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President's Message

It is hard to believe that the year is so quickly coming to a close. I hope everyone took advantage of the many social and learning opportunities offered this year.

I am sure everyone had a wonderful time at the seminar at Turf Valley. The Seminar Committee, chaired by Larry Shelton and Chris Hart, did an absolutely outstanding job putting together a terrific seminar. Hats off to all of you. With 1479 registrants, it was indeed well attended.

The membership and registration database continues to be very successful. Chaired by Chris McNickle and using 1,2,3 Sign Up, the membership committee has significantly streamlined efforts. Thank you for your patience in using the new system.

Many of you enjoyed the southern hospitality of Charlotte at the National AALAS meeting in October. Congratulations to our own Chris Newcomer who took over as the next AALAS President. At the opening general session, Dr. Curtis Klages was recognized for the Technician Publication Award and Dr. Kathy Nepote for the George R. Collins Award and her many years of contributions to our training courses. Our leadership attendees, Katy Bernhard and Jose Chinchilla reported a very positive and informative experience at the leadership academy. Special thanks go to Doreen Bartlett for providing that magnificent picture of last year's Kentucky Derby winner, Barbaro, personally signed by his owners, trainer, jockey, and surgeon. The picture was donated to the AALAS Foundation auction.

Once again, we had a very successful LATG review course. The committee chaired by Cindy Horner and Chris McNickle conducted our 8th annual event. Many thanks again to the instructors who made this a continued success, especially to Dr. Kathy Nepote for her continued support of the course.

The fall banquet will be at the Cracked Claw in Urban on Friday, November 16. Watch the web page for more details.

Our Program chairs, Roxanne Fox and Robert Graves will finish the year at our December 13 monthly meeting to be held at Medimmune in Gaithersburg. The speaker will be announced soon.

Please be sure vote for our president-elect and secretary. Ballots have been mailed and should be returned to Doreen Bartlett by mail or brought to the banquet in November. For this year's slate of officers, we have Drs. Joanne Smith and Buster Hawkins for President-elect and Todd Matejovich and Daisy Byzel for Secretary.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as this year's president. It has been a true honor and privilege. I am looking forward to working with the 2008 President, Scott Green in the coming year.

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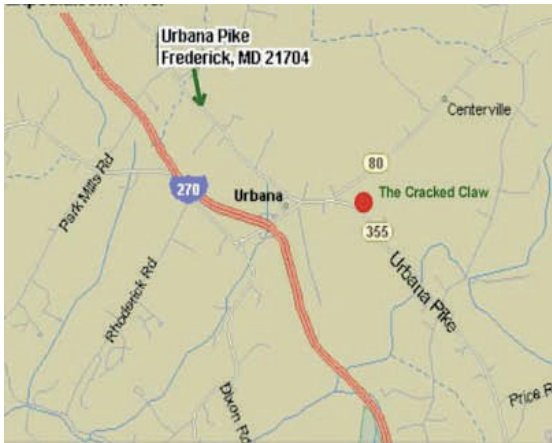


Annual Banquet November 30, 2007 Friday Night Crab Feast At "The Cracked Claw" Urbana, Maryland 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.

6:00-7:00 pm Social
7:00-8:30 pm Dinner
8:30-10:30 pm
Entertainment

Call: Robert Graves
Or Roxanne Fox
301-468-0250 - \$35.00 each

Deadline:
11/19/07
Limit—140
People



From 495 (Washington, DC):

Take Rt. 270-N to Rt. 80 (Exit#26)
Take a left at the stop sign at the end of the ramp
Take a right at the next stop, Rt. 355-S
Proceed approximately ¼ mile
The Cracked Claw will be on your left.

From Baltimore:

Take Rt. 70-W to Frederick, exit onto Rt. 355-S
Proceed on Rt. 355 until you reach the intersection of
Rt. 355-S and Rt. 80-E
The Cracked Claw will be on your left.



Learning Resources Center Revitalized for 2007 NCAB Seminar

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) underwent a transformation for the 2007 NCAB Seminar. Moved to a more central, easily accessible location in the Amphitheater, the LRC provided electronic educational resources for viewing throughout both days of the seminar. Patrons of the LRC were eligible to receive certification registry credits for each hour of educational materials. They also received a door prize ticket for each hour spent in the LRC utilizing the resources available there.

