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**THE AAVPT SYMPOSIUM:
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I am delighted to join you today as both a scientist and an educator, in other words, as a lifelong student.

There is nothing like seeing a vast new century opening up ahead of us, to make us focus our vision while at the same time giving our imaginations room to run free.

"Vision," said Jonathan Swift, the author and satirist, "is the art of seeing things invisible." As many of you know, the University of Maryland System is in the process of implementing an exciting new plan for all of our institutions. It is our vision for the future. It is our way of making the invisible, visible.

One of the cornerstones of this plan is collaboration. We intent to establish connections -- between institutions and across disciplines -- where none currently exist. To expand our partnerships with business and government to the benefit of all. And we intend to use the powers of advanced technology to help us identify existing connections that we have not seen or have, perhaps, overlooked.

You in the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics along with our host, the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, are in the vanguard of establishing successful collaborations. Your work involves the cross-fertilization of discoveries and applications between animal health and human health, encompassing all the fields of science. You are already engaged in partnerships with government and corporations. And you are using information technology in both the laboratory and the classroom.

I am eager to learn from the speakers at this symposium where you are headed in the future, where your vision will make it possible for the rest of us to see more clearly what new directions scientists and educators can take.