



NCAB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Spring is definitely here and with it, inspirations of mowing grass, weeding, mulching, and other chores that enable us to enjoy this glorious weather. NCAB Council and Seminar Committee have been busy working on their own inspirations and look forward to reaping the rewards of their dedication.

The Program Committee has continued to present interesting speakers with a thought provoking talk by Ms. Jacquie Calnan of Americans for Medical Progress. Our April speaker followed suit by educating us on influenza viruses and pandemic possibilities. We look forward to a very special May meeting at the National Zoo in Washington, DC. so put May 11th on your calendar and come join us to visit the pandas and the myriad of other animal species. The annual picnic in June will be held at USUHS in Bethesda, MD where you will once again be dazzled by your Council's culinary skills as well as a canine exhibition and the ice cream truck! The fall banquet tickets have been set at the amazingly low price of \$25 per person for dinner and show at the Medieval Times dinner theater in Hanover, MD on November 17th.

The Seminar Program Committee is solidifying sessions for the 32nd Annual NCAB/AALAS Seminar in September at Turf Valley in Ellicott City Maryland. Good ideas for sessions and posters continue to be welcomed. "Water, Water, Everywhere" is catching on and we're rolling with the flow now. Get your Hawaiian shirts and leis ready for the banquet on Wednesday night. Be sure to make your reservations early for a room at Turf Valley as recent upgrades have decreased the number of rooms available. You won't want to miss out on the fun and festivities

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President's message continued

The Education Committee has filled the trial membership quota for NCAB members in the AALAS Lab Animal Science Learning Library. As the level of interest shown in this on line training program will determine the future of this endeavor, please provide your feedback to the Education Committee.

NCAB volunteers will be participating in the Sally Ride Festival to be held at George Mason University on May 7th as part of our continuing public outreach efforts. Another release for that spring fever can be found by joining fellow NCAB members in the June 6th Walk for the Cure in Washington, DC.

Look for information on the multiple awards offered by NCAB to recognize this year's members for excelling in their field of interest.

I hope you have been kept up to date with all of NCAB's events this year through the continuous efforts of the Publicity Committee and the constantly evolving website (www.ncabaalas) with the informative and creative on-line newsletter. Stay tuned to these information sources for updates on currently evolving workshops.

Ms. Lisa Secrest continues to take nominations for the 2007 President Elect and the 2007/2008 Treasurer. President-Elect, Dr. Doug Powell, is interested in hearing if you are interested in being a part of the already forming Council for 2007.

And speaking of leaders!.....Take a moment to congratulate Ms. Donna Goldsteen for her 2006 TurnKey Facility Leader of the Year Award. Donna provides outstanding leadership for her facility and as a Trustee to National AALAS for NCAB.

Enjoy that spring weather and we'll see you at the Zoo!

Doreen Bartlett

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."
Aristotle





National Capital Area Branch of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science

The Veterinarian's Role in Zoological Medicine

Dr. Nancy Boedeker
Associate Veterinarian, National Zoo



When and Where

May 11, 2006 at the National Zoo

Come Early and Experience all the Zoo has to offer

- 5:00 Panda Exhibit Opens
- 6:00 Social Gathering
- 6:30 Business Meeting (Visitor's Center auditorium)
- 7:00 Speaker

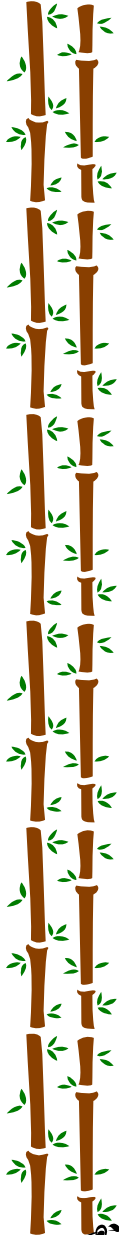
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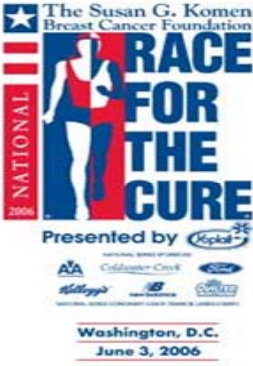
<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Visit/GettingToZoo/>

The National Zoo is located at 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. There are several ways to get to the Zoo, including [taking public transportation](#) and [driving](#).

There are pedestrian and vehicle entrances on Connecticut Avenue, at the west side of the Zoo.

There are two entrances for pedestrians and vehicles at the east side of the Zoo, near Rock Creek Park. One is off Rock Creek Parkway, the other is at the intersection of Harvard Street and Adams Mill Road.





Please Join NCAB AALAS members,
friends and colleagues for the:

Susan B. Komen
National Race for the Cure 2006
5K Walk
Saturday June 3rd

Start Time: 8:00 am*
Location: Washington DC

We will meet on race day and walk together to champion the
Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Registration information:

On-line through May 12th at the following URL:

<http://www.nationalraceforthecure.org/default.asp?urlPage=Reg>

In person 'one stop registration,' \$30.00 per person, available at
various locations on May 6-7th, May 13-14th and May 21-22nd.