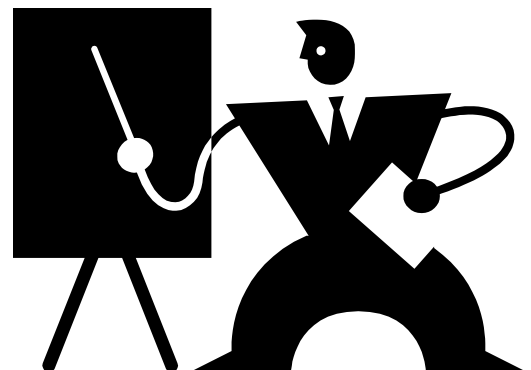
In addition to the educational materials traditionally found in the LRC, NCAB arranged for 6 online accounts to the AALAS Learning Library (ALL) to be available in the LRC this year. These accounts provided access to the free educational materials on the ALL and introduced several NCAB members to the abundant resources available through this National AALAS program. NCAB sponsors 150 full access memberships to ALL (at no cost to the members) and after using the Learning Library during the seminar, 18 NCAB members signed up for their free continued access to this service.

Also new this year in the LRC was the continuous showing of an educational documentary series. This year, NCAB provided seminar attendees with an opportunity to view the Discovery Channel's "Planet Earth" series during breaks between sessions and over lunch. This series was a big hit and NCAB sends out a special thank you to Ms. Chris Hart from NIH for her generous loan of this program and to the Audio-Visual subcommittee for supporting this presentation and the LRC.

These learning opportunities would not have been possible without the generous support and donation of time from the numerous NCAB members who volunteered their time to make the LRC a success. The volunteers assisted with the ALL access, distributed educational resources, signed continuing education records, skillfully manned the "Planet Earth" showing, and overall kept the LRC running smoothly. A HUGE NCAB THANKS goes out to all of those who volunteered in the LRC.

Back again this year was the awarding of a door prize for patrons and volunteers in the LRC. This year's winner received a Mio Digiwalker Portable Car Navigation System and MP3 player. Congratulations go out to Ms. Lisa Fucci-Baker of USAMRMC for winning the door prize this year, and thanks to Dr. Arthur MacLarty of NIH for drawing the winning ticket.

We look forward to bringing you additional resources during future meetings, and hope to see you next year at the LRC.



Request for NCAB Member Participation in Support of Local Charities

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we often reflect on all of the wonderful people in our lives and magical events that have occurred throughout the year. The holiday season is also a time to stop and think about those less fortunate. Let's show everyone the graciousness of NCAB members by giving back to our community. We are beginning a donation program where members can help support local charitable organizations. Each year, we would like to support different organizations. During the remainder of this year, we will be helping to make the life of U.S. service members (or their family) just a little brighter by donating to the Fisher Houses in Bethesda and Washington, D.C.

The Fisher House™ program is a unique, private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided for by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, a Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility. There are 38 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations and nine VA medical centers. Two houses are located in Bethesda at the National Naval Medical Center and three at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Too often, when a loved one is seriously injured or ill, families incur significant expense and unnecessary hardship in their efforts to be together in time of need. NCAB would like to ease the burden of these families by contributing items that are requested by the Manager of five local Fisher Houses.

Please bring an item to donate to the NCAB banquet or contact Kelly Cole

(kc137f@yahoo.com). At the banquet, a drawing will be held for each contributor to the Fisher House program. Each contributor will receive one entry in the drawing. Three prizes will be awarded.

ITEMS REQUESTED

Gift certificates to:

- Drug stores (CVS)
- Grocery stores (Giant, Safeway)
- Target
- Metro tickets
- Local restaurants
- Book stores
- Movie tickets (Regal cinema is located in Bethesda)
- Air mattresses with pumps (The Fisher House can only accept new items due to health concerns and standards)
- Umbrellas and rain ponchos

Read how it all began, with the first Fisher house opening in 1991: <http://www.fisherhouse.org/aboutUs/howItBegan.shtml>

Thank you on behalf of the grateful families who benefit from your generosity.

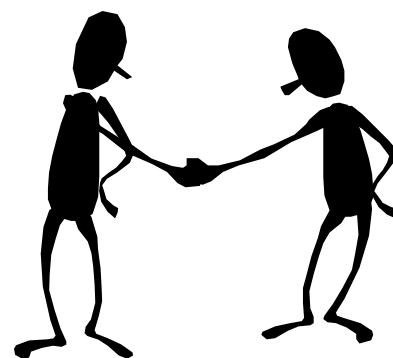
FOUNDATION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Frankie L. Trull, president of the Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul McKellips to the position of Vice President

McKellips, a media veteran has written, directed and produced five motion pictures and numerous television shows. Since moving to Washington in 2004 he has covered the Pentagon and State Department for television news and worked in Iraq for the past year as a public affairs specialist for the State Department's Global Outreach Team. McKellips serves on the Board of Governors for the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (Emmys) and is a member of the National Press Club.

"What makes Paul the ideal fit for FBR, as we continue to expand our public education outreach, is his extensive media relations expertise, his charisma and his boundless energy," said Trull.

