope from Wyoming, or a signed textbook by an AAVLD member who authored the text, or artwork by a diagnostician. Imagination is encouraged. The donated items should be in good taste and likely to generate interest. Dr. Cummings will go through the items and decide which would be best for the voice auction, and which would be good for a silent auction. In his experience, items with a personal (especially if handmade) or with a clear regional affiliation raise the most money.

If you have a possible item for donation, please work through your laboratory director, who will contact Dr. Barb Powers ([bep@lamar.ColoState.edu](mailto:bep@lamar.ColoState.edu)) with your idea. Please copy the email to Dr. Donal O'Toole ([DOT@uwyo.edu](mailto:DOT@uwyo.edu))

If the item goes into the pool, we request that you to bring it with you to the meeting in Hershey and get it to one of us in advance of the reception. It would go to the highest bidder

Donal O'Toole, Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, UW  
Barb Powers, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories, CSU

**AAVLD TRAINEE TRAVEL AWARD**

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians is soliciting applications for Trainee Travel Awards. These \$500 awards are open to applicants from all training programs in diagnostic medicine to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to the Annual AAVLD meeting. The successful applicant must be primary author of a platform or poster presentation in the scientific session of AAVLD and must submit:

1) copy of the abstract to be submitted; 2) a one to two page letter stating the candidate's role in the work to be presented and the significance of the work to veterinary diagnostic medicine, and 3) a one to two page biographical data sheet. The application materials must be emailed to: Dr. Willie Reed, reed@dcpah.msu.edu. Any questions contact Dr. Reed at 517-353-0635.

**The deadline for receipt of all application materials is May 9th, 2005.** Applicants who do not submit complete applications before the deadline or whose applications do not adhere to the above guidelines will not be considered.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICIANS  
TRAINEE TRAVELAWARD

**Deadline for Applications: Monday, May 9th, 2005**

**Trainee Travel Award**

To promote the attendance of trainees in all disciplines of diagnostic medicine, the AAVLD is offering competitive \$500 Travel Awards to offset travel expenses to the Annual AAVLD Meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Please specify your discipline (select one): Bacteriology \_\_\_ Epidemiology \_\_\_ Immunology \_\_\_

Molecular Diagnostics \_\_\_ Pathology \_\_\_ Toxicology \_\_\_ Virology \_\_\_

Other (write in) \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of years in position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract Title (attach copy of abstract) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Include letter stating trainee's contribution to the work to be presented and significance of work to veterinary diagnostic medicine

Include 1-2 page biographical datasheet

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual AAVLD Meeting, November 3 – 7, 2005**  
**Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania**

**Deadline for Abstracts: MAY 14, 2005**

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. The AAVLD Program Committee will review abstracts. Corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance by July 14, 2005.

FORMAT: Please send as an e-mail attachment your abstract (Word 6.0 or newer, and WordPerfect 6.1 or newer). All abstracts should be one page or less. Format the body of the abstract with one-inch margins using Times New Roman 11-point font. Center and bold the title. Center authors below the title with initials followed by last name. Place location of authors' addresses one line below the body of the abstract text. Abstracts should be accurate and complete. Statements such as "results to be discussed" are not acceptable. Previous meeting proceedings should be examined for style. For your convenience, a SAMPLE ABSTRACT from past meeting is posted on the AAVLD web site at: <http://www.aavld.org/aavld-3/AAVLDCALLforPapers2005.doc>

When submitting your abstract, please provide the following information:

- Do you plan to use an LCD computer presentation?
- Is the submission to be considered for graduate student competition?
- Do you desire an oral presentation, poster, or either?
- Which disciplinary session you prefer (microbiology, toxicology, anatomical pathology, clinical pathology, virology, bacteriology, molecular diagnostics, food safety, epidemiology, or avian/aquatic)?
- The name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail address of the corresponding author.

AAVLD Foundation Trainee (Graduate Student or Resident) Awards of \$500 are given for the best poster and the best presentation. Graduate student/Resident presentations **MUST** be indicated as such on the abstract to qualify.

