



# NCAB NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

For those of you who were not able to attend the July workshop at USUHS, you missed a fantastic presentation. Bruce Shwedick presented the same class he gives to students in the Military Tropical Medicine course, which focused on medically important snakes and other reptiles from North and South America, Africa and Asia. It was heart pounding when he donned eye protection and had the first row of attendees move back a row as he pulled out a spitting cobra. Most of us have never been so close to so many deadly snakes.

As you are aware it's time for our annual seminar. It will be held again this year at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. Your seminar committee chaired by Larry Shelton and Chris Hart, have put together a tremendous program for you based on the theme "The Building Blocks of Laboratory Animal Science". There will be a plenary session each day this year. On Wednesday, Bernard Rollin from Colorado State University will talk on assessing pain and distress in laboratory animals. We owe so much to the animals in our charge which makes this talk very appropriate. Chris Newcomer from Johns Hopkins University will talk on National AALAS for 2008. Chris will be followed by Kathy Perdue, Kim Green and Jerry Ward speaking on Norovirus, a highly contagious virus that spreads havoc on cruise ships, schools and hospitals. Awards to your fellow NCAB members will be presented during the Wednesday plenary session.

Among the many program topics are biocontainment, how to work towards a Masters degree in laboratory animal science, the world of aquatic animals, what's your diagnosis?, training to be a research animal technician, lessons learned from a racehorse, the emotional side of working with lab animals and a presentation on both days by the Wilson Parrot Foundation. Workshops, exhibits, tech fun fair, scavenger hunt, learning resources and over 30 posters will round out the program. The complete program guide can be found at the NCAB website at [www.ncabaalas.org](http://www.ncabaalas.org).

A terrific banquet is planned for Wednesday night. We hope all can join us for NCAB ROCKS. The theme will be prehistoric times so wear your best animal skins. We will also have our second annual karaoke night – voice lessons not required.

Even if you are only a hacker, the Frank Donnelly Memorial Golf Tournament on Tuesday is the place to be. Just remember that the event is NOT at Turf Valley this year. It has been moved to Waverly Woods Golf Club located less than 3 miles away. From Turf Valley, take a right on Baltimore National Pike, US 40 West. Turn right on Marriottsville Road and go about a mile. Cross I-70 and turn right on Warwick Way.

We appreciate everyone using 123 SignUp to register for all events. It has saved a great deal of work for the registration subcommittee. Go to [www.ncabaalas.org](http://www.ncabaalas.org) for the link from the homepage.

Charlotte, NC is hosting this year's National AALAS meeting. For those attending, make plans to attend the District 3 membership meeting on Monday, October 15 at 6:00. Location will be announced in the meeting bulletin.

See you at Turf Valley!

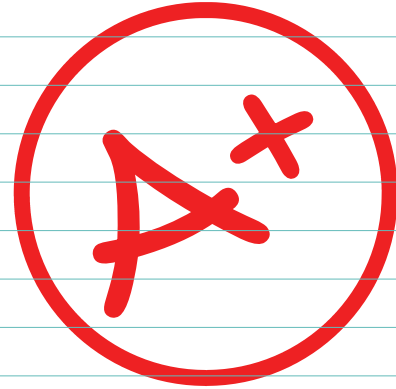
Doug Powell

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## Candidates for NCAB Election

We are happy to be able to announce to you that we now have a full slate of candidates to run for next year's NCAB Officers. They are:

### President Elect

Dr. James (Buster) Hawkins

Dr. Joanne Smith



### Secretary

Mr. Todd Matejovich

Ms. Daisy Byzek

## Congratulations



Congratulations to **Roxanne Fox**, our newly elected District 3, AALAS Trustee. She will be replacing our current trustee, Kelly Cole.

Roxanne and our other trustee, Donna Goldsteen will represent us well.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Kelly Cole for her fine service

and dedication.



We would also like to congratulate one of our own members **Leslie Wetzel** of MedImmune who has won the AALAS Technician of the Year Award.

# Congratulations to You Both!

## NCAB Workshop Kudos

Greetings NCAB/AALAS!



We would like to thank the members who attended the July 12<sup>th</sup> workshop at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Mr. Bruce Shwedick of Reptile Discovery amazed the audience with an exciting and very educational “show-and-tell” style lecture. Those in attendance had the chance to meet exotic reptiles, including several species of venomous snakes, up close and personally. Mr. Shwedick discussed the natural history, geography, conservation, and emphasized the importance of reptiles in nature. He also taught the NCAB members and their families about snake bite prevention and first aid techniques.

Judging from the bright faces of the attendees during and after the presentation, this was a fantastic opportunity. For more information on the Reptile Discovery program, visit <http://reptilediscovery.com>, and don't to visit [ncabaalas.org](http://ncabaalas.org) for the latest news and events. Get up, get out, and get involved!