For further information contact Eileen Morgan at
301-451-0384, 301-368-0440, or 240-426-7899.

* approximate race time - information available at registration

Reach for the Stars!



Sally Ride
Science



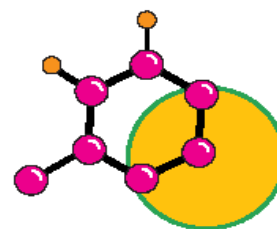
Sally Ride Science Festival

at George Mason University
for 5th - 8th Grade Girls

featuring
Kathy Thornton, world-famous astronaut

Advance registration required, \$18

- Street Fair: music, food and exhibits
- Hands-on science activities
- Bring your friends, all are welcome



Sign up today!

www.SallyRideFestivals.com

1.800.561.5161



B&E SYSTEMS

MITRE

MAY 7, 2006 11:00 am - 4:15 pm GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, FAIRFAX CAMPUS

Dear Science Enthusiasts,

Would you like to meet Kathryn Thornton, a veteran of four space flights, and spend a day learning about science and engineering in a fun environment?

Designed for girls in 5th-8th Grade (although boys are welcome too) and featuring special workshops for educators, Sally Ride Science Festivals bring together hundreds of girls for a festive day of science and socializing.

The festival is being held on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at George Mason University, Fairfax Campus, VA and will feature:

- An inspiring talk given by Kathryn Thornton
- Workshops for girls, given by local veterinarians, astronomers, microbiologists and engineers
- Workshops for parents and teachers on ways to support girls' interests in science and math
- A street fair with hands-on activities, booths staffed by local science and engineering interests, food and music.

Full information on the festival, including how to register, is here:

<http://www.sallyridefestivals.com/06gmu0507/index.shtml>

We hope that you will be willing to forward this email to grade 5-8 teachers, and friends and family in nearby regions, to let them know about this exciting opportunity for girls, parents and teachers. We'd be happy to mail you flyers and posters too.

If you are an educator, you will receive a certificate for 4 hours of professional development.

If you have any questions about the festival, please contact us.

We hope you'll sign up!

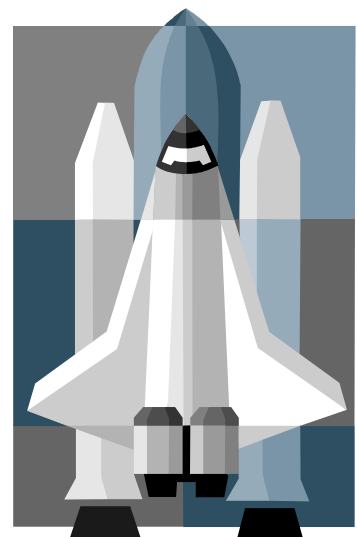
Thank you,

Sally Ride Science

800-561-5161

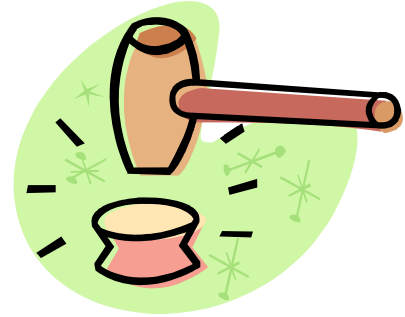
858-638-1432

www.sallyridescience.com



Board of Trustees Report

The AALAS Board of Trustees met on March 10-12, 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah for their Winter Session. The following items were discussed and approved at the meeting.



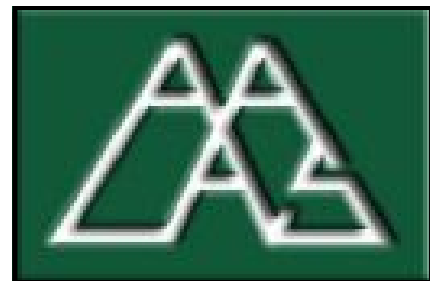
- AALAS has endorsed the report developed by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) on “Recommendations for the Assessment and Management of Pain in Rodents and Rabbits”.
- The BOT approved the concept of establishing a program for an Animal Research Fund, to be funded by AALAS. This fund would be available for short-term laboratory animal research projects. The Scientific Advisory Committee will develop guidelines and polices at their next meeting and this information will be submitted to the BOT at their mid-year meeting in June to determine if funding this program is worthwhile.
- The BOT approved funding for up \$1,000 per Trustee to cover costs for BOT members to travel to AALAS functions within their districts if needed. Many trustees live far from other branches in their District and would like to attend some of their meetings to get to know as many members in their District as possible.

