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President's Message

Fall into some good events with NCAB!

So much of NCAB centers around the annual seminar each year and this year is no different in that regard. We're looking forward to an enjoyable twist of subjects centered on this year's theme and seminar title of "Water, Water, Everywhere". Workshops, Program, Exhibits, Tech Fun Fair, Scavenger Hunt, and Learning Resources are all ready for September 13th and 14th at Turf Valley Conference Center and Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. The flyer can be found at the NCAB website, www.ncabaalas.org, as well as the link to the new web based 123signup registration.

Wednesday's Plenary Session will feature Dr. Jo Gayle Howard from the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. speaking on the ongoing research designed for improving the reproductive efficiency for many of the world's endangered species. We also welcome National AALAS staff member, Ms. Jill Worley, to our Plenary Session as well as the Tuesday "Public Outreach" Workshop, and the first NCAB AREA Program to be held at our annual seminar. Several awards will be presented to your fellow NCAB members. Come see who will be taking home these awards in 2006! See your Seminar program for all the details.

Wednesday night we slip into our favorite Hawaiian shirts, leis, and grass skirts for a luau with friends. Do you have singing talent? Well, even if you don't, join the sure-to-be-memorable first ever NCAB karaoke competition!

And life couldn't be easier with the new on-line 123signup registration available for seminar and banquet registration. Just go to www.ncabaalas.org and follow the link from the home page.

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October will find many NCAB members venturing west to the National AALAS Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting starts on Sunday, October 15th, through Thursday, October 19th. The Leadership Academy, held in conjunction with this meeting, is a leadership skills training seminar attended by representatives nominated by their branch. NCAB will have three representatives at this year's Leadership Academy – Ms. Chris McNickle, Mr. Guerra Benberry, and Mr. Dave Mallon. Also, remember to touch base with your fellow NCAB members at the District Meeting from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16th. See the final National AALAS meeting program for the room assignment.

Moving on into November...individuals interested in manning the exhibit booth at the National Science Teachers' Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on November 2-4th, should contact Ms. Eileen Morgan. NCAB will be teaming with National AALAS in this effort.

Then on November 17th, NCAB will join in revelry at the fall banquet at the Medieval Times dinner theater in Hanover, Maryland. A rousing good time, a kingly feast, majestic horses, and a competitive exhibition of skilled riders all for the fantastic low price of \$25/person!

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 ever changing website, and with the informative and creative on-line Newsletter. Stay tuned to these information sources for updates on all planned activities.

We're still collecting names of anyone interested in running for President Elect, Treasurer, or Secretary. Send your name to Ms. Lisa Secrest, our Past President and this year's Nominations Committee Chairperson. If you have any questions on these positions, you can also contact me or NCAB President-Elect, Dr. Doug Powell, for assistance.

Read on for more information on all of these events and more! Check out the NCAB website, <http://www.ncabaalas.org>, for continual updates.

See you at Turf Valley!

Doreen Bartlett



Facility Design



NACAB/AALAS



Water Quality

32nd. Annual Seminar

And more

September 13-14, 2006

And more

Turf Valley - Ellicott City, MD

“Water, Water, Everywhere”

Disaster Planning

Animal Drinking Water



Please join NCAB AALAS on September 12th, at Turf Valley Conference Center from 1:00-4:00 pm for a

Public Outreach Workshop:

Please note: The workshop registration is \$10.00

The Registration form is at <http://www.ncabaalas.org/> or on the next page.

Please Fax form to: 410-955-0891

Presentations include:

"Reach Out to the Public: Give 'Em What You've Got!" - Educating the public about your job and the field of laboratory animal science can be as easy as reaching into your supply cabinet or cage storage room! Learn fresh and unique skills and techniques that will enable laboratory animal science professionals to educate the public about the importance of animals to bio-medical research and the benefits of medical research to humans and animals.

Presented by: Jill Worley, AALAS National Office; Jill has been involved in the veterinary and lab animal science fields for more than 20 years. Her direct experience in the field along with her degree in secondary science education give her a perfect fit for her present position at the AALAS National office working in public outreach and with technicians in the field.

