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**Biographical Sketch**

François Elvinger, Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology, Associate Dean for Diagnostic Operations and Government Relations, and Executive Director of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Animal Health Diagnostic Center and New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, obtained his veterinary and Dr.med.vet. degrees at the Hannover Veterinary School in Germany (1981 and 1983), his Ph.D. from the University of Florida (1990), before taking his first faculty position as veterinary epidemiologist at the University of Georgia Veterinary Diagnostic and Investigational Laboratory in Tifton, Georgia (1990-1997), then moving on to the Large Animal Clinical Sciences Department and Production Management Medicine group at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia (1997-2015). He developed the Virginia Tech Public Health Program with the first veterinary college based MPH degree program and the Population Health Sciences Department, of which he was the founding director and founding head, before joining the Cornell Animal Health Diagnostic Center in 2015.

After joining the AAVLD and the USAHA in 1991, he chaired his first AAVLD committee in 1994, the Committee on Animal Disease Reporting, which produced the DxMonitor, an early veterinary diagnostic laboratory-based animal health and disease quarterly report. He has held leadership positions as chair, founding chair, and co-chair of committees of both organizations ever since, with his colleagues, mentors, and close friends Drs. Bruce Akey, Mo Salman, and Mark Thurmond, including co-founder of the AAVLD Epidemiology Committee and of one of the two earliest AAVLD and USAHA Joint Committees, on Animal Disease Surveillance and Animal Health Information, now Animal Health Surveillance and Information Systems, which he both co-chaired for more than 10 years. He has co-chaired the Steering Committee on the National Animal Health Reporting System (NAHRS; 1998–2011) and has chaired the Steering Committee of the National Animal Health Surveillance System (NAHSS; 2004–2012), both joint projects of AAVLD, USAHA, and USDA:APHIS:VS and CEAH. His work on launching NAHRSS and NAHSS earned him the APHIS Administrator's Award in 2007 at the annual meeting in Reno, NV. Dr. Elvinger held the AAVLD Presidency with its many pre- and post-presidency chair commitments in 2015. He served as a member of the Coordinating Council of the National Animal Health



Laboratory Network (NAHLN), and now co-chairs the Joint Committee on the NAHLN, as well as, again, the AAVLD Epidemiology Committee.

He is a diplomate of both the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (1994) and the European College of Veterinary Public Health (2005), with research, teaching and service interests in surveillance methodology for high impact disease and validation of diagnostic tests in particular for infectious, including zoonotic diseases.



## Awards

2007 USDA APHIS Administrator's Award for Animal Health  
2009 USDA APHIS VS Deputy Administrator CVO Certificate of Appreciation  
2022 American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, **Pope Award**

## AAVLD Workshops etc.

Editorial Review Group: Dx Monitor (AAVLD/USAHA/USDA:APHIS:VS) (1992-1997)  
"Identification and Consolidation of Existing Data Sources and Standardization of Disease Definitions and Reporting" workshop (1995), coordinator, organizing group  
Workshop on Validation of Veterinary Diagnostic Tests. Co-organizer. American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Annual Meeting. October 17, 2002. St. Louis, Missouri  
Special Session on Validation of Veterinary Diagnostic Tests. Co-organizer (with Dr. Mark Thurmond). American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. Annual Meetings. 2003, San Diego, California; and 2004, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Criteria for Validation of Diagnostic Tests. (Elvinger F and Thurmond MC). American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Special Session on Validation of Veterinary Diagnostic Tests for High Impact Foreign Animal Disease (Foot and Mouth Disease, Classical Swine Fever, Exotic New Castle Disease). San Diego, CA. October 11, 2003  
Workshop on Sampling in Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories. Co-organizer (with Drs. Mark Thurmond and Claudia Munoz-Zanzi). American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Annual Meeting. October 12, 2006. Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Epidemiology Toolbox – (with Drs. Suzanne Burgener and Albert Rovira) Course offered at and extended from the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. Annual Meeting. October 9, 2009. San Diego, California

## AAVLD / USAHA Committee chair / co-chair

Committee on Animal Disease Reporting, American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (1993-1997), Chair (1994-1997)  
Subcommittee on Standard Operating Procedures for Committee Chairs and Committees, Chair, Program Committee, United States Animal Health Association (1999-2004)  
Epidemiology Committee, American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. Founding co-chair (2000-2010, **2023-present**); Epidemiology Scientific Session, Annual Meeting, American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. Moderator (2000-2006, 2008, 2025)  
Joint-Committee on Animal Health Information Systems, United States Animal Health Association and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Co-chair (1998-2009); then Joint-Committee on Animal Health Surveillance and Information Systems (AHSIS), Co-chair (2009-2011)  
**Steering Committee of the National Animal Health Reporting System (NAHRS), a joint project of the USAHA, AAVLD, and United States Department of Agriculture:Animal Plant Health Inspection Service:Veterinary Services, Co-chair (1998-2011)**  
National Animal Health Reporting System (NAHRS) Unified Methods and Rules, effective January 1, 2001. Authored by the NAHRS Steering Committee (Akey BL, Elvinger F, co-chairs)  
Strategic Plan, National Animal Health Surveillance System. USDA:APHIS:VS:CEAH:National Center for Animal Health Surveillance. December 2004. Authored by the National Animal Health Surveillance Systems Steering Committee (Elvinger F, chair)  
**Steering Committee of the National Animal Health Surveillance Systems (NAHSS). United States Department of Agriculture:Animal Plant Health Inspection Service:Veterinary Services:National Center of Animal Health Surveillance, Chair (2004-2009); sub-Committee on NAHSS of AHSIS Committee, Co-chair (2009-2012)**  
**American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Vice President (2012-13); President Elect (2013-14); President (2014-15); Past President (2015-16)**  
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Awards Committee, Chair (2015-16), NE-AAVLD, Convener of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Atlantic City, NJ (2017); Chair of Organizing Committee, Newport, RI (2018); co-organizer, Annapolis, MD (2019)  
**National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), Coordinating Council member (2018-2022)**  
Joint-Committee on the NAHLN, United States Animal Health Association and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Co-chair (2022-present)