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President's Message



There are a number of items of interest in this newsletter which you can view by clicking on the appropriate title. I would like to draw your attention especially to the July Executive Board Meeting Minutes and the June Laboratory Director's Conference Call Minutes. Soon, the August Laboratory Directors Conference Call Minutes will be posted as well, so look for these within a couple of weeks. There are also a couple of important legislative updates which you should be aware of. We are following these legislative issues and will be drafting letters to the appropriate Congress people to express our opinions. We welcome our new Assistant in the Secretary's Office, Vanessa Garrison, who is replacing Allison Reitz after her many years of service. We certainly will miss Allison and her dedication to AAVLD and wish her well. Please, especially note the important information about our annual AAVLD meeting. This is our 50th Anniversary and we hope to have a wonderful time celebrating this. We have a scientific information-packed program already put together and are working on finalizing some of the social events. Be sure not to miss the President's Reception and Auction where we will officially celebrate our 50th Birthday with cake included! Looking forward to seeing you all in October.

What's New on the Web

New items on the web page include:

- July Executive Board minutes
- June Lab Directors Conference call minutes.
- 2007 House of Delegate Members
- Sample accreditation site visit reports

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Legislative Updates

A couple pieces of legislation have come up that will have an impact on AAVLD laboratories. For more information on these bill see the following links:

[BSL3 and BSL4 facility construction concerns for animal and human pathogens](#)

[NAHLN funding as part of National Agriculture and Food Defense Act of 2007](#)

Congratulations to our AAVLD 2007 Travel Award Winners

Dr. Joshua Webster

Dr. Joshua Daniels

Dr. Dodd Sledge

Membership Directory
Find the most current listing of AAVLD members. Check here for members that have joined since the hard copy directory was printed.

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2007 AAVLD/USAHA Annual Meeting



The 2007 AAVLD Annual Meeting marks the association's 50th anniversary! We hope to see you all in Reno, NV for this special milestone October 18-24. See AAVLD web site for updated annual meeting information including hotel and meeting registration forms and on-line registration links, updated events schedule, scientific sessions and posters, [AAVLD Foundation auction items](#),

committee meeting agendas, NAHLN/QA pre-meeting symposium October 18 ([separate registration](#)) and CL Davis Orthopaedic Pathology October 19 ([separate registration](#)), area information and other announcements. Complimentary airport shuttle leaves from door D on baggage claim level at 00:15 after and before the hour and leaves the hotel on the half hour.

There is an Antimicrobial Susceptibility mini-symposium Friday, October 19 from 8:00am-Noon. There is no additional registration fee for this event.

New in Reno: Exhibits will open at Noon on Friday, October 19 giving an extra day to visit our exhibitors. Posters will be available 24 hours in the foyer area from Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

REMINDER – Bacteriology case presentation titles due Sep 1st to K. Post.

- [Annual Meeting Homepage](#)

AAVLD-NVSL Proficiency Testing Workgroup

AAVLD-NVSL Proficiency Testing Workgroup is soliciting input at Reno at an open meeting October 19, Friday, 5-6pm. Paul J. Hauer, Assoc Director, NVSL, is chair. Please plan to attend. The agenda will cover the following topics:
Presentation of proposed information summaries for proficiency panels
Discussion of the need for other proficiency panels from NVSL
Discussion of the timing of proficiency testing from NVSL

New Job Board Coming Soon

AAVLD is contracting with Job Targets to provide a job board. Once the new board is set up, employers will post job listings directly to the board for a fee of 50.00 for up to 90 days. 30% of the fee is retained by Job Targets but the remainder is paid to AAVLD. Searches can be done by keyword and job category using current categories or by location. Jobs can be cross posted to multiple categories and keywords. The new board allows employers to manage their own postings, set expiration dates and renew job postings. Job seekers can post their resumes anonymously for employers to view and contact them via email and set up job alerts to notify them if a job is posted that meets their criteria. [Click](#) for more info.

2008 Membership Dues Deadline October 1st

You should have received your membership renewal email and/or hard copy. Dues are due October 1st. Dues increased this year for the first time since 2002 to 115.00 for full membership. Graduate Student/Resident, Retired and Associate fees remain unchanged.