Please submit abstracts to Program chair: Dr. Donal O'Toole via email at DOT@uwyo.edu. For inquiries and questions contact Dr. O'Toole by phone at 307 742 6638

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

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## **BACTERIOLOGY QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEY**

Registration deadline April 15

The AAVLD Bacteriology and Mycology Subcommittee is once again asking for your participation in the annual Internal Bacteriology Quality Assurance Survey. Registration forms are due by April 15 to Deloris Harshbarger, USDA, APHIS, VS, NVSL, PO Box 844, Ames, IA 50010; Phone: (515) 663-7550; or via e-mail to [Deloris.M.Harshbarger@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Deloris.M.Harshbarger@aphis.usda.gov). If you have any questions contact Susan Sanchez as [ssanchez@vet.uga.edu](mailto:ssanchez@vet.uga.edu). All registration requests should be accompanied by a copy of your laboratory "Permit for importation of controlled materials and organisms" issued by the USDA.

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## **JVDI ONLINE SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS**

I am very pleased to inform you that the JVDI online site is open for business.

For those that do not have login information already, to setup an account in preparation for manuscript submission or review, go to URL is: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jvdi>. Please, only create a new account if you do not already have one.

Jeremiah T. Saliki, DVM, PhD, Editor, JVDI, E-mail: [jsaliki@okstate.edu](mailto:jsaliki@okstate.edu)

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## **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF VETERINARY DERMATOPATHOLOGY**

The International Society of Veterinary Dermatopathology (ISVD) is an organization founded to further the recognition and educational development of veterinarians who have a professional interest in the histologic interpretation of skin diseases of animals. Training of pathology and dermatology residents is given through utilization of expertise of members who practice the discipline, and continuing and advanced training of other graduate veterinarians is provided through meetings, seminars, and special courses. Continuing education courses are offered in conjunction with specialty group meetings annually, alternating between North American and European venues. The next meeting will take place April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Sarasota, Florida. The ISVD also manages an email-based listserv, which encourages interaction and continuing education via posted case presentations by members. Elections and other official business are also conducted via the list, thus encouraging representation by all members, not just those who attend each annual meeting. Those interested in joining the ISVD are warmly invited to contact Dr. Emily Walder, Treasurer, at: [ejwalder@gte.net](mailto:ejwalder@gte.net) Additional information also can be found at [www.ISVD.org](http://www.ISVD.org)

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

May 5-7, 2005, 1<sup>st</sup> annual joint meeting of the North Central Conference of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and Heartland Chapter of Association of Veterinary Microbiologists will meet in at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center, 1635 42nd Street SW, Fargo, North Dakota 58103. Keynote topics: Forensic Considerations During Necropsy Examinations, Richard Stroud, and Typical and Atypical Prion Diseases of Livestock, Katherine O'Rourke. Papers on diagnostic and research aspects of disease problems. Hotel reservations: Ramada at (701) 277-9000 and indicate you are with the AVM meeting to receive a rate of \$79 for single occupancy and \$89 for double occupancy. Meeting registration: Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, North Dakota State University, 1523 Centennial Boulevard, Fargo, ND 58105-5406, Phone: (701) 231-8307, Fax: (701) 231-7514. Make check payable to NDSU.

June 5-8, 2005 at Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire, Université de Montréal, Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec, about 45 minutes south of Montreal. Details are available at <http://www.medvet.umontreal.ca/RCTLSA/default.html>

June 6-10, 2005, 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Poisonous Plants at the Utah State University, Eccles Conference Center, Logan, Utah, USA. For more information see website at <http://extension.usu.edu/conference/events/isopp7/> or call Utah State University Conference Services at 1-800-538-2663.

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS (continued from page 24)**

July 8-12, 2005, Second Annual **Biosafety and Biosecurity Training Course** will be held this summer at the Hilton Fort Collins (formerly the University Park Holiday Inn) in Fort Collins, Colorado. Room rates are \$84 for single or double, and \$104 for suites, cutoff date is May 25. The hotel phone number is 970-482-2626, and the room block is "Biosafety and Biosecurity." July 8-10 animal oriented (1 day on large animal ABSL-2 and -3 facilities, containment, etc; 1 day on small animal ABSL-2 and -3 facilities and containment; ½ day on veterinary hospital, clinic, and farm and ranch Biosecurity (infection control)). July 11-12 will be general Biosafety and Biosecurity (BMBL, rDNA Guidelines, Biosafety committees, risk assessment, Select Agent regulations, HEPA filters and biosafety cabinet certification). Fee: Animal and general sessions; \$1200. For more information, contact Robert Ellis, [robert.ellis@colostate.edu](mailto:robert.ellis@colostate.edu) or 970-491-6729. Future postings at: <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/microbiology/crwad/relatedmeetings.htm>

July 16-20, 2005, 142nd AVMA Annual Convention and 28<sup>th</sup> **World Veterinary Congress** will take place in Minneapolis, MN in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Annual Convention. Two and a half day seminar, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on new demand of society for veterinary profession. See <http://avmaconvention.org/> for details on AVMA convention.