Chris Hart and Mike Junio  
2007 NCAB/AALAS  
Workshop Co-Chairs



## What a Discovery!

“Turtles and lizards and snakes, oh my!” During our July educational workshop, NCAB members and their families had a unique opportunity to enjoy not one, but two different educational programs presented by Bruce Shwedick, renowned reptile conservationist and curator. Bruce has presented his programs for schools, colleges and universities in thirty-five states and at various aquariums, museums and zoological parks throughout the eastern United States. He has also appeared as a guest on a number of television shows. Bruce and his Reptile Discovery Programs are based out of Plant City, Florida.

During his **Reptile Discovery** program, Bruce introduced the audience to a variety of reptiles from all over the world. NCAB members and guests met “Marlin,” the twenty pound Yellow-footed tortoise from South America; “Tana,” the Nile crocodile; “Carlos,” the Rhinoceros (or Rock) iguana; and “Jade,” the green anaconda while Bruce educated us about their natural history, interesting behavioral and anatomical features, geography, and conservation efforts. We also met a large Alligator snapping turtle and learned about the lure-like appendage in their mouth that is used to help catch fish.

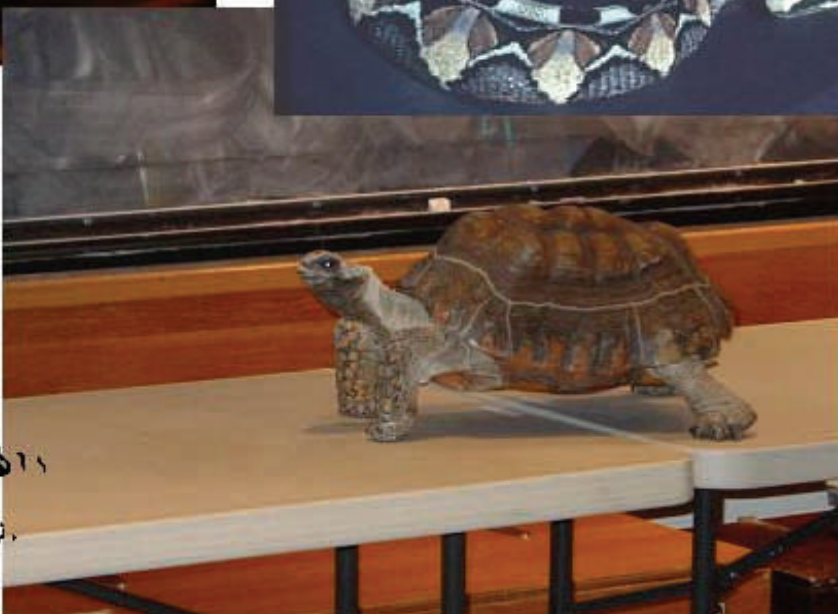
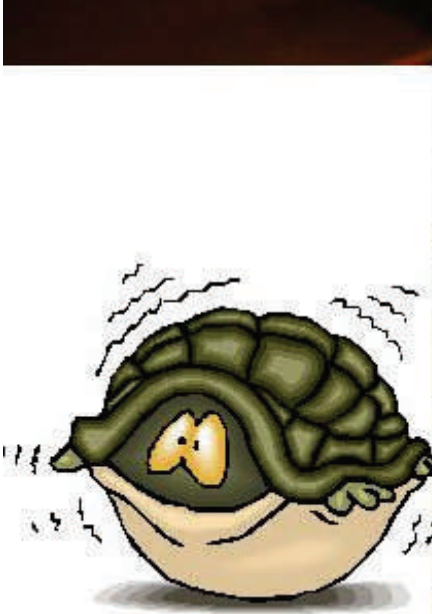
The second program, **SNAKES ALIVE! - Introduction to Venomous Snakes and Snakebite**, featured venomous snakes from North and South America, Africa and Asia. Through Bruce’s skillful and gentle handling, NCAB members got a rare glimpse at some of the world’s most dangerous creatures while he presented us with information about their natural history, geography and the occurrence and effects of their bites. We also learned about the regions of the world where snakebite is most prevalent, the effects of snake venom and medical protocols.

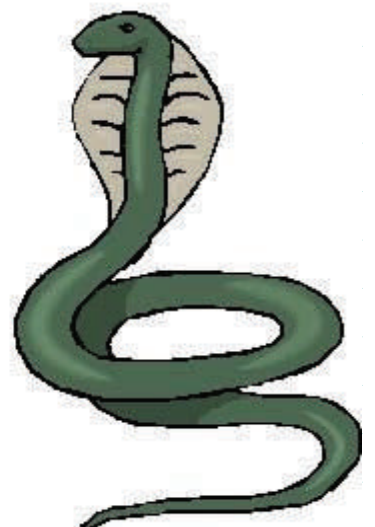
This program focused on “medically important species”, those snakes that are responsible for most of the cases of snakebite such as the Copperhead and the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake. We were introduced to the Cottonmouth, the Tropical Rattlesnake, the Fer-de-lance (or lance head pit viper), the Saw Scaled Viper, the Asian Cobra, and the Puff Adder. We also had the opportunity to see the highly dramatic African Gaboon Viper and African Spitting Cobra. We learned that these snakes rarely bite people but they are the largest venomous snakes on earth.