The BOT approved a request for funding to begin production on a film on the historical leaders of AALAS, beginning with an interview of Nate Brewer. The BOT approved of an increase in the AALAS Award Honorariums as follows:

Griffin Award	\$2,500.00	Garvey Award	\$2,000.00
Brewer Award	\$2,000.00	Collins Award	\$2,000.00
Tech of the Year	\$1,500.00	Bhatt YI Award	\$1,000.00
Tech Pub Award	\$500.00	Cohen Award	\$1,000.00
Poster Award	\$300.00		

The Trustees received a tour of the Salt Lake City Convention Center and were able to see a little of downtown Salt Lake City. All the hotels on the AALAS list are within 6 blocks of the Convention Center. The Hilton, Marriott, Hotel Monaco and Shilo Inn are directly across from the Convention Center. The city is beautiful and should be a great place for this year’s National Meeting.

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Board of Trustees Report Continued

AALAS National Meeting webinars available free for AALAS members through June 30, 2006. To access these webinars, log in to the AALAS web site www.aalas.org. Your username is your membership number and your password is your last name, unless you have customized your login. On the home page, under the Latest News section, follow the 2005 National Meeting Webinars link to the webinar menu page.

Seminar: Risks Associated with Hazardous Agent Use in Animal Research
Risks Associated with Infectious Disease Research-Carol Eisenhauer
Risks Associated with Recombinant Agents-Sandy Feldman
Control of Chemical Hazards in Animal Studies-Jeff Everitt
The Review and Modification of a Containment Program at a Large Academic Institution-Lesley Colby

Seminar: Management of Laboratory Animal Allergy
Prevention of Laboratory Animal Allergy-Gregg Stave
Innovative Methods for Controlling Exposure to Laboratory Animal Allergens:
Computer Models-Scott Reynolds
Allergy Exposure Assessment and Control Methods-Fuzz Harrison

Seminar: Aquatic Animals - Amphibians to Zebrafish
Water Quality for Aquatic Amphibians-Sherril Green
Amphibian Regulations, Husbandry and Care Protocols-George Sanders
Infectious Disease in Laboratory Fish-Claudia Harper
Zebrafish Protocols-Keith Jenne
Morphology of *Xenopus laevis* (Daudin)-Gheorghe Constantinescu
Construction of the Biggest Zebrafish Lab in the US-Paul Ulanich

Special Topic Lecture
Cardiopulmonary Cerebral Resuscitation (CPCR) for Research Animals-
Richard Rockar

Most of the presentations can be played with a Flash plug-in for your browser. If you have difficulty playing them, you may need to download a free plug-in file, Flash Player (link provided on the site).

The purchase of AALAS Learning Library (ALL) accounts has seen a new high with a total of 1,066 accounts. New price levels have been added for large groups: \$2,000 for #2,000 users, \$3,000 for #5,000 users, and \$4,000 for unlimited number of users.

The tally of CMARs is 115.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Goldsteen
Kelly Cole
District 3 Trustees





A laboratory animals best friend is a healthy, caring Animal Technician!

Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the
**3rd Annual Lab Products Animal Technician
Award Program.**

This program is intended to reward a deserving animal care technician from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. One award recipient will be selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada. The award will be limited to animal care personnel, with at least one year of laboratory animal care experience, that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting. The recipients of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award will each receive an award recognition plaque; airfare, hotel and registration for the National AALAS Meeting; one year membership to National AALAS and \$250 to cover incidentals while attending the AALAS Meeting. For more information write Lab Products, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Seaford, DE 19973, or see the award description and nomination information on CompMed or Techlink.

Award Benefits: Participation, recognition, public speaking, and decision making.

This award will:

Allow a deserving animal care worker from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to attend a National AALAS Meeting for the first time.

Publicly recognize the recipient at a social function of the AALAS membership.

Encourage the recipient to speak at a Branch Meeting on their experiences at AALAS, thereby allowing them to gain experience in public speaking and to promote the AALAS experience to other technicians.

The recipient will serve as a member of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award Selection Committee for the next year. This will allow them the experience and involvement in a decision making process that will affect their peers.

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3rd Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award continued

Award Selection Committee:

Nominees for this year's awardees will be submitted to Lab Products, Inc. An Award Selection Committee will then consider all nominations and select one nominee from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to receive the award.

The 2005 Award recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2006 Award Recipients.

Award Selection Criteria:

Nominee must have a minimum of 1 year work experience in a laboratory animal facility. Nominee must be a working supervisor, animal care worker or animal health technician. (Managers, Assistant Directors, etc. are not eligible).

The nominee must be someone that actually performs hands on animal care work or works in the cage wash area.

The nominee must be someone that would not be eligible for travel funds (from the University, Institution or Company) to attend a National AALAS meeting.

This award is intended to provide deserving animal care technicians with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. Therefore, only nominees that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting will be eligible.