Founded in 1981, FBR is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to promoting public understanding, respect and support for humane and responsible animal research. Six Nobel laureates, 13 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 13 fellows of the National Academy of Sciences, a former Surgeon General and a former Cabinet Secretary serve on its board of directors.



NCAB SEMINAR GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Here are the award winners for the Frank Donnelly Memorial Golf tournament held at the NCAB seminar:

1 st place	3 rd place	Closest to the Pin:
Rich Foyle	Nancy Shapiro	David Cartwright
Tom Foyle	Craig Lewandowski	Andy Glenn
Jim Reynolds	Dan Morris	Longest Drive:
Chris Rishell	Mike Mondo	Neil Weigle
2 nd place	High Score / last place with a 93:	Kim Ross
Anthony Cook	Chris Hart	
Harry Davis	John Munster	
Radford Mason	Larry Shelton	
Jerome Paterson	Nancy McCormick	



Congratulations to all Those Who Achieved AALAS Certification!

ALAT

Samuel Abaowa—Priority One
Imani Barnes—Priority One
Ricky Crutchfield—Priority One
Charles Reitz, Jr—Priority One
Tina Smith—Priority One
Willie Walton—Charles River

LATG

Ryan Scheller—Priority One

LAT

Daisy Byzek—Charles River
William Chavez—Priority One
Getachew Gemetchu—Priority One
Jill Torneden—Charles River
Miriam Taborn—Priority One
Jillian Valdenegro—Charles River

CMAR

Barbara Rodriguez—
Priority One

The 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 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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Guerra Benberry, guerra.benberry@covance.com

Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2007	Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2007
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2007	Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007
Airnet Express.	2006-2007	Covance Research Products	1978-2007
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2007	CUH2A	2004-2007
American Red Cross	1998-2007	Duke University Division of Laboratory Animal Resources	2007-2008
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2007	Eastern Virginia Medical School	1989-2007
Ancare Corporation	1984-2007	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2007
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2007	ENV Services	2006-2007
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2007	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2007
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007	FDA/CBER	1984-2007
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2007	FDA/CFSAN	2004-2007
Avalon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2005-2007	Foundation For Biomedical Research	2007
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2007	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2007
Ballard Sheet Metal Works Inc.	2006-2007	Getinge USA	1991-2007
Battelle Memorial Institute	2005-2007	Girton	1994-2007
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2007	Harlan	1981-2007
Biocon Inc.	1979-2007	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2007
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2007	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2007	Innovive, Inc.	2007
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2007	Instech Solomon Labs	2007
Bridge Global Pharmaceuticals Services Inc.	2004-2007	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2008
BH Inc.	1996-2007	Johns Hopkins University Oncology	1982-2007
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2007	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2007
Charles River Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007	Labrepro, Inc.	2004-2007
Clear H2O Company	2006-2007	Lenderking Caging Products	1990-2007
Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2007	Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2007
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2007		

The Institutional Membership Program cont.

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2007	Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2007
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2007	Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2007
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2007	Siemens Buildings Technologies	2006-2007
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2007	SJN Inc.	1995-2007
Lynx Product Group	2002-2007	SoBran Inc.	2002-2007
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2007	Southern Research Institute	1991-2007
Marine Biotech Inc.	1997-2007	Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2007
Marshall BioResources	1996-2007	Steris Corporation	1993-2007
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2007	Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2007
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2007	Swartz Family Sheep Farm	2005-2007
Molecular Imaging Products Company	2003-2007	Synectic Resources Inc.	2002-2007
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2007	Systems Engineering	1989-2007
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2007	Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2007
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2007	Tecniplast USA	2001-2007
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2007	The Baker Company	2006-2007
NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2007	The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2007
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2007	The Scale People, Inc.	1993-2007
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2007	Thermocare Inc.	1996-2007
NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2007	Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2007
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2007	Total MRO, LLC	2002-2007
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2008	Transportech	2004-2007
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2007	Tuttnauer	2000-2007
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2008	U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Animal Research Facility	2004-2007
NLS Animal Health	1992-2007	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2008
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2007	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2007
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2007	USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2007
Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007	VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2007
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2007	Viking Medical	2007
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2007	ViraTek Inc.	2006-2007
Priority One Services	1994-2007	West Virginia University Office of Lab Animal Resources	2004-2007
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2007	World Courier Inc.	2004-2007
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2007	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2007
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2007	Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2007
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2007		
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2007		
Sanitation Strategies	2007		
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2007		



In Memoriam—Dr. Joe R. Held

RADM (ret) Joe Roger Held, USPHS Chief Veterinary Officer 1975-1984 passed away on October 29, 2007. Joe's dedication to biomedical research, veterinary public health, One medicine, and the USPHS continued unabated until the very end. Many of you who attended the category meeting at AVMA and met with Dr Held this past summer hopefully were afforded a glimpse to his contributions and his life-long commitment to our profession and to the improved health of our Nation and the world. He was a mentor and friend to many. May his deeds serve as an inspiration to us all, and may his family be comforted with joyous memories. Below are excerpts from the eulogy delivered by Dr. Robert Whitney, former Director at VRP, for Dr. Held. Dr. Held will be sorely missed.