The final highlight of Bruce’s presentations was the introduction of “Banana Boy,” the fifteen and a half foot long Albino Rock Python from Asia. After learning about his history, audience members had the chance to come down and visit with Banana Boy. Some members (and family members) had their first photo op with a reptile of this size!

Bruce Shwedick’s communicative and informative style provided NCAB members and guests with an amazing first-hand look at some of the world’s most intriguing reptiles. This was a Discovery we will not soon forget!

*For pictures of this great event, see page 6 and 7!*





# Reading, Writing, and AALAS Certification!

**Congratulations to all of those who have passed the certification exams!**



## Institutional Membership

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 2007, 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 2007, please contact:

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Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2007
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2007
Airnet Express.	2006-2007
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Ancare Corporation	1984-2007
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2007
ALN Magazine	2004-2007
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2007
Avalon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2005-2007
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2007
Ballard Sheet Metal Works Inc.	2006-2007
Battelle Memorial Institute	2005-2007
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Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2007
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2007
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2007
Bridge Global Pharmaceuticals Services Inc.	2004-2007
BH Inc.	1996-2007
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2007
Charles River Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007
Clear H2O Company	2006-2007
Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2007
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2007
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2007
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007
Covance Research Products	1978-2007

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CUH2A	2004-2007
Eastern Virginia Medical School	1989-2007
Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2007
ENV Services	2006-2007
E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2007
FDA/CBER	1984-2007
FDA/CFSAN	2004-2007
Foundation For Biomedical Research	2007
George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2007
Getinge USA	1991-2007
Girton	1994-2007
Harlan	1981-2007
Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2007
Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007
Innovive, Inc.	2007
Instech Soloman Labs	2007
Johns Hopkins University	1983-2007
Johns Hopkins University Oncology	1982-2007
Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2007
Labrepco, Inc.	2004-2007
Lenderking Caging Products	1990-2007
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2007
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2007
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2007
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2007
Lynx Product Group	2002-2007
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2007
Marine Biotech Inc.	1997-2007
Marshall BioResources	1996-2007
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2007

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Member Institution	Year
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2007
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2007
Molecular Imaging Products Company	2003-2007
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2007
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2007
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2007
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2007
NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2007
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2007
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2007
NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2007
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2007
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2007
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2007
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2007
NLS Animal Health	1992-2007
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2007
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2007
Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2007
Priority One Services	1994-2007
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2007
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2007
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2007
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2007
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2007
Sanitation Strategies	2007
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2007
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2007
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2007
Siemens Buildings Technologies	2006-2007
SJN Inc.	1995-2007
SoBran Inc.	2002-2007
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Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2007
Steris Corporation	1993-2007
Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2007
Swartz Family Sheep Farm	2005-2007
Synectic Resources Inc.	2002-2007
Systems Engineering	1989-2007
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2007
Tecniplast USA	2001-2007

Member Institution	Year
The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2007
The Scale People, Inc.	1993-2007
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2007
Total MRO, LLC	2002-2007
Transportech	2004-2007
Tuttbauer	2000-2007
U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Animal Research Facility	2004-2007
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2007
University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2007
USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2007
VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2007
Viking Medical	2007
ViraTek Inc.	2006-2007
West Virginia University Office of Lab Animal Resources	2004-2007
World Courier Inc.	2004-2007
WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2007
Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2007





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Enclose \$150.00 for Institutional Membership annual dues (January 1 - December 31, 2007). This includes two individual memberships. Please return the application and payment to the address above. Provide credit card information or make check payable to **NCAB/AALAS**.

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**The two individual assigned as Institutional Representatives will be added to the NCAB list Serv roster. The list Serv is used to provide NCAB members with meeting notices, and newsletter information.**

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# Educational Opportunities

## NCAB sponsored membership in the AALAS Learning Library (ALL) Registration form

**If you were previously registered, you must re-register this year.**

On a first come, first serve basis, 150 NCAB members will be granted access to the ALL.

You must be a registered NCAB member at the time of enrollment.

**This is a one year membership.**

### The Mission of the AALAS Learning Library:

The AALAS Learning Library provides training that is essential for technicians, veterinarians, managers, IACUC members, and investigators working with animals in a research or education setting.

Emphasizing the appropriate handling, care, and use of animals, the courses are designed to help you study for AALAS certification, meet training mandates of regulatory agencies, and improve your knowledge in technical areas.

### Courses offered:

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### Registration

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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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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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 2007

## Issue

November/December

## Deadline

October 15th

Please submit information for the newsletter to  
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