Nomination Process: (Nominations must be RECEIVED BY June 15, 2006)

Nominations are to be submitted by letter, detailing the Technicians' work history, accomplishments, community involvement, and describing how this travel award will benefit the technician and their facility. AALAS/CALAS Branch membership, and involvement in branch AALAS/CALAS activities, will be considered in the award selection.

Supporting letters are encouraged and will be considered, but are not required.

Send nominations to:

Attn: Awards Selection Committee
Lab Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 639,
Seaford, DE 19973
Ph. 800-526-0469
Fax 302-628-4309

Award recipients will be notified by August 1, 2006.

Award Recipient Requirements:

After attending the National AALAS Meeting, the award recipients must present a paper at their next annual Branch or District AALAS meeting on how the AALAS Meeting experience affected them.

Award recipient agrees to attend the Lab Products, Inc., Tuesday night social during the National AALAS Meeting for a formal award presentation.

Award recipient agrees to be a judge for the selection of the next years award recipients.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2006



**PRESENTING
THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CHARLES RIVER SHORT COURSE**

June 12-15, 2006

After 20 years, we have a good idea of what you like:

- Multiple Tracks
- On-line Registration
- Camp ACLAM
- AAVSB CECs
- Social Outings

In addition to these mainstays, new lectures as well as a new location for the Short Course are what's in store for 2006! The course will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, MA, June 12-15.

Please visit www.criver.com/shortcourse2006 for a full preliminary agenda & registration form.

Contact: *Lisa Antolick*
lisa.antolick@crl.com
978.658.6000 ext. 1217





NCAB AWARDS

NCAB AALAS is proud to announce the addition of two new awards—The **NCAB Recruitment Award** and the **NCAB Outstanding Clinical Veterinarian Award**. These two new awards will join NCAB AALAS's existing awards, the **Durbin Award**, the **Pierson Award** and **AALAS Exam Scholarship Awards**.

NCAB AALAS Membership Recruitment Award

Award Criteria

A plaque will be presented annually to an NCAB AALAS member who recruits the most new members during the calendar year.

NCAB AALAS Exam Scholarship Award

Award Criteria(Application on a following page)

Awardees will receive funds to pay for an AALAS exam either ALAT, LAT, or LATG at the National AALAS member rate.

Outstanding Clinical Veterinarian Award

Award Description

This award is intended for **Clinical or Facility Laboratory Animal Veterinarians**. The award specifically excludes directors of animal programs. The nominee must currently be practicing clinical laboratory animal medicine/surgery for at least 75% of his/her professional time with participation in activities including: clinical medicine involving laboratory animal species, animal resource management, technician/investigator teaching and training, consultation on laboratory animal medicine topics, formal teaching and research, and participation in organized laboratory animal medicine. The nominee will have sustained superior clinical performance, achieved recognition for a single accomplishment or contribution, or provided exemplary service to the Branch. All nominees must be members of NCABAALAS. Individuals may only be nominated by their supervisory veterinarian, or in the case of Branch service, by a member of the NCABAALAS Council. Letters of support may be from the facility of employment or other animal facilities. Each nominee must have been employed as a clinician at his/her institution for a minimum of one year. The criteria on the following page are recommended to assist individuals preparing nominating or supporting let-



NCAB AALAS Awards continued

NCAB AALAS Outstanding Clinical Veterinarian Award

Award Criteria

I. Experience in laboratory animal medicine/science:

- A. Years in field
- B. Knowledge of lab animal medicine
- C. Clinical skills (diagnostic, therapeutic, etc.)
- D. Surgical skills

II. Educational Background:

- A. Undergraduate degree/s
- B. Internship
- C. Residency
- D. Postgraduate degree
- E. Board certification
- F. Continuing education

III. Participation in organized laboratory animal medicine/science (NCAB AALAS, National AALAS, ACLAM, etc.):

- A. Years of membership
- B. Committee participation.
- C. Offices held
- D. Presentations
- E. Participated to enhance laboratory animal medicine and science meetings.
- F. Membership/participation in other veterinary and scientific associations (years of service, positions held, special activities/awards)

IV. Teaching/Training:

- A. Participation in additional learning or information programs for others (career days, touring groups through facility, etc.)
- B. Teaching and participation in training programs at the facilities (veterinarians, technicians, investigators, etc.)
- C. Involvement in public education/outreach to promote the truth about laboratory animal research

V. Contributions and/or accomplishments in the laboratory animal field:

- A. Publications
 - B. Contributions to improved standards of laboratory animal care
 - C. Contributions to improved quality of animals used in research
 - D. Development of special techniques

VI. Recognition by peers:

- A. Recognized and respected as a leader/expert in the field; advice is sought; well-liked and other positive character traits.
- B. Awards and honors; has been previously recognized for outstanding accomplishments in the field.

VII. Miscellaneous. *Use this to address any topics not covered above.*



NCAB AALAS Awards continued

NCAB AALAS Durbin Award

Award Description

The technician selected for the Annual NCAB Durbin Award shall be a person whose primary responsibility is the feeding, handling and care of animals.

