The Foundation Honors a True Legend

In 2006, at the annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, the Foundation took the opportunity to honor one of the true legends in the field of veterinary pathology, Dr. John M. King of Cornell University. Few veterinary pathologists around the world have not been impacted by the scope and breath of Dr. King’s contributions to veterinary pathology, and in honor of his 50 years in the profession, the Foundation inaugurated its highest-level award, the John M. King Award for Sustained Contribution to Veterinary Pathology.

From the standpoint of the C.L. Davis Foundation, John is much more than a longtime faculty member and honorary trustee for the Foundation - John is truly one of its pillars, whose contributions to Foundation continue to increase with time. In the Foundation's early days (1970+), John King was the featured lecturer (and often the only lecturer) at Foundation meetings, packing his kodachromes and gross specimens (packed to overflowing in buckets of Klotz solution) into a van to travel throughout the northeast US to wherever the Foundation was meeting, always to be back at Cornell bright and early on Monday morning. During the 1980's and 1990's, as our faculty grew, John took on even more Foundation tasks, traveling internationally to represent the Foundation at its meetings and then on to local veterinary schools under the Foundation aegis, with little more than a sharp knife and map to the next university.
In the 2000s, while his tours for the Foundation may have decreased, John has played an even more important role - proceeds from the last two editions of the Foundation-published *Necropsy Book* have funded the Foundation’s outreach programs around the world. John’s personal collection of over 20,000 kodachromes are available through the Foundation’s web page at [http://www.cldavis.org](http://www.cldavis.org).

However, John’s most important contribution to our specialty has not yet been mentioned. Over the years, one common denominator has emerged among the many who are important drivers in the Foundation - whether on its Faculty of Discussants, its Board of Directors, or the many pathologists who host or otherwise support our meetings - a large majority are students of John King. John’s selfless dedication to our specialty, his drive to educate, his embrace of people from all countries, and his special way of teaching and looking at the world lives on in his students. Without them, the Foundation would enjoy little of the success it does today.

No tribute to John is complete without a salute to his lovely wife of 55 years, Marie. Marie has taught us much as well – the power of infinite patience, of looking past the rough edges, and of the importance of love and support in achieving success.

Following the awards banquet, approximately 50 of John’s friends and students over the last half-century adjourned to a banquet room to share laughs and remembrances with John and Marie. Over 25 speakers paid tribute to the man who has meant so much to them, to the Foundation, and to the profession for the last 50 years. Here’s to the next fifty, John!

Until the end of February, get a copy of John King’s necropsy book for a $25 donation, (list price $40). This pocket-sized edition of the 4th edition (coauthored by Lois Roth and David C. Dodd) contains information and illustrations found in no volume of its kind, including a walk-through of a proper necropsy, common non-lesions, and abundant notes, including the smells of the necropsy, indicators of death, and much more.

Online Special at [http://www.cldavis.org](http://www.cldavis.org)

True to form, JMK eschews a traditional thank-you speech for an impromptu "Show and Tell". Host Dr. Bruce Williams (left) correctly identified organophosphate powder by its garlic-like odor and several crushed blister beetles to avoid public humiliation.
What’s in a Name?  (A lot if it’s www.cldavis.org!!!)

The Foundation is proud to announce the debut of its new home page at http://www.cldavis.org. The home page, hosted for many years at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, has now settled into its new server at the Foundation offices in Gurnee, IL, and is open for business.

The first thing that you will notice about the site is a new, professional look and color scheme. The front page is more intuitive, prominently listing our imminent courses, most popular publications, current copy of the newsletter and contact information, among other things.

The left side of the page has quick links to syllabi from upcoming and completed symposia, online study sets, and a link to our new online store containing the Foundation’s books, illustrated syllabi, and its extensive catalogue of DVD lectures. For the first time, you can obtain any of these items online via a secure credit card transaction.

However, that the best is yet to come on www.cldavis.org. Upgrades through the end of the year include online course registration - no more bank transfers or faxing in your registration form. Expanded member services will include automatic checking of your membership status, online membership, and a membership directory (available only to active members). The site will automatically process member’s discounts on courses and publications offered to our members What’s more, course attendees will receive receipts and course correspondence automatically the time of registration, and CME certificates at the end of the course – all online!

