

Dr. Alex Ardans

Dr. Alex Ardans (DVM MS) received his DVM degree from UC Davis and an MS in virology from the University of Minnesota. As a faculty member at UC Davis, he focused on viral diseases of livestock. He was the founding director of the California Animal Health & Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory at UC Davis from 1987 until his retirement in 2008. Dr. Ardans is a longstanding member of AAVLD, where he has served on the Accreditation Committee, as President in 1995-96, and as Secretary-Treasurer from 2001-07. He was awarded the EP Pope Award in 2000, was the first recipient of the AAVLD Distinguished Service Award in 2007, and received the USAHA APHIS Administrators Award in 2010. Dr. Ardans is highly regarded for his vision of the needs of diagnostic laboratories and the critical role of quality assurance and quality control programs, as well as his focus on client satisfaction in maintaining credibility within diagnostic laboratories.

