Dear colleagues,

The governing boards of the European Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (EAVLD) and the Spanish Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AVEDILA) have a clear commitment to support early-career scientists. Accordingly, within the framework of the 6th EAVLD Congress, which will be held from the **24th to the 26th of October 2022** in the Spanish city of Seville, we are organizing a session exclusively dedicated to PhD candidates working on any of the topics covered by the congress' scientific program for the first time ever (https://eavld2022.org/topics-2/).

People interested in participating in the **1st EAVLD PhD Meeting** must submit their abstracts through the congress portal (https://eavld2022.org/online-abstract-submission/) before the **21st of June 2022**, selecting 'PhD Session (summary of thesis)' as the presentation type. Contributions from PhD candidates of all stages will be welcome. For example, students who have recently started their PhD program can present an introduction to their research topic and/or an outline of their project, whereas those close to finish might prefer to focus on presenting the results of a specific chapter of their dissertation. A total of five abstracts will be selected for oral defense and the rest will be presented in poster format.

For further information about the PhD session and the abstract submission check the congress website (https://eavld2022.org/phd-students-session/) and/or contact Kiki Streng (kiki.streng@wur.nl) or Sergio Álvarez-Pérez (sergioaperez@ucm.es).

We are looking forward to meeting you all in Seville!

Best regards,

The Organizing Committee of the 1st EAVLD PhD Meeting