August 7-9, 2005, The 60<sup>th</sup> **International Conference on Diseases in Nature Communicable to Man** (INCDNCM) in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Multidisciplinary and organizers welcome abstracts on viral, rickettsial, bacterial, parasitic, prion-related diseases acquired from natural sources, including animals (wild or domestic), contaminated water or food supplies, arthropod vectors and other sources. The deadline for abstract submission is May 15, 2005. For additional information and registration details, visit <http://secure.provlab.ab.ca/bugs/incdncm>.

October 3-5, 2005, **Congress IABs 2005** in Saint Malo, France. New Diagnostic Technology: Applications in Animal Health & Biologics Controls. Applications in disease surveillance, molecular epidemiology and quality control tests of vaccines. For additional information on program, registration, etc. see web site at [www.zoopole.com/ispaia/iabs2005](http://www.zoopole.com/ispaia/iabs2005)

October 7-8, 2005, **CL Davis Foundation for Veterinary Pathology 15<sup>th</sup> South Central annual meeting** at San Luis Resort, Galveston Island, TX. Case reports on veterinary pathology and laboratory animal medicine. Invited speaker: Dr. Charles Clifford, Charles River Labs, "Laboratory Animal Pathology and Disease Monitoring"; 10 CE hours. Contact Dr. Jeff Eggers, Phone 210-536-3554; email [jeffrey.eggers@brooks.af.mil](mailto:jeffrey.eggers@brooks.af.mil) or <http://www.afip.org/CLDavis/CLDavis.meetings.htm>.

October 15-16, 2005, 38<sup>th</sup> annual **Western Conference of Veterinary Diagnostic Pathologists** will be held at the Delta Bessborough hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The WCVDP is a case-based conference. The theme for one day is cardiovascular system pathology. Dr. James Turk will serve as moderator. The second day will focus on diagnostic investigations, moderated by Dr. Carl Ribble. For general information regarding the WCVDP, or for specific information about submitting cases to this year's Conference, please contact Andy Allen ([andrew.allen@usask.ca](mailto:andrew.allen@usask.ca)), Department of Veterinary Pathology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, 306-966-7294

November 14-15, 2005 5<sup>th</sup> **Pan- American Dairy Laboratories Workshop** will be held during the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Colonia with field trips and technical visits, joining the congress on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

November 16-19, 2005, 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of the **World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians with the 7<sup>th</sup> OIE SEMINAR ON BIOTECHNOLOGY**, VIII Uruguayan Veterinary Medicine Congress "Luis Queirolo Monteverde", and V National Small Animals Congress -SUEVA at the Radisson Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, capital city of Uruguay. For more information see [www.congresos-rohr.com/labdiag](http://www.congresos-rohr.com/labdiag). **DUE DATE FOR ABSTRACTS: 31 MAY 2005.** OIE preliminary program: OIE procedures for recognition of diagnostic tests; Standardization, quality control and validation of molecular diagnostic tests; Use of genetic typing methods for tracing and epidemiological studies of zoonoses; Use of automation/robotic equipment in diagnosis laboratories; Data handling and interoperability between laboratories (LIMS); Potential for post genomics in the diagnosis of zoonoses; Emerging Diseases.

December 3-7, 2005. 56<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of **American College of Veterinary Pathologists** and 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of **American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathologists** will be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston Massachusetts. Instructions and submission information for the 2005 Call for Abstracts is available online at, <http://www.acvp.org/meeting/>. Deadline for submission of abstracts is June 1, 2005. If you have any additional questions, please send an email to [meetings@acvp.org](mailto:meetings@acvp.org).



## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Full Job Listings see AAVLD website at [www.aavld.org](http://www.aavld.org)

**Anatomic Pathologists** at IDEXX Laboratory Services. IDEXX has 15 reference laboratories in the US, 1 in the UK, 2 in Europe, and 4 in Australia. There is opportunity for short and long term assignments in these international labs. Diagnostic Responsibilities: surgical biopsy and necropsy specimens. Opportunities to participate in practitioner continuing education, local and national meetings, applied clinical research, marketing, and R&D activities. Diagnostic and research positions are available in laboratories at: West Sacramento, California; Denver, Colorado; and Columbus, Ohio. Contract research responsibilities may vary according to background and special interests. Qualified applicants must have a DVM or equivalent and ACVP board certification. Masters or Ph.D. are desirable, but not mandatory. Board eligible candidates may be considered. Salary is competitive and is commensurate with experience and qualifications. IDEXX offers an excellent benefits package. Please forward a *curriculum vitae* and names of three references plus a letter describing your career goals to Cindy Lebel, IDEXX, 1 IDEXX Drive, Westbrook, ME 04092 or email to: [cindy-lebel@idexx.com](mailto:cindy-lebel@idexx.com).

**Anatomic Pathologist.** The College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University, is seeking applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Veterinary Pathology in the Department of Pathobiology and Population Medicine. Candidates must have a DVM degree or equivalent and residency certificate or PhD degree in veterinary pathology. ACVP board certification and previous experience in diagnostic pathology are additional desired qualifications. Responsibilities include teaching in the professional curriculum and pathology residency/graduate program, participation with necropsy and biopsy diagnostic service, and development of a collaborative or independent research program. The laboratory system is fully accredited by the AAVLD. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.** Qualified applicants should a letter of application and CV to Dr. Lanny Pace, Executive Director, MVRDLS, College of Veterinary Medicine, P.O. Box 6100, Mississippi State University, MS 39762.

**Anatomic Pathologist, Wildlife Pathologist.** The Department of Veterinary Sciences and Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory at the University of Wyoming seek an established veterinary diagnostic and wildlife pathologist for a tenure-track position at the assistant, associate, or full professor level. Salary and rank are based on experience. Duties are diagnostic service (60%), research (30%) and instruction/advising of undergraduate and graduate students (10%). Candidates with demonstrated training, skills, and expertise in diagnostic wildlife pathology and wildlife health/disease research are preferred. **The position will remain open until filled. Review of applications will begin May 1, 2005.** Candidates must have a DVM (or equivalent) degree, Ph.D., and be board-certified with either the ACVP or ECVP. Submit a cover letter indicating your interests and background, detailed *curriculum vitae*, and the names and contact information of 3 professional references to: Mrs. Beth Howell (attn. Dr. Todd Cornish), Department of Veterinary Sciences, Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, University of Wyoming, 1174 Snowy Range Road, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, Telephone (307) 742-6638, Fax (307) 721-2051, Email [bethlee@uwyo.edu](mailto:bethlee@uwyo.edu).

**Anatomic Veterinary Pathologist.** Tenure-eligible assistant to full professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Partial service commitment in the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Candidate must have a DVM or equivalent, board certification or eligibility in anatomic pathology, and a commitment to the three-fold academic missions of service, research and teaching. Preference to candidates with a PhD and ACVP certification. Selection criteria are: experience and certification, communication skills, ability to interact with clients and collaborators, and demonstrated research capabilities. **Application review will continue until a suitable candidate is found.** Interested persons should send a *curriculum vitae*, summary of career aspirations, and the names and addresses of 3 references to Dr. Gayle Johnson, Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, University of Missouri, P.O. Box 6023, Columbia MO 65205. Nominations may also be submitted to Dr. Johnson by letter, by phone (573) 882-6811 or by E-mail ([johnsongc@missouri.edu](mailto:johnsongc@missouri.edu))

**Assistant Professor-Pathology.** The University of Connecticut seeks applicants for a tenure-track position in the Department of Pathobiology & Veterinary Science. A DVM, VMD or equivalent and a PhD degree are required. Board certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists is preferred, and eligibility is required. The successful applicant is expected to establish an extramurally funded research program that complements departmental strengths, participate in the diagnostic pathology service and veterinary pathology residency program of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching. Opportunities exist for collaborative research. Applicants should submit a *curriculum vitae*, statements of research interest and teaching philosophy, and arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to: Denise Irmischer, Search Committee Coordinator; Department of Pathobiology & Veterinary Science, Unit 3089, 61 N. Eagleville Rd. Storrs, CT 06269-3089. Applicants may view our website (<http://patho.uconn.edu/>) for additional information. **Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.**