Award Criteria (Application on following page)

One or more should be used in selecting the nominee:

1. Daily contact with animals of one or more species in the form of handling, feeding, watering and changing bedding.
2. Demonstrated positive attitude toward the welfare of animals.
3. Demonstrated performance in completing animal care related duties, at or above the expected level of performance for the facility.
4. Pursuit of knowledge in the field of animal care should be present.
5. Innovative approaches to animal care problems should be cited.
6. Supervisory responsibility and formal degrees are not important considerations.
7. All other considerations being equal, candidates having current membership in the NCAB/AALAS or National AALAS will be selected.

NCAB AALAS Pierson Award

Award Description

The technician selected for the Annual Pierson Award shall be a person whose duties and responsibilities include daily contact with animals in the conduct of technical or supervisory duties.

Award Criteria (Application on following page)

One or more should be used in selecting the nominee:

1. Daily contact with laboratory animals of one or more species in the performance of technical duties such as specimen collection, necropsies, surgical manipulations or operating diagnostic equipment.
2. Scope of direct working supervision over personnel responsible for the care and feeding and general welfare of animals.
3. Demonstrated attitude, performance level and innovative approach toward the betterment of animal care.
4. Demonstrated pursuit of knowledge of animal husbandry through academic training, animal care course work or certification in the field of animal husbandry (examples: Bachelor or AA degrees, AALAS Certification, Veterinary Assistance Training).
5. All other considerations being equal candidates having current membership in the NCAB/AALAS or National AALAS will be selected.



Durbin and Pierson Award Application

APPLICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS MUST BE TYPED

I. **Please Indicate:** Date submitted: _____ Durbin Award _____
Pierson Award _____

II. **Personal Data:**

Please accept the nomination of: _____

Title: _____

Current Employer: _____ Years: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (work): _____

III. **Certification Data:**

AALAS (Highest Level Achieved): Level: _____ Date: _____

Other (Explain): Level: _____ Date: _____

Other Educational Information: _____

IV. **Professional Participation:**

NCAB/AALAS Member: _____ Years: _____ National AALAS Member: _____ Years: _____

Other Organizations: _____ Years: _____

Years: _____

Awards Received: _____ Years: _____

Years: _____

Years: _____

Years: _____

Publications/Presentations: _____ Years: _____

Years: _____

Years: _____

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Years: _____

V. **Employment Data:**

Responsibilities at current employment, animal species experience (additional sheets may be added if necessary):

VI. **Previous Employment:**

Employer, date of employment, job title, animal species experience (additional sheets may be added if necessary):

VII. **Recommendations:** Supervisor and/or Head of Department

Please address items from the Suggested NCAB "Guidelines". Recommendations should be limited to 200 words or less. Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement. (additional sheets may be used if necessary)

VIII. **Endorsements:** Lab Animal Related

Attach only two letters of recommendation from supervisor, department head, or other endorsements. Please address items from the Suggested NCAB "Guidelines". Recommendations should be limited to 200 words or less. Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement. (additional sheets may be used if necessary)

SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM AND ENDORSEMENTS TO NCAB/AALAS
AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Randy Elkins, D.V.M., DACLAM
Associate Director for Laboratory Animal Resources and
Animal Program Director
Division of Intramural Research
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
14 Medlars Drive MSC5530
Building 14B South, Room 226
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
301-496-0560 (voice)
301-480-7373 (fax)
relkins@nih.gov (email)

**Closing date for application submission:
June 30, 2006**



AALAS CERTIFICATION EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Personal Data:

Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____
Address: _____
Title: _____ Current Employer: _____
Work Address: _____
Telephone: Work: _____ Home: _____

II. Scholarship Application Level: _____ ALAT _____ LAT _____ LATG _____

First time to take the exam at this level? Yes _____ No _____

Present AALAS Certification Level: _____ Certification Date: _____

NOTE: Amount of the award will be that of the certification exam level to be taken at the National AALAS Member Rate.

III. Educational Data: (include highest level completed)

Grammar School (check) _____ High School (circle) 1 2 3 4

College (circle) 1 2 3 4 Graduate School

College Attended: _____

Degree(s) Achieved: _____ Major: _____

Vocational School: _____ Subject: _____

Other educational information: _____

Certification Training Courses/Workshops: _____

Title: _____ Date Attended: _____

Instructor: _____

Location: _____

IV. Professional Participation: NCAB Membership (one year) Mandatory

NCAB/AALAS Member: _____ Years: _____ National AALAS Member: _____ Years: _____

Other Organizations: _____ Years: _____

_____ Years: _____

Awards Received: _____ Year: _____

Meeting Attendance: _____ Years: _____

AALAS Committee Participation: _____ Years: _____

Publications/Presentations: _____ Years: _____

_____ Years: _____

V. Employment Data:

Responsibilities at current employment, animal species experience (additional sheets may be added if necessary):

VI. **Previous Employment:**

Employer, date of employment, job title, animal species experience (additional sheets may be added if necessary):

VII. **Describe briefly why you feel you should be a recipient of this NCAB/AALAS Certification Exam Scholarship:**

VIII. **Endorsements:** Lab Animal Related

Attach two letters of recommendation from supervisor, department head, or others. Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement.