As part of the rollout of the new website, look for specials on some of our most popular publications. For starter’s John King’s Necropsy book will be available at only $25/copy for the next two weeks. Get your copy today!
Development, Registration, and Post Marketing Surveillance of Vaccine and Biologic Products – Meeting the Challenges

Date: March 16, 2007
Location: West Point, PA

Dear members, friends and colleagues,

The 1st Day-Seminar of the Northeast Sub-Division is an exciting event. With it, we welcome the Pathology Department of Merck & Co. at West Point, PA, as a sponsor/host.

Dr. Tom Forest has prepared a great program: "Development, Registration and Post Marketing Surveillance of Vaccine and Biologic Products". It will be on Friday, March 16, 2007. A detailed program and invitation will be sent later. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Dr. Tom Forest (Tel: 215-652-1575; E-mail: thomas_forest@merck.com).

SCHEDULE

8:00-8:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Srinivasa Prahalada, B.V.Sc., Ph.D., Executive Director, Pathology
Merck & Co., Inc., West Point, PA
9:00-10:00 Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine and Autism
Paul Offit, M.D., Chief of Infectious Disease
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
10:00-10:15 Morning Break
10:15-11:00 Vaccines Including Toll-Like Receptor Agonists
Alan Shaw, Ph.D., President and CEO VaxInnate
VaxInnate, Inc., Cranbury, NJ
11:00-11:45 Development of GARDASIL™: a human papillomavirus vaccine
Jayanthi Wolf, Ph.D., Research Fellow, Discovery & Biologics Safety Assessment
Merck & Co., Inc., West Point, PA
11:45-12:45 Lunch (Courtesy of Merck Research Laboratories)
Building 57 Cafeteria, Room T.B.D.
12:45-1:30 Development of RotaTeq™: a live, oral, pentavalent rotavirus vaccine
Jose Lebron, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Discovery & Biologics Safety Assessment
Merck & Co., Inc., West Point, PA
1:30-2:15 HIV Vaccine Development
John Shiver, Ph.D., Vice President, Vaccine and Biologics Research
Merck & Co., Inc., West Point, PA
2:15-2:30 Afternoon Break
2:30-3:15 Immunoassays in support of vaccine and biologics development: overview
Catherine Kaplanski, D.V.M., Ph.D., Associate Director,
Discovery & Biologics Safety Assessment
Merck & Co., Inc., West Point, PA
3:15-3:45 Panel Discussion and Concluding Remarks
For more information and details about registration, accommodation and directions, please contact Dr. Tom Forest
Telephone: 215-652-1575
E-mail: thomas_forest@merck.com.

Additional details to follow as they become available.
FIRST ANNUAL C.L. DAVIS SYMPOSIUM ON DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY OF DISEASES OF AERIAL, TERRESTRIAL AND AQUATIC WILD LIFE

Date: April 4-6, 2007
Location: Covance Laboratory Learning Center, Madison, WI

Program Director:
Scott D. Fitzgerald, DVM, PhD: Diagnostic Centers for Population & Animal Health, Michigan State University
Po Box 30076, Lansing, Michigan, 48909
Telephone 517-353-1774; E-mail: Fitzgerald@dcpah.msu.edu

TUITION: Foundation members $300, non-members $375. Attendance is limited by the seating capacity of the auditorium to 99 individuals. SO….get your application in early! Each attendee will receive a copy of the 4th edition of the NECROPSY BOOK by Drs John King, Lois Roth and David Dodd.

"Course meets the requirements for 22 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB 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."

For more information and registration form visit: http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#3

WORKSHOP & SYMPOSIUM ON LABORATORY ANIMAL DISEASES

Date: 18 - 21 April, 2007
Location: Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

The Midwest Div. of The Charles Louis Davis, D.V.M. Foundation in Co-sponsorship with The Biologic Resources Laboratory (BRL) of The University of Illinois at Chicago will present a Workshop and Symposium on Laboratory Animal Diseases commencing Wednesday the 18th of April and continuing through Saturday the 21st of April, 2007.