**Veterinary Pathologist.** Requisition No. 2005002981: New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) has an opening for a Veterinary Pathologist at NMDA/Veterinary Diagnostic Services, Albuquerque, NM. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications. A complete application consists of NMDA application form, letter of interest, personal *curriculum vitae* including three references, and college transcripts. **Review of applications will begin April 1, 2005. Position remains open until filled.** Minimum requirements include a D.V.M. degree (in hand by hire date) from an accredited college. Preferred qualifications include Clinical experience, veterinary diagnostic laboratory experience; ACVP Board certified, and food animal production medicine experience. Related professional experience in veterinary pathology. Defensive driving training required within three months after employment. Driving record subject to investigation. A complete copy of the position announcement, application form is available at [www.nmda.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu) or contact: NMDA, Attention: Human Resources, MSC 3189, Box 30005, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005, (505) 646-7523.

**Veterinary Pathologist.** The San Diego County Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory welcomes applicants for a full time position in a growing, dynamic, veterinary diagnostic laboratory. This County-sponsored laboratory diagnoses diseases in animals from veterinarians, citizens, the County Department of Animal Services, research institutions, biotech companies, wildlife groups, CA Fish and Game, USDA, U.S. Navy, universities and other organizations. It is also the West Coast Study Site for the C.L. Davis Foundation. We are looking for an innovative, forward-thinking individual who works well with others. The laboratory is centrally located in San Diego, with convenient access to freeways, shopping, restaurants, attractive communities, and beaches. Depending on qualifications, a salary of \$89,377 to \$108,659 is offered, with full medical, vacation and retirement benefits. For more information, please see <http://dhr-jam.sdcounty.ca.gov/announcements/04423009.html>, or contact Dr. Nikos Gurfield at (858) 694-8973, [nikos.gurfield@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:nikos.gurfield@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**Staff Veterinary Pathologist Position** in the Department of Pathology of The Animal Medical Center. Primary responsibilities: necropsy and surgical pathology services, intern and resident teaching, and research activities. Applicants should be experienced in companion animal diagnostic pathology. Resources for clinical research are abundant and the biomedical community of the New York metropolitan area provides ample opportunity for collaborative research in comparative pathology. Applicants must possess a DVM or equivalent degree. Certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists is preferred, although board eligible candidates will be considered. Salary is competitive and is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The Animal Medical Center also offers an attractive benefits package. Applicants should submit a letter stating career interests and objectives, *curriculum vitae*, and the names and addresses of three references to: Dr. Keith Baer, Chairman, Department of Pathology, The Animal Medical Center 510 E. 62nd Street, New York, New York 10021. Tel.: 212-329-8672, Fax: 212-832-9288, e-mail: [keith.baer@amcny.org](mailto:keith.baer@amcny.org)

**Residency in Veterinary Anatomic Pathology** in the Department of Pathobiology and Veterinary Science, University of Connecticut. Applicants should have a DVM, VMD or equivalent and strong interest in the pathology of domestic and non-domestic animals. This is a 3-year position as a member of the resident corps of the Department's training program, leading to eligibility for certification examination by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Primary responsibilities will include participation in the autopsy and biopsy services of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (CVMDL). The CVMDL receives case material from local practitioners and institutional veterinarians, as well as from aquariums, zoological collections and marine laboratories nationwide, and boasts a broad range of species including domestic animal, non-mammalian, exotic, wildlife and aquatic species. For further information and/or application contact H. J. Van Kruiningen, Department Head, Pathobiology and Veterinary Science, 61 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06269-3089 or email [herbert.vankruiningen@uconn.edu](mailto:herbert.vankruiningen@uconn.edu)

**Post Doctoral Scholar/Residency in Veterinary Pathology.** The University of Kentucky Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center (LDDC) invites applicants for a 3-year residency program in Veterinary Anatomic Pathology. The program is designed to prepare candidates for a successful career in Veterinary Pathology and certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. The LDDC is a full service accredited laboratory that accepts farm, companion, wildlife, and exotic species. Training involves exposure to the extensive case material available through the necropsy and surgical pathology services and is augmented by slide seminars and rotations through the specialty sections. The beginning salary level is \$30,000 and includes health insurance benefits. DVM degree and good academic credentials are required. Interested candidates should contact Dr David Bolin, College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY by phone (859) 253-0571 or email [dbolin@uky.edu](mailto:dbolin@uky.edu).