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM WITH TWO ENDORSEMENTS TO
NCAB/AALAS AWARDS COMMITTEE:

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Associate Director for Laboratory Animal Resources and
Animal Program Director
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
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relkins@nih.gov (email)

**Closing date for application submission:
June 30, 2006**



Calling for Abstracts!

2006 NCAB/AALAS Poster Session

NCAB is requesting abstracts for the poster session of the 32nd annual NCAB/AALAS seminar, September 13 & 14, 2006. The seminar will be held at Turf Valley, Ellicott City, Maryland. Abstracts should be submitted in accordance with "Instructions to Authors of Abstracts" listed below. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone to share techniques and information and to contribute to the program. Each poster presentation should have an author available for a preset one hour time period both days to answer questions and to discuss their poster/computer presentation with interested participants. In appreciation the presenting author will be provided with a complimentary registration and lunch if requested, please note the presenting author only.

Poster presentations may be based on scientific research or it may cover subjects such as husbandry, facility management, safety, techniques, etc.

Enclosed is an abstract form to be completed for each poster/computer presentation. Please return completed forms along with: Last name, First name, Middle Initial, Degrees, Title/position, Institution, Address, Zip code, and Phone number before August 1, 2006, so we will be able to list you in the program. Abstracts will be accepted until August 1, 2006.

GUIDELINES FOR POSTERS

1. A 4' x 8' board will be furnished for mounting posters; all other materials are supplied by author.
2. Prepare all materials prior to arrival.
3. Use of at least 11" x 14" charts, drawings, etc. is advised.
4. A colored background enhances display.
5. Type should be in CAPITALS and at least 3/8" high.
6. Figure legends are essential and should be short and informative.
7. Photographs should be done in a matte finish.

Limit poster to essential data to stimulate discussion

Handout materials are helpful for those interested in your topic.

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Poster Session continued

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The abstract should be easy to read and clearly provide the essential facts for those who cannot attend the presentation.
2. A good abstract is grammatically correct, properly punctuated and logical with coherent progression from one thought to the next.
3. The Text of the abstract should be concise and accurately summarize three or four components:
 - a. Hypothesis or Problem - 1 to 2 sentences of what the study was about or why the work study was conducted.
 - b. Methods - 4 to 8 Sentences of how the study was accomplished. Methods may not be necessary in case reports or management abstract.
 - c. Results or Findings - 2 to 3 sentences of what was learned.
 - d. Conclusions or Diagnosis - 1 to 3 sentences of what the results mean and where they are applicable.
4. The Text of abstract should be a single paragraph. Tables of data are not permitted in the abstract. Do not use trade names, technical jargon, or abbreviations other than g, mg, cm, etc.
5. Sentences must be concise and should not require extensive editorial changes.
6. Only unpublished work may be presented.

TYPING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Title Lines: Indent first line. Use upper case for first letter (only) of each word except conjunctions and prepositions of fewer than 5 letters. Do not exceed 3 typed lines. Underline words intended to be italicized.
2. Author Lines: Do not indent. Use initials only. Do not use degrees.
3. Institutional Affiliation: List department or division, institution, city, state, and zip code. Do not include street or post office box numbers.
4. Abstract Body: Indent first line only. Do not use paragraph indentation after first line. Double space. Underline italics.

Please direct questions concerning the poster/computer presentation session and mail abstracts to:

Doreen Reasinger, Ph: (240) 631-2414 EXT 214

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"Water, Water, Everywhere"

32nd NCAB/AALAS Seminar

Poster Session Information Sheet

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Location: Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center
Ellicott City, MD

Poster Display

Dates and Time: 13 September 2006, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
14 September 2006, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Set-Up Time: 13 September 2006, 7:00 am - 8:30 am

Presenting Author

(question/answer): 13 September 2006, 1:30pm - 2:30 pm
14 September 2006, 9:00am - 10:00 pm

Poster Judging: 13 September 2006, 9:00am - 11:00 am

Awards will be given and the grand champion will receive a plaque.

Take Down Time: 14 September 2006, 2:00pm - 3:00 pm

Presenters are responsible for taking down their poster. The Seminar Committee of NCAB/AALAS is not responsible for any poster material left after 3:00 pm Thursday, 14 September 2006.

Poster Size:

4'x 8' (height x width)

Please plan to use push pins, tape, velcro, to hang your poster in the available space. Extra push pins will be available.

Registration:

Only the presenting author will receive free registration, banquet not included. Winning posters will be announced during the author presentation on the first day at 2:00.



