



**The Arizona Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (AZVDL) is proud to announce
Dr. Yan Zhang as the new Director beginning May 16!**

Dr. Zhang comes to Arizona after 24 years of diagnostic laboratory work including, since 2002, the Veterinary Virologist/Section Head of Virology, Avian Serology, and Molecular Diagnostics, Next Generation Sequencing, Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

His extensive experience in leading veterinary virology and diagnostic laboratory service includes 2 years as the Ohio Lab's Interim Director; 2 years as Assistant Director; 11 years as Adjunct Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University; 12 years as Principal Investigator on major grants from the Center of Disease Control VET-LIRN surveillance system and special projects, and the USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Select Agent Programs and National Animal Health Laboratory Network; and 2 years as the Section Head of Bacteriology, also at the diagnostic laboratory in the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Zhang holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), in Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology, from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington in 2002; a Master of Science, Fishery Resources, College of Wildlife, Fishery, and Natural Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho in 1991; Master of Science in Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Xinjiang Agricultural University, Urumqi, Xinjiang, China. He has 41 peer reviewed scientific publications on animal diseases, zoonoses, and diagnostics.

Also important for leading the AZVDL, Dr. Zhang is extremely well known in U.S. federal agencies and professional organizations, and since 2012 he has been awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants for disease surveillance and genome sequencing.

Dr. Zhang brings the leadership and expertise needed now and in creating a new future for the AZVDL's service to Arizona and the nation. His goals for the lab are to provide comprehensive high caliber diagnostic services with timely and accurate results; nurture and inspire a team of highly trained professionals who are capable, flexible, and able to meet any diagnostic challenge and disease outbreak to minimize economic consequences; maintain strong customer service and relationships; and be at the forefront of diagnostic technology and sciences.

If you would like to contact Dr. Zhang after May 16, please phone the laboratory at 520-621-2356. Also coming your way soon will be an AZVDL Newsletter with more news!

It has been a pleasure working with the incredible, hardworking, and dedicated staff at the AZVDL!

Bonnie J Buntain, MS, DVM, DEABVP, DACVPM, Interim Director AZVDL

Cynthia Jane Doane, DVM, DACLAM, Interim Chief Operating Officer, AZVDL