**Clinical Pathologist.** The College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University, is seeking applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant/Associate Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology in the Department of Pathobiology and Population Medicine. Candidates must have a DVM degree or equivalent and residency certificate or PhD degree in veterinary clinical pathology. ACVP board certification in clinical pathology and previous experience in diagnostic clinical pathology are additional desired qualifications. Responsibilities include teaching in the professional curriculum and pathology residency/graduate program, participation in the clinical pathology service, and development of a collaborative or independent research program. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The laboratory system is fully accredited by the AAVLD. Applications will be **accepted until the position is filled**. Qualified applicants should submit a letter of application and CV to Dr. Lanny Pace, Executive Director, MVRDLS, College of Veterinary Medicine, P.O. Box 6100, Mississippi State University, MS 39762.

**Head, Diagnostic Bacteriology** at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), College Station, Texas. Responsible for leadership and supervision of diagnostic bacteriology services, client consultation in the College Station laboratory and support to colleagues in our Amarillo, Center and Gonzales laboratories. Qualifications: DVM or equivalent degree, an advanced degree (MS or PhD) in veterinary microbiology, certification by the American College of Veterinary Microbiology (ACVM) or progress toward ACVM certification and a minimum of two years experience in a diagnostic bacteriology laboratory. Excellent communication skills and have the ability to work with others. **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and reviewed as received.** Applicants should include a current *curriculum vitae*, letter of intent, contact information and three references to: Dr. Lelve G. Gayle, Executive Director, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, P. O. Drawer 3040, College Station, Texas 77841. Email: [l-gayle@tvmdl.tamu.edu](mailto:l-gayle@tvmdl.tamu.edu), Telephone: 979-845-9000, Fax: 979-845-1794

**Microbiologist III.** Permanent, full-time vacancy located at the Department of Agriculture, Livestock Identification, Reno, Nevada. Position is subject to continuation of federal funding. Approximate annual salary - \$38,795 to \$55,039 PAY GRADE: 34. Responsibilities: performing and reporting a variety of microbiological, serological, parasitological, immunological and clinical laboratory tests and procedures on animal samples. Minimum qualifications: a Bachelor's degree from an accredited school in microbiology, medical technology or closely related field and two years of professional experience in a laboratory setting; **OR** one year as a Microbiologist II in Nevada State service. Applicants will be rated on training and experience as provided in application. See job posting for details. Submit applications / Direct inquiries to: Department of Personnel, 209 E. Musser Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4204. Visit our Web Site: <http://dop.nv.gov/> announcement 520658. A resume will not be accepted in lieu of a State of Nevada application. Original signature required; facsimiles cannot be accepted. Micheal Shannon Phone: (775) 684-0112

**VMO/Microbiologist (QA Mgr) - 2 Positions.** The USDA/APHIS in Ames IA has 2 vacancies for VMO/Microbiologist (QA Mgr). The incumbent has the designated authority and responsibility as outlined in the laboratory quality manual and ISO standard for testing laboratories and has major responsibility for attaining and maintaining a level of laboratory QA that ensures the labs comply with ISO requirements and can, eventually, attain ISO accreditation. Major duties include, but are not limited to: assessing internal/external laboratory proficiency testing; monitoring internal Quality Control programs; authorizing, disseminating, tracking, and archiving controlled documents; managing/analyzing corrective action databases; transferring/reporting USDA/CDC Select Agents; securing/tracking primary reference standards; having direct access and input on laboratory policy or resources; performing laboratory audits and targeted assessments; preparing/compiling responses to audit reports; and performing other duties related to laboratory safety, security, and environmental management. To apply go to <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov> and under keyword search, type 2487-2005-0346. Current/former federal employees may also apply under 687-2005-0284. **Open 3/14/2005-4/11/2005.**

**Bacteriology, tenure-track faculty,** in Bacteriology-Mycology laboratory of the NY State Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC) and the Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Qualifications: Ph.D. plus D.V.M., V.M.D. or M.D degree or a Ph.D. in microbiology and/or molecular biology. Prefer strong background in molecular diagnostic techniques. Responsibilities: research in infectious diseases (at least a 50% research), secure extramural funding and develop collaborative efforts, participate in the AHDC's service, client consultation, assist in the development of research and diagnostic technologies in support of AHDC and limited participation in team-taught DVM elective courses and graduate education. Applicants should submit *curriculum vitae*, a short statement of research interests and career goals, and names and addresses for three references to Dr. Lorin Warnick, c/o Karen Loparco, Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, New York 14853 or by e-mail to [LDW3@cornell.edu](mailto:LDW3@cornell.edu). **Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.**

