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USAHA, AAVLD Meeting to further dialogue on “One Health”

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St. Joseph, Mo. – The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) will continue to build on the discussions in animal agriculture regarding One Health at this year's 114th USAHA/53rd AAVLD Annual Meeting. The organizations' joint plenary session, on Monday, November 15, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minn., is titled **“One Health: One Way Street or are there Opportunities for Animal Agriculture?”**

The session will feature a broad range of health experts from both human and veterinary medicine, and address the perceptions and roles from both disciplines as it impacts animal agriculture. Dr. Lonnie King, Dean of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine will serve as the moderator for this insightful session.

“As we prepared this session, we realized that the timing was ripe for USAHA and AAVLD to become more engaged in the One Health discussion,” says Dr. Steve Halstead, USAHA President Elect, Michigan State Veterinarian and co-chair of the program. “This is an opportunity for our members to come together and engage in an issue that, for all the discussion it generates, has not been clear in its objectives and its application to our day-to-day work.”

Speakers include:

- Lisa Conti, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, CEHP (Director, Division of Environmental Health, Florida Dept. of Health and Co-Author of *Human-Animal Medicine, Clinical Approaches to Zoonoses, Toxicants and Other Shared Health Risks*.)
- Gary Simpson, MD, College Master and Professor of Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease, Departments of Medical Education and Internal Medicine, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, TX
- Mark Engle, DVM, Director, Health and Transportation, PIC North America
- Katey Pelican, DVM, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota
- Mo Salman, BVMS, PhD, Colorado State University Professor of Epidemiology
- James Hughes, MD, FACP, FIDSA (Professor of Medicine and Public Health Emory University with over 30 years experience at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Infectious Disease Unit.

“The concept of One Health is very far-reaching, and in reality has been a big part of veterinary medicine since its inception,” said Dr. Craig Carter, University of Kentucky who serves as AAVLD President Elect and co-chair for the session. “We are at a time where zoonoses are on the rise, and veterinarians are positioned well as experts in this area, ultimately benefitting both humans and animals as the One Health concept evolves.”

Additionally, AAVLD will feature “One Health: Opportunities for Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories” for its plenary session on Saturday, November 13.

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The USAHA/AAVLD Joint Plenary session is part of the USAHA and AAVLD Annual Meetings, scheduled for November 11-17, 2010 at the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis, Minn. The meeting features USAHA's 32 committees, scientific presentations and networking with leaders in food animal health, regulatory medicine and veterinary diagnostics. For more information on USAHA, go to www.usaha.org. AAVLD's web site is www.aavld.org.

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USAHA, this nation's animal health forum for over a century, is a science-based, dues-supported, voluntary organization whose membership includes state, federal and international animal and public health agencies, allied industry and professional organizations, as well as individual members representing academia, animal owners and animal health professionals. USAHA primarily serves as a forum for communication and coordination among animal health constituents on issues of animal health and disease control, animal welfare, food safety and public health. USAHA operates with 32 species- and subject-oriented committees, and hosts an annual meeting each year with the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) is a not-for-profit professional organization which seeks to:

- Disseminate information relating to the diagnosis of animal diseases
- Coordinate diagnostic activities of regulatory, research and service laboratories
- Establish uniform diagnostic techniques
- Improve existing diagnostic techniques
- Develop new diagnostic techniques
- Establish accepted guidelines for the improvement of diagnostic laboratory organizations relative to personnel qualifications and facilities

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