"Branding the Benefits of Animal Research" - Countering Myths and Misinformation Campaigns Perpetuated by Animal Extremists, to include an update on current legislative and regulatory issues affecting animal research.

Presented by: Janet Flynn, VP, Foundation for Biomedical Research, FBR, and Mary Hanley, Executive VP, National Association for Biomedical Research, NABR. Both Janet and Mary have background and experience in public affairs and communications. Janet has a BS in English, and Mary a BA in International Affairs.

32nd NCAB Workshop

Public Outreach

12 September 2006
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Turf Valley

Cost: \$10.00/provide payment with the registration form. Check
can be made out to NCAB.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Title: _____
Company: _____ Work Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

Please mail or fax completed forms by August 15, 2006
to:

Tom Gietz
Research Animal Resources
720 Rutland Ave
Baltimore, MD 2006
tgietz@jhmi.edu, 410-614-0246



*Catch a wave, ride it in
and join us on shore for
another great NCAB
Turf Valley Seminar
Banquet on Wednesday,
September 13, 2006 at
7 PM*

Things to pack in your beach bag:

*a camera (we'll give you the best body on the beach),
Karaoke singing voice, business card for a chance in
the drawing, sunglasses, lotion, beach towel (you
might get wet riding the surf)*

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)



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



Komen Maryland
2006 Race for the Cure
5K Walk

Saturday October 21, 2006

Start Time: 8:45 am*

Location: M&T Stadium, Baltimore, MD

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

Registration information:

On-line registration is \$30.00 per person. URL:

<http://2006komenmdrftc.kintera.org/faf/home/waiver.asp?ievent=163313>

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

* Approximate race time

Horsin' Around At Our Summer Field Trip

NCAB Visits Marion DuPont Scott Medical Center

About 30 NCAB members and their families enjoyed an informative tour of the Marion DuPont Scott Medical Center in Leesburg, Maryland on July 29th. The Medical Center, established at Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia in 1984, is one of three campuses comprising the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Veterinary services are provided on an out-patient basis by appointment while critical care and emergency services are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

The Center's staff includes board certified veterinarians in anesthesia, internal medicine, and surgery, veterinarians in residency and internship training programs and certified veterinary technicians. NCAB members toured the pre-surgical, treatment, holding barns, treadmill evaluation service area, and diagnostic laboratory; and were able to see a horse undergoing ultrasound diagnosis, a foal responding to ongoing treatment, several horses in holding post surgical treatment, and a nest of baby Barn Swallows. After the tour, members dispersed to enjoy the local sites on a beautiful summer afternoon.





The AALAS Board of Trustees met on June 23 - 25, 2006 in Memphis, TN for their Summer Session and Joint Committee Meeting. The following items were discussed and approved at the meeting.

AALAS has established a Grants for Laboratory Animal Science (GLAS) program to enhance scientific knowledge in laboratory animal science through research. The Program Policies and Procedures were approved and have been updated in the AALAS Policy and Procedure Manual.

The Scientific Advisory Committee will be reviewing and approving of the grant applications.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to evaluate the need for specialization certifications in the following areas: Bio-safety, Aquatics, Transgenics.

- The Certification Registry Board is evaluating a policy that may require continuing education units (CEU) to maintain certification at the three technician levels.
- The Policy and Procedure Manual has been revised in its entirety.
- The organization the Patients' Voice for Medical Advance has become an Affiliate Organization of AALAS.
- Scott Perkins is our new Vice-President – elect and Deb Benner is our new Secretary/Treasurer.