Program Director: JAMES E, ARTWOHL, D.V.M., (312) 996-1217 or E-mail: jeart@uic.edu.

Symposium: The Symposium will commence at 8:00 AM on Saturday the 21st of April and continue to 4:00 p.m.. The Symposium will be held in the first floor auditorium of The Molecular Biology Research Building, 900 South Ashland Street, Chicago, Illinois (Weekend entry is through the Marshfield Street entrance). Parking is available in the parking structure at the corner of Taylor & Paulina streets. Lunch will be provided for attendees of the Symposium at the meeting site. The format for the symposium will be Diseases of the Mouse, By Dr. Stephen W. Barthold, Center for Comparative Medicine, University of California, Davis, California, of the Faculty of The C. L. Davis, DVM Foundation.

Workshop: The Biologic Resources Laboratory's collection of study materials will be available for review, at the BRL, 1840 West Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois, beginning at 8:30 AM, Wednesday the 18th of April and continuing through Friday the 20th of April. The 2 x 2 slide collection includes 14,000 kodachromes many of which have been digitalized on laboratory animal diseases and management. In addition 3,000 glass micropathology slides with histories and sixty-six T60 video tutorials, of The Foundation's Independent Study Center at The Biologic Resources Laboratory, will be available for individual and/or group study. Microscopes, Projectors (2x2 and LCD), and VCRs will be available at The Biologic Resources Laboratory.

Practical Examinations: Members of the senior staff of The Biologic Resources Laboratory will give a Simulated Practical Examination, in the morning of Friday the 20th of April.

Seminars: Members of the senior staff at the Biologic Resources Laboratory will present seminars in the afternoon of Friday the 20th of April on Primate Pathology Quiz, Rat and Rabbit Pathology Quiz, Regulations Seminar, and Lab Animal Equipment Seminar.

For more information and registration form visit: http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#4
Announcement for the CL Davis, DVM Foundation 24th Annual
West Coast Subdivision Meeting

Date: April 27th and 28th, 2007
Location: Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA

The 24th Annual Meeting of the West Coast Subdivision of the CL Davis DVM Foundation (also known as the West Coast Veterinary Pathology Conference) will be held at the Asilomar Conference Grounds on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula coast in Pacific Grove, CA from 12:00 noon on Friday, April 27th through 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 28th. The format for this year’s conference will be very similar to that of previous years, with case presentations by conference attendees on Friday afternoon, and two keynote presentations on Saturday morning: “Tracking Down Emerging Wildlife Disease on 3 Continents: Implications for Conserved Species and Zoonotic Potential” by Dr. Richard Montali (emeritus National Zoo) and “Tracking Down Emerging Diseases in the Shelter Environment: Outbreak Investigation” by Dr. Patricia Pesavento of UC Davis.

This will mark the fifth consecutive year that the West Coast Subdivision Meeting will be held at Asilomar; following four highly successful meetings the previous four years. Due to the increased costs associated with holding the conference at Asilomar, particularly the cost of housing, the meeting registration fee (which includes housing and four meals) will again of necessity be somewhat higher than it was before the meeting moved to Asilomar. For CL Davis Foundation members requesting a room by themselves, the cost for conference registration/room/meals will be $250, while for CL Davis Foundation members sharing a room, the cost will be $190. For non-CL Davis Foundation members requesting a room by themselves, registration/room/meals will be $325, while for those sharing a room, registration/room/meals will be $265 (the additional $75 will go toward 2007 CL Davis Foundation membership). If you would like to have a spouse or guest share your room with you, the base charge will be $190, with an additional charge of $125 for the first guest, and $75 for each additional guest after the first. If you will not be staying at Asilomar overnight, the registration fee will be $140 for CL Davis members and $215 for non-members. Registration will cover lunch and dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

If you would like to stay an additional night or nights at Asilomar (either before or after the conference), please contact Asilomar directly at (866) 654-2878 or register via their web site http://www.visitasilomar.com/reservations.aspx Please mention that your extended stay is in conjunction with the West Coast Veterinary Pathology Conference, Reservation #21W3L7.