Joe Held, was, put simply, the most remarkable man I have ever known.

I would like to share with you all a few remembrances from the almost 40 plus years I had the pleasure of knowing Joe – and especially the first thirteen or so when I, and others here today worked for and with Joe when he was the director of the NIH, Division of Research Services.

Way back in 1972, I went to work for the Director of the NIH Division of Research Services, Dr. Joe Held. He was my boss until he retired from the U.S. Public Health Service's Commissioned Corps in late 1984 and was recruited for a second tour in Argentina by the Pan American Health Organization.

While serving at NIH, Joe also held the position of Chief Veterinary Officer of the USPHS, and earned two stars – the PHS equivalent to the Navy rank of "Rear Admiral – Upper Half" – we often joked about wondering what was going on with the lower half.

No other veterinarian has ever held a higher rank in the uniformed services of the U.S.

Joe's leadership as the director of DRS, was nothing short of phenomenal. DRS provided resources and services to the NIH intramural scientists. The 500 or so people in the Division made up the most diverse workforce you could ever imagine. Animal care technicians, glass washers, librarians, artists of all sorts, skilled craftspeople, engineers, distinguished scientists, and of course a bunch of veterinarians – like me.

Joe led by example. He also was a practitioner of the "walking around" management method.

Joe knew the name of every employee in the division and would greet them and chat with them at their work site - often to their surprise and ALMOST always to their pleasure. He made the rounds from the several hundred acre NIH Animal Center near Poolesville to the large NIH Library, to the workshops of the skilled machinists and engineers building custom- design laboratory equipment deep in the bowels of the Clinical Center.

His skills as a facilitator and negotiator were legend, and his memory, particularly of names – and I mean Everybody's name – was prodigious!



Because of these skills and his widely recognized integrity, and reliability, he was asked to chair a mind boggling number of committees, advisory boards, and workgroups at NIH, PAHO, WHO in Geneva, the US Public Health Service – the list is endless.

At these meetings, he would, without a script, routinely introduce each of the dozen or more participants seated around any conference table – and then all of those sitting around the perimeter of the room.

Joe's negotiating skills were at their best when ensuring DRS had the resources it needed to do the job right. The scientific directors of each of the institutes that make up the NIH met as a group several times a month. As paying consumers of DRS goods and services, they were always looking for ways to tighten our belt and lower their expenses. When the pressure got too severe, Joe would graciously offer as a cost saving measure to "close the NIH library on Sundays". What a furor that caused. The scientific directors could not allow THIS to happen and the belt was loosened a couple notches.

Joe's compassion and his caring nature easily stretched from blue collar workers to surgeons general.

As you may remember, Dr. C Everett Koop, widely recognized as the finest SG in our history, had a very rocky confirmation process. Dr. Koop shared with me in later years his profound appreciation for the support and assistance he received from Joe Held and Tony Fauci as he tried to negotiate his way through the maze of DC politicians.

After his confirmation, as Dr. Koop worked to develop and make public strategies to help prevent HIV/AIDS, his efforts were heavily censored by the White House Domestic advisor. I have it on the best of authorities SG Koop, who resided on the NIH grounds, would sneak over with Joe to the DRS medical arts and photography branch after dark to prepare "uncensored" AV materials to help Dr. Koop present his life-saving messages to the public. That was Joe, "doing the right thing" despite the risks.

Joe had a wonderful sense of humor, always gentle, never cruel or crude. We had so many great laughs together – here's a "snippet". I was riding downtown with Joe to luncheon at the Army-Navy club. I was in a civilian suit, Joe in his PHS uniform. On the way down, Joe says to me, "I'll bet if you sat in the back seat, we could really turn some heads. Can you just imagine one parking attendant saying to another, "who is that guy in the back seat?" and the other answering, I don't know but he must be a real big shot – he's got a 2 star admiral for a driver!"

What smooth sailing it was in DRS with RADM (upper half) Joe Held at the wheel. I only had a learner's permit but how lucky I was to have such an instructor. How lucky we all are to have shared some part of our life with this remarkable man. Joe was a mentor, a role model, a pillar of strength and courage for so many of us.

In conclusion, some years ago, a colleague whose name is now gone from my memory (and I can't call Joe for help) - said five words that so beautifully summed up Joe's life that I have never forgotten them. He said "Joe Held is solid gold".



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