AALAS continues to do well financially, supporting over 12,000 members.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Goldsteen
Kelly Cole
District 3 Trustees



These Folks Had The



Heart



Courage



And Brains

**to Make The Grade!
Congratulations to All Who Successfully Passed AALAS
Certification Exams!**

ALAT

**Oscar Amaya, Bioqual
Mihoko Anderson, Johns-Hopkins
Christopher Ariza, Priority One
Ajiboye J. Babalola, Priority One
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Azure Faucette, Charles River
Gideon Foseh, Priority One
Landon Hackney, Priority One
Corey Harris, Johns-Hopkins
Claudia Hernandez, Charles River
Shelley Lower, Priority One
Sherrebia Mack, Johns-Hopkins
Daisy Reasinger, Charles River
Dawn Sorgeler, Johns-Hopkins
Michael Wisnieski, Charles River**

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Shawn Kozlov, Charles River
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Jeanne Yimdjo, Priority One**

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**Heather Breighner, Priority One
Mario Hernandez, Priority One**





The AAALAC International Technician Fellowship Award

This award is presented by AAALAC International through a grant by Priority One Services, Inc. (POS) and in cooperation with the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS), the Institute of Animal Technology (IAT), the Medical Research Counsel (MRC), the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The AAALAC International Technician Fellowship recognizes two outstanding technicians each year--one IAT Registered (RAnTech) technologist and one AALAS Registered (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG, or CMAR) technician--who have made (or have the potential to make) significant contributions to the field of laboratory animal care and use. The award is intended to promote and reward the efforts of technicians who have demonstrated a commitment to a career in laboratory animal science and have shown a strong interest in attaining additional education and training to become more proficient in their vocation. The candidates nominated for this prestigious award must be either AALAS (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG, or CMAR) Registered or IAT Registered (RAnTech at Membership or Fellowship level).

The fellowship for the AALAS (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG, or CMAR) Registered recipient:

In the spring, the AALAS (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG, or CMAR) Registered recipient will participate in a week-long educational internship in an animal care and use program within an institution in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland. This will be followed by attendance at the IAT meeting. Upon completion of the fellowship, the recipient will be expected to write a paper about the experience for AAALAC International Connection, AAALAC's main publication.

Timeline for the AALAS (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG, or CMAR) Registered Technician nomination process:

- Call for nominations: June, July, and August
- Nomination package deadline: October 1
- Selection Committee reviews nomination packages: October-November
- Award recipients notified: December 1

AAALAC International Technician Fellow continued

Criteria and Nomination Guidelines

The Fellowship recognizes two outstanding technicians—one IAT Registered Animal Technologist (RAnTech) and one AALAS Registered Technician (RALAT, RLAT, RLATG, or CMAR)—who have made (or have the potential to make) significant contributions to the field of laboratory animal care and use.

Minimum requirements:

1. Must be a current member of the UK Institute of Animal Technology (IAT) or the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS).
2. Must be a current participant in the AALAS Registry or an IAT Registered Animal Technologist (RAnTech).
3. The nomination package shall include:
 - Nominating letter (candidates may self-nominate)
 - Current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Up to three letters of support
 - Written statement (up to 500 words) by the candidate describing why s/he should be selected for this award.
4. Qualities to be considered that should be covered in the nominating letter, the CV, letters of support or written statement are:
 - What have you done to promote animal welfare and refinement within your workplace?
 - What have you done to promote animal welfare and refinement outside of your workplace?
 - How have you shared your knowledge of laboratory animal care with others?
 - If you are selected, how will this award benefit your career and your associates?
 - How will you translate this experience back to your workplace and your local association?
 - Does your package include evidence of leadership or leadership potential and participation with posters, presentations and publications?
 - Have you participated in overseas meetings in the past?





ncab/aalas
Banquet
at
medieval
times

November 17

Hanover, Maryland

Starting with a social at 6:00pm and continuing with the dinner and tournament at 7:30pm, this promises to be a night to remember for a long time. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are on sale now.

So brush off your shining armor or your Maid Marion outfit and plan to attend.

Register online at www.ncabaalas.org, under **Events**.

or contact Marc Willis for your reservations.

Call 301-874-6152 (Home) or 240-620-5356 (Cell).

(Checks may be sent to 3518 Connor Place Frederick, MD 21704.)