Pathology trainees (residents and graduate students) will have a reduced fee of $90, while veterinary students will have a further reduction in their fee to $50. In order to qualify for these greatly reduced fees, the status of trainees and veterinary students MUST be certified by an advisor’s or faculty member’s signature.

Trainees and veterinary students will be housed 3 to a room.

Please send your registration materials and checks for payment to:

Dr. Dimitry M. Danilenko
Genentech, Inc.
Department of Pathology
One DNA Way; MS 72B
South San Francisco, CA 94080
Fax: (650) 225-8989

If paying by check, please make the check payable to “CL Davis DVM Foundation”. If paying with a credit card, please fill out the appropriate information on your registration form.

In order to guarantee a room at Asilomar, registration and payment MUST be received NO LATER THAN February 26th, 2007! The Asilomar Conference Grounds are completely booked on the days of our conference, so if I do not receive your registration on time, you will likely have to stay off-site!
First Annual Charles Louis Davis Korean Symposium
in Collaboration with the National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service
and the Korean Pig Industry Research Society

Date: May 9-11, 2007
Location: Lecture Hall, National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service, Anyang. Seoul, Korea.

The C.L. Davis Foundation is proud to announce its first annual Korean Symposium, given in conjunction with the Korean Pig Industry Research Society and the National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service. This year’s symposium is entitled “Gross Pathology of Livestock” and will be held on May 9 -11 at the Lecture hall of the NVRQS, in Seoul. This new symposium targets pathologists, meat hygienists, and pathologists in training and is open to participants both within Korea and neighboring nations. The symposium focuses on the gross morbid pathology of common diseases of food animals; in addition, lectures on the elements of gross diagnosis and description will be presented. Periods of the symposium have been dedicated to case presentation via digital photos submitted by participants, and group discussion, as well as extended opportunities for interaction between participants and faculty.

For more information and registration form visit: http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#8

Case imagery for group discussion submission deadline is 1 May 2007.
Case discussion photo with signalment should be submitted to the Dr. Mun-IL Kang by E-mail mikang@nvrqs.go.kr on or before 1st May, 2007.

For additional information about the program, submissions, or sponsorship, contact: nypark@chonnam.ac.kr

First Annual Charles Louis Davis, D.V.M. Foundation
Symposium on Diagnostic Pathology of Laboratory Animal and Exotic Species

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2007
Location: Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, Arizona

Program Director: Charles A. Montgomery, DVM, DACVP, DACLAM, Tel: 918-253-6031 or E-mail: compath@lrec.org

Course Description/Speakers:
This is a one day satellite symposium sponsored by the C.L. Davis Foundation and the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine’s Annual Forum.

Host Response to Injury in Laboratory Animals – Differential Diagnosis and Keys to Problem Solving
Dr. Charles Montgomery

This four hour presentation will describe teaching and diagnostic tools, thought processes and algorithms used to determine pathologic diagnoses in laboratory animal diseases and organ systems. The lecture will include gross and histopathologic lesions, clinical pathology data, histochemistry, immunohistochemistry and imaging examples in over 20 species of animals.

Identification of Protozoan and Metazoan Parasites in Histological Sections Dr. Chris H. Gardiner

Protozoan and metazoan parasites are often found in both biopsy and autopsy histological sections. Frequently, proper identification of these parasites is required to initiate appropriate treatment in herd-health measures. This course will provide the basic information necessary to recognize and identify these parasites in histological section. This will be accomplished with a two part illustrated, didactic lecture by Chris H. Gardiner, Ph.D., of the Army Medical Department, Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Consultant to the Registry of Veterinary Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C. The lectures will be on the morphological features of protozoan and metazoan parasites in histological section and diagnostic case studies, illustrating how the knowledge of these minute features can easily lead to diagnosis in over 20 interesting cases from zoo and wild animals.

As a bonus, all registrants will receive a copy of the text “An Atlas of Metazoan Parasites in Animal Tissues,” authored by Dr. C.H. Gardiner, recently reprinted, and is a $35.00 value. This well-illustrated atlas is considered to be the definitive text for veterinary pathologists and laboratory animal veterinarians.