AALAS Foundation Seeks Four Directors-At-Large

The AALAS Foundation Board will have four director-at-large positions open to be seated during the AALAS National Meeting in Salt Lake City. These positions are open to all qualified candidates who wish to support the Foundation and participate in its efforts to support educational outreach on the essential role of responsible laboratory animal care and use in science to advance human and animal health.

Interested candidates may contact John McCutchen (john.mccutchen@aalas.org) for more information or send a resume and/or CV and a brief statement of their goals as an AALAS Foundation director-at-large. The submission deadline is May 15, 2006.

Visit http://foundation.aalas.org/open_positions.htm for a position description and eligibility criteria.



National Meeting Reminders

1. National Meeting Preliminary Program will be mailed mid-July.
2. The AALAS Housing Bureau will open mid-July
3. The meeting takes place October 15-19, 2006 at the Salt Palace Convention Center.
4. The Hilton Salt Lake City Center and Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown are co-headquarter hotels.
5. The program calendar will be posted online in June.

Visit <http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org> frequently for updates and important news.



The Tech Fun Fair

Pull up a stump...
Grab a fishin' pole...
Meet us in the boondocks...
Let's have some fun!



Take a break from the pressures of your everyday seminars!
Get your teams together to go fishin' for AALAS clues.
Join us for one hour BOTH Wednesday and Thursday for
some good times. Prizes will be given to the team who knows
the most about lab animal science!

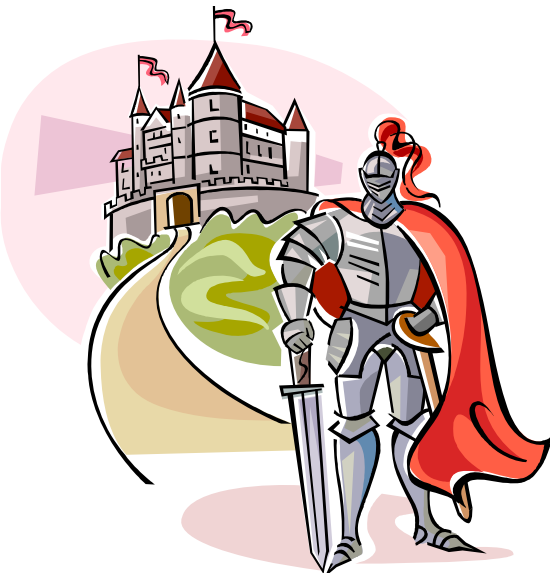
(Time and location to be announced)

NCAB/AALAS Banquet at Medieval

This year NCAB/AALAS Banquet will be held at Medieval Times in Hanover, Maryland on November 17, 2006. Starting with a social at 6:00 PM and continuing with the dinner and tournament at 7:30 PM, this promises to be a night to remember for a long time. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person and will go on sale in June. So brush off your shining armor or your Maid Marion outfit and plan to attend. To find out more about Medieval Times visit their website at www.medievaltimes.com



Medieval Times - In an authentic Medieval Castle, guests step back in time to become part of the pageantry of the Middle Ages. As your bountiful four-course feast is served, the royal tournament begins in a swirl of colors and galloping hooves. Charging towards each other astride majestic Andalusian stallions, jousting Knights compete in a thrilling test of courage, brute strength and will. Sparks fly as broadswords clash, and what began as games of skill becomes a deadly fight to restore order and peace to the Kingdom. The popular choice of individuals and large groups, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament is North America's longest running dinner attraction.





NCAB AALAS would like to congratulate our own Ms. Donna Goldsteen of MedImmune, Inc. as the TurnKey 2006 Facility Leader of the Year Award recipient!
Donna is not only active in our local branch, she serves as one of the Trustees to National AALAS for NCAB .

Congratulations Donna!



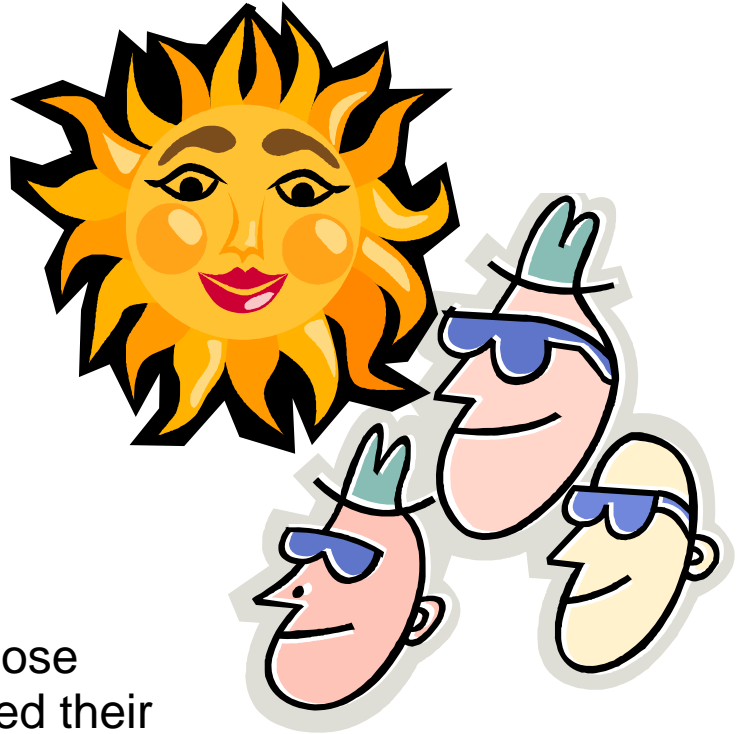
The Animal Well-Being Interest Group is pleased to announce its 2006 Seminar. The seminar will focus on rodent behavioral management in the laboratory. Four speakers will share innovative techniques and procedures to improve the management and care of transgenic and knockout mice.