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.

www.medievaltimes.com



Institutional Membership Program

The Institutional Membership Program was started in 1978 as an important resource of support providing the NCAB with the opportunity to continually expand its educational programs. In addition to a number of Technician Scholarship awards given each year, the enthusiasm generated through our Workshop Programs have allowed us to increase the number of workshops, as well as expand the content. In 2006, our educational programs will be offered to an ever increasing audience of laboratory animal scientists, as well as other interested groups as to the benefits of biomedical research and the commitment that all members of AALAS have to humane animal care and use.

NCAB/AALAS would like to thank all of the Research Institutions and Companies who make up the Institutional membership.

For Institutional membership information for 2006, please contact:
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 Guerra Benberry, guerra.benberry@covance.com
 Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2006	Charles River Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2006
Advanced BioScience Laboratories Inc	1999-2006	Clear H2O Company	2006
Advanced Sterilization Products	2005-2006	Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006
Air Net Systems Inc.	2006	Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2006
Allentown Caging Equipment Co., Inc.	1979-2006	Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2006
American Red Cross	1998-2006	Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2006
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2006	Covance Research Products	1978-2006
Ancare Corporation	1984-2006	CUH2A	2004-2006
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2006	Eastern Virginia Medical School	1989-2006
Animal Lab News	2004-2006	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2006
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2006	Elm Hill Breeding Labs	1998-2006
Avalon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2005-2006	ENV Services	2006
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2006	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2006
Ballard Sheet Metal Works Inc.	2006	FDA/CBER	1984-2006
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2006	Gene Logic Laboratories, Inc.	2004-2006
Biocon Inc.	1979-2006	Georgetown University R.R.F.	1989-2006
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2006	Getinge USA	1991-2006
BioReliance Invitrogen Bioservices	1979-2006	Girton	1994-2006
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2006	Harlan	1981-2006
Britz-Heidbrink	1996-2006	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2006
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2006	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2006
		Johns Hopkins University Oncology	1982-2006
		Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2006

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Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
LabrepcO, Inc.	2004-2006	SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2006
Lenderking Caging Products	1990-2005	Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2006
Liberty Research, Inc.	1981-2006	Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2006	Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2006
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2006	Siemens Buildings Technologies	2006
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2006	SJN Inc.	1995-2006
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2006	SoBran Inc.	2002-2006
Lynx Product Group	2002-2006	Southern Research Institute	1991-2006
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2006	Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2006
Marine Biotech Inc.	1997-2006	Steris Corporation	1993-2006
Marshall BioResources	1996-2006	Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2006
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2006	Summit Anesthesia Solutions	2003-2006
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2006	Swartz Family Sheep Farm	2005-2006
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2006	Synectic Resources Inc.	2002-2006
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2006	Systems Engineering	1989-2006
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2006	Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2006
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2006	Techspace Inc.	2004-2006
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2006	Tecniplast USA	2001-2006
NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2006	The Baker Company	2006
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2006	The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2006
NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2006	The Scale People, Inc.	1993-2006
NIH/NIA Gerontology Research Center	1997-2006	Thermocare Inc.	1996-2006
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2006	Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2006
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2006	Topaz Technologies, Ltd.	2006
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2006	Total MRO, LLC	2002-2006
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2006	Transportech	2004-2006
NLS Animal Health	1992-2006	Tuttnauer	2000-2006
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2006	U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Animal Research Facility	2004-2006
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2006	University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2006
Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2006	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2006
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2006	USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2006	VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2006
Priority One Services	1994-2006	ViraTek Inc.	2006
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2006	West Virginia University Office of Lab Animal Resources	2004-2006
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2006	World Courier Inc.	2004-2006
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2006	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2006
		Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2006

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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Work Telephone Number: () _____ Fax: () _____

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Specialty Certification: LATG LAT ALAT OTHER: _____

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.

Method of Payment:

Personal Check # _____ Company Check# _____

VISA/MC # _____ Expiration Date (Month/Year) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____

Name of Person who recruited you to Join _____

Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2006

Issue

November/December

Deadline

October 15th

Please submit information for the newsletter to
Julia Drake at e-mail drakej@nei.nih.gov
or at phone 301-402-0408



**See you AT
Turf Valley!**

National Capital Area Branch
American Association for
Laboratory Animal Science

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