For more information and registration form visit: http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#7
Charles Louis Davis, D.V.M. Foundation
For the International Advancement of Education in Veterinary and Comparative Pathology Topics in Laboratory Animal Medicine

Date: May 17-20, 2007
Location: College of Veterinary Medicine - North Theater
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC, USA

The Workshop will present relevant topics in Laboratory Animal Medicine with an emphasis on the primary species and recent literature. Registration for the workshop is required.

The Laboratory Animal Medicine Mock Exam on Saturday, May 19th is open to all interested individuals and does not require registration to the workshop.

TUITION:  
Co-sponsor’s staff: $0
Foundation Members: $250
Nonmember (in effect become members): $325

Individuals wishing only to attend the Mock Exam should complete the registration form at http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#9

First Annual CL Davis Symposium in the Comparative Pathology Series
Pathology of Genetically Engineered Rodents and Aquatic Species, an Introduction to Phenotyping

Date: July 25-27, 2007
Location: Covance Laboratory Learning Center, Madison, WI

The C.L. Davis Foundation, Comparative Pathology Division, announces a new Symposium: Pathology of Genetically Engineered Rodents and Aquatic Species, an Introduction to Phenotyping, July 25-27, 2007, at the Covance Laboratory Learning Center, Madison, WI.

This new symposium targets veterinarians, pathologists (MD, DVM, VMD) and scientists who are becoming more involved in the phenotyping aspects of functional genomics (functional genetics) initiatives in rodents and zebra fish. Common pathologic findings (phenotypes) that are relevant to identifying and validating new or induced phenotypes will be emphasized. The intensive 3-day program includes an evening poster session on phenotypes and phenotyping strategies, and an evening virtual microscopy slide conference. Registrants are invited to submit relevant abstracts for the poster session, and/or a glass slide to be presented in the slide conference (submission instructions below).

TUITION: $300 for Foundation members, $375 for non-members (includes membership in the C.L. Davis Foundation).

Syllabus: Electronic handouts will be provided to participants via CD-ROM and will also be downloadable from the Davis Foundation Website (http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#10) in advance of the program. Printed handouts will be available at the conference for an additional $50 payable with tuition.

"This course has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 22 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"
Greetings Fellow Pathologists (anatomic and clinical), Path residents, and those with intense interest in Veterinary Pathology.

We have contacted most of you in a couple preliminary e-mails about the interest in a regional vet path conference in the Upper Midwest and now the time has come. The dates have been set for March 30-31 and the place is St. Paul, Minnesota on the campus of the University of Minnesota at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

We are excited about the prospect of hosting this conference, which is similar in style to the other regional veterinary path conferences. This is a great opportunity to share an interesting case with our colleagues; network with other pathologists in industry, diagnostic labs, government positions, or academia; hook up with old friends; and perhaps do a little recruiting.

Registration and hotel information as well as conference details and the case submission process are available at our website: [http://www.cvm.umn.edu/outreach/events/umvpc.html](http://www.cvm.umn.edu/outreach/events/umvpc.html)

Clinical pathologist and Anatomic pathologists (in all fields-academia, industry, government) as well as pathology residents, graduate students, and highly interested veterinary students are all welcome. Please pass this info along to others who may not be on the e-mail list.

The Twin Cities are a great place to visit. So take the afternoon or rest of the weekend to shop at the Mall of America, check out the Minnesota Zoo, find a great place to eat, enjoy one of the museums, or take in a theater production.

If you have questions regarding type of case material or presentations, please contact:
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Minneapolis, MN 55448
763 514-6883
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**2007 THE GROSS MORBID ANATOMY OF DISEASES OF ANIMALS**

**C.L. DAVIS DVM FOUNDATION / ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY**

**Date:** 19-23 March 2007

**Location:** Washington, DC

**TUITION:**
- Member of cosponsors staff $0.00
- Members/Affiliate members $525.00
- Veterinary Undergraduate Students $325.00
- Nonmembers (includes membership) $625.00
- Walk in for any portion of the program $625.00

**VENUE:** The course will be held in Lecture Hall E of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Transportation to the venue from the American Inn is NOT provided; it is an easy walk to the venue. The closest gates to USUHS are a) the USUHS gate (open only in the morning), b) the NEX gate (open all day), and c) the North gate (open 24 hours). You must present a photo ID at the gate to enter onto the NNMC reservation. All personnel, bags, purses, etc. are subject to search. Break food and coffee are provided to participants, lunch is available at the USUHS cafeteria.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Housing is available at the American Inn of Bethesda, 8130 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814, 301-656-9300/Toll Free 1-800-323-7081. A course rate of $105 a night ($110 junior queen) for a single room/$150 double occupancy is being offered. Please make your own reservations and identify your group as the "C.L. Davis Gross Course". The hotel is within walking distance of the venue.