The program will be presented in two identical sessions, morning and afternoon at the Natcher Main Auditorium on May 18, 2006. Seminar attendees will also have the opportunity to interact with vendors who distribute products designed to enhance rodent behavioral management. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the vendors prior to each session and during the breaks.

To register for one of the seminar sessions go to <http://fmp.cit.nih.gov/awig/> and complete the on-line registration form.

The Office of Animal Care and Use, the Division of Veterinary Resources and the Office of Intramural Research are sponsors of this seminar.

*These folks
are so bright,
we gotta wear
shades!*



Congratulations to all those individuals who have passed their certification exams!

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Oneil Cover—Priority One
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NCAB/AALAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership includes subscription to NCAB Newsletter, discounts for workshops, NCAB annual seminar, monthly meeting socials, etc.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$15.00 per year (make check payable to NCAB/AALAS)

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I hereby apply for membership in the National Capital Area Branch/American Association for Laboratory Animal Science and enclose \$15.00 as my annual dues for one year (January 1 through December 31) which includes a subscription to the NCAB/AALAS Newsletter.

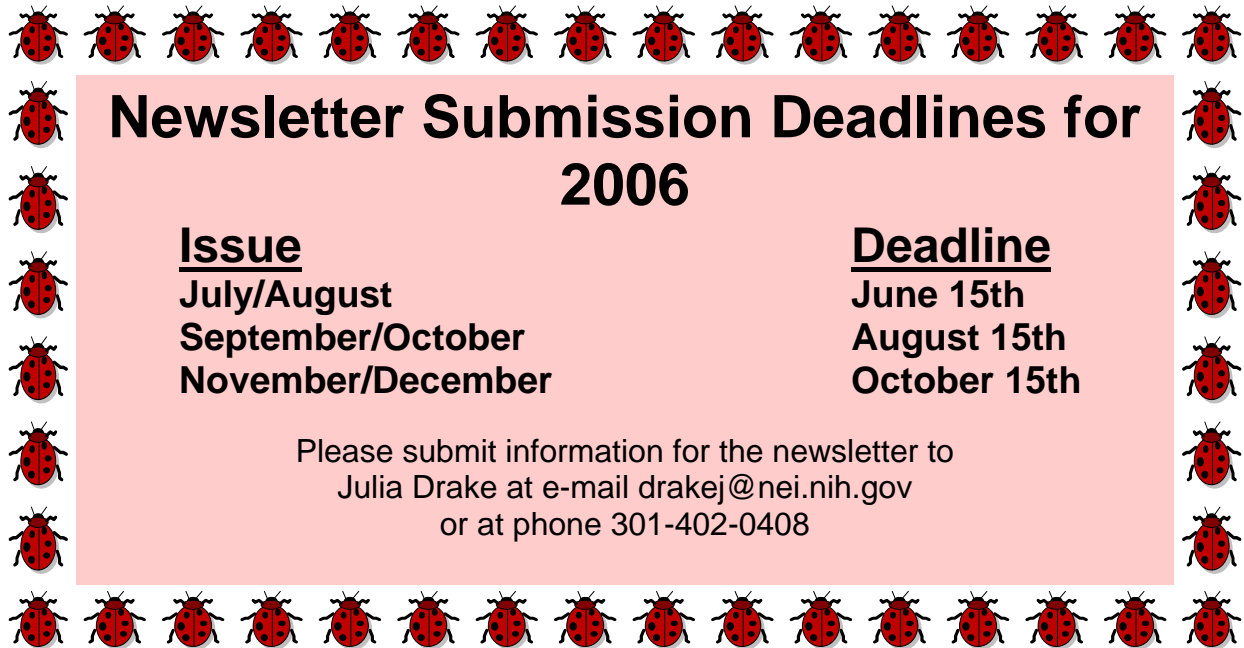
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Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2006

Issue

July/August
September/October
November/December

Deadline

June 15th
August 15th
October 15th

Please submit information for the newsletter to
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