**Combined Microbiology Residency and PhD Training** at the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology at Washington State University. Emphasis on integrated approach toward PhD/residency training. The PhD program emphasizes individual initiative and responsibility within the context of a student/mentor relationship with contemporary research training in immunology, diagnosis and control of emerging diseases, pathogenesis and host defense mechanisms of infectious diseases. Faculty are well funded from extramural sources. Completion of the combined program qualifies graduate students to sit for ACVM board certification and prepares them for scientific careers as independent investigators. Stipends start at \$30,500. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. Inquiries are accepted at any time. Applications should include veterinary college transcripts, *curriculum vitae*, a statement of professional goals and names of 3 references. Send applications to Dr. Lindsay Oaks, Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology, Washington State University, PO Box 647040, Pullman, WA 99164-7040; phone (509) 335-6044.

**R&D Manager.** Headquartered in Westbrook, Maine. Position major objective: To provide effective leadership in the development of new products using the company's product development process, or in the technical support of products using structured failure investigation tools. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Resource management for multiple projects or groups; Support design, planning, and management of projects; Facilitate effective communications among internal and external parties involved in development projects; Train personnel in technical and product application knowledge; Lead, coach, and develop project managers and technical leads; Prepare and manage the budgets for R&D; Manage the resolution of technically based manufacturing issues prior to transfer of new products to operations. **EXPERIENCE:** Four years of industrial diagnostics experience, with demonstrated experience in research, product development, manufacturing, or technical support is required. Experience with ELISA-based microtiter immunoassays is preferred, as is experience in a USDA or other federally regulated industrial setting. Send resumes to Carol McCullough: [camcc@optonline.net](mailto:camcc@optonline.net)

**Faculty Position in Translational Immunology.** The Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in translational immunology. Qualifications: D.V.M., M.D. degree or equivalent plus a Ph.D. in immunology or a Ph.D. with postdoctoral experience in immunology are urged to apply. Responsibilities: contribute to research in immunology of infectious diseases (50%), AHDC service via client consultation, administrative oversight of immunology service, development of research and diagnostic strategies in all AHDC laboratories using immunological methods. Participation in team-taught DVM courses and graduate education is encouraged. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until filled. Interested candidates should provide a letter of application, *curriculum vitae*, list of publications, statement of future research interests, and the names and addresses of three references to: Edward J. Dubovi, Chair, Search Committee, Cathy Andersen, Department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, NY 14853 or via e-mail: [ejd5@cornell.edu](mailto:ejd5@cornell.edu).

**Veterinary Medical Officer (2-year) Virology/Immunology/Molecular Biology-** The USDA, APHIS, VS, National Veterinary Services Laboratories, Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Plum Island, Orient Point, NY is seeking a two year term, full-time Veterinary Medical Officer, GS-13 (Salary is \$78,012 to \$101,413 per year, plus benefits). Must be a U.S. citizen. Responsibilities: scientific laboratory activities to develop, evaluate, optimize, and validate diagnostic assays by utilizing current and emerging technologies in virology, immunology, and molecular biology. Provide leadership and serve as a consultant in the transfer of newly developed or improved diagnostic technologies to those involved in the daily performance of diagnostic procedures and in the development of protocols for the early detection of foreign or emerging animal disease etiologic agents. Experience in diagnostic method development and molecular biology and knowledge and interest in foreign animal diseases is desired. **Deadline for application is April 30, 2005.** A copy of the job announcement can be obtained at <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov> or call (631) 323-3206.