For more information and registration form visit: [http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#2](http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#2)
The Charles Louis Davis, D.V.M. Foundation will present the 17th Annual Program of the Southcentral Division for members and guests, Friday and Saturday, October 5 & 6, 2007 at The San Luis Resort, Spa and Conference Center, Galveston Island, Texas (http://www.sanluisresort.com). The registration contribution will include a group Friday lunch and dinner, a CD-ROM of the meeting results and the Atlas of Metazoan Parasites in Animal Tissues by CH Gardiner and SL Poynton and the 2008 membership for current non-members and 10 hours on CE credit. Families are welcome to join us for the dinner.

Joe H. Simmons, DVM, PhD, DACLAM, Director of Diagnostics for Charles River Labs is invited to speak on Primate Pathology.

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Attendees are also invited to present a 15-minute report to the group on an interesting case. Please send 40+ (50 if possible) stained microslides with case information (and diagnosis, comments, applicable references on a separate page) for redistribution to participants by September 10th.

Local Arrangements: Dr. James Britt (501) 907-2435; E-mail: jbritt@arlpc.org

Location and Lodging: The San Luis Resort, Spa & Conference Center, 222 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77551 Tel: (800) 445-0090 $132.00 single or double (Reserve by 9/6/07) (ask for “C.L. Davis”)

Tuition: Members: $175.00, Non-members: $250.00, Extra Dinner Guests/Spouses: $35.00

Slide sets to: Dr. Barbara Lewis,
Texas Vet. Med. Diagn. Lab, 1 Sippel Road,
College Station, TX 77841-3040
Phone (979) 845-3414
E-mail: Blewis@tvmdl.tamu.edu

"This program was reviewed and approved by the AAVSB RACE program for continuing education. Please contact the AAVSB RACE program at race@aavsb.org should you have any comments/concerns regarding this program's validity or relevancy to the veterinary profession."

For more information and registration form visit: http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#11
We reach 5000 pathologists, lab animal veterinarians, and professionals in related fields. Contact info@cldavis.org for more information and rates.
A Notice to Everyone Who Didn’t Get this Newsletter

A recent review of the Foundation’s email lists revealed almost 16% of the addresses were non-functional. In addition to the typical turnover we see each month (Hotmail and Yahoo! Accounts are especially short-lived), people changing jobs, and the ubiquitous company mergers, the #1 cause of loss of email access today is corporate spam filtering. Many companies now employ marginally sophisticated programs to look at incoming messages and block unwanted mail. This month alone, messages that were blocked include announcements of C.L. Davis courses, upcoming publications, and the January Newsletter. Employees of The Ohio State University, Mississippi State University, and Sanofi-Aventis were deprived of all of the wonderful news and upcoming meetings reported by the Foundation in January.

Employment of spam filtering is not uncommon, as unwanted email takes up space on corporate servers, and often is in questionable taste. However, I hardly believe that messages with subjects such as “43rd International Meeting of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine” and “First Annual CLD-ACLAM Symposium on Diagnostic Pathology of Lab Animal Species” would be lumped in with advertisements for online pharmaceuticals and various forms of personal enhancement – but I don’t make the rules.

How can you get around this roadblock and get your Foundation news? First, contact your system administrator and ask that messages from “cldavis.org” be unblocked. If you are unsuccessful, then contact the Foundation and ask for your email to be sent to another email address, perhaps one coming directly to your home. Don’t worry, the Foundation doesn’t provide this information to any other organizations. Make sure you get your monthly newsletter and all of the other information from the Davis Foundation today!

…Bruce Williams, President.