**Veterinary Virologist.** The Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ADL) of The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine is seeking applicants for a tenure-track or clinical-track position at the rank of assistant or associate professor based on qualifications. Qualifications: PhD or a DVM degree plus advanced training with board certification or eligibility. Responsibilities: section head of the virology/serology laboratory, participation in diagnostic service and in an independent or collaborative research program. Salary is negotiable based on qualifications. **Application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.** The position is available July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005; starting date is negotiable. Submit a letter of application, a recent curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of four references to: Dr. Doris Miller, Director and Professor, Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602-7383

**Veterinary Virologist.** Assistant/Associate level in the Department of Veterinary Sciences, University of Wyoming. The position is an integral mix of professional service (~50%), teaching (~25%) and research (~25%). The exact split is negotiable. We seek an enthusiastic DVM, PhD virologist or exceptional PhD candidate with a combination of training and experience applicable to diagnostic veterinary virology. Board certification would be a plus. Primary responsibilities are to provide diagnostic services to veterinarians and other clients of the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory (WSVL). WSVL has a caseload of food animals, primarily beef cattle, companion animals, and wildlife. Other responsibilities are to teach a 3-credit, upper division medical virology course and to participate in other Departmental teaching activities. Development of collaborative and/or independently funded research in a field pertinent to the Department's focus areas is expected. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Donald L. Montgomery, (307) 742-6638.

**Veterinary Toxicologist.** Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University, Manhattan has an immediate faculty position available for a tenure-track toxicologist with diagnostic/clinical, instructional, and research responsibilities. DVM or equivalent degree and PhD in toxicology required. Board certification in toxicology preferred. Responsibilities: diagnostic and clinical toxicology instruction for veterinary and graduate students; develop research program of investigations into chemical effects on public and animal health and environmental quality. Salary and rank are dependent on qualifications and experience. **Applications will be considered until the position is filled.** Letter of application including statement of career interests and goals, a current *curriculum vitae*, and contact information for 4 references from the past 5 professional years should be sent to Dr F W Oehme, Comparative Toxicology Laboratories, Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, M213 Mosier Hall, 1800 Denison Avenue, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-5705 ([oehme@vet.ksu.edu](mailto:oehme@vet.ksu.edu); tel 785/532-4334; fax 785/532-4481).

**Assistant or Associate Professor of Pre-Harvest Safety of Foods of Animal Origin** in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine and the National Food Safety and Toxicology Center at Michigan State University. Tenure-track. Responsibilities: direct and expand on-line Professional Masters in Food Safety program, contribute to undergraduate, graduate, and professional instruction, facilitate the creation of new, cooperative programs with Department, NFSTC, Diagnostic center and external partners. Develop research program in the safety of food products of animal origin. Qualifications: DVM degree or equivalent and PhD, MPH, or equivalent with emphasis in the pre-harvest safety of foods of animal origin. Familiarity with food animal production and processing systems. Knowledge and experience with applied epidemiological methods is desirable. Demonstrated experience and skills in distance education. Excellent speaking and writing skills. Excellent skills in networking and partnership development. **The application deadline is June 30, 2005, or until a suitable candidate is identified.** Contact Dr. Barbra Straw, Search Committee Chairperson, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

**Endocrinologist:** Tenure stream, Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (DCPAH) and Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation (PDI), College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University. Qualifications: (1) DVM or equivalent degree, or a PhD or both; (2) postgraduate experience/interest in clinical endocrinology, with postgraduate experience in clinical pathology or internal medicine; (3) eligible for full or limited Michigan veterinary licensure. Responsibilities: (1) supervision and leadership of the Endocrinology Section; (2) interpretation of test results; (3) consultations with veterinarians; (4) experience and understanding of immunoassays; (5) development of research program; (6) teaching DVM and graduate students. Applications accepted until a suitable candidate is identified. **Application review to begin May 9, 2005.** Salary and rank commensurate with qualifications. Send letter and *curriculum vitae*, including three references, to Dr. Willie M. Reed, Director, Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health, P.O. Box 30076, Lansing, MI 48909-7576. For further details, contact Dr. Reed (phone 517-353-0635, fax 517-432-5836, email [reed@dcpah.msu.edu](mailto:reed@dcpah.msu.edu)).

**Marketing Manager.** Company in Westbrook, Maine looking for an experienced marketing manager who can design and execute worldwide marketing strategies for the line of diagnostic bovine test kits and manage the day-to-day marketing activities of the business, identify future opportunities, and provide leadership supporting the marketing and sales organization of Production Animal Services (PAS). Requires an MBA or strong equivalent. An undergraduate degree in a scientific area is preferred. Experience: A minimum of 10 years work experience with at least 5 years of marketing experience. Send resume to Carol McCullough at: [camcc@optonline.net](mailto:camcc@optonline.net)

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