

# NCAB NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for another great year with NCAB AALAS. I would like to thank Dr. Doug Powell for his leadership as our 2007 President. It has certainly been a pleasure working with him the past year. I would also like to thank last year's council for their dedication and hard work. Since our inception in 1961, NCAB AALAS has grown into a major organization, promoting improvements in the humane care and use of research animals. Last year's efforts certainly kept with this fine tradition.

For 2008, Katy Bernhard the Program Chairperson, will be setting up the speakers and locations for our monthly meetings. They will be looking at some alternate sites, so that we can reach out to our members outside of the Washington DC area. The January meeting to be held on the 10th, and it has been decided to repeat the "Meet and Greet" which was such a huge success last year. Please check the NCAB website for the time and location.

Mark Shrader will chair the Seminar committee this year. He is off and running in developing some great ideas for our annual seminar which will be held at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City on September 16-18. As you can well imagine, organizing the annual seminar takes a team effort and Mark is looking for individuals who may want to assist in putting the seminar together. If interested, please contact Mark at 301-846-1270.

In addition to the popular LATG review course, Cindy Horner and Jose Chinchilla, our Education co-chairs are looking into LAT, LATG, and CMAR courses with continuing NCAB sponsoring access to the AALAS Learning Library for NCAB members.

Molly Romick and Eileen Morgan will be serving as Public Relations Co-Chairs. They are planning several outings including possibly a seminar sponsored by the D.C. State Office for Career and Technology Education to expose high school students to the sciences. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth.

Brad Fisher has volunteered to be the 2008 Award's chair. He will be overseeing several awards this year including for the first time, an award for laboratory animal trainers.

As always we will be looking for nominees for NCAB-sponsored scholarships for the ALAT, LAT, and LATG certification examinations. In the fall we will be seeking nominations for the Durbin and Pearson Awards.

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| Preliminary Calendar     | 3 | To emphasize employees as an essential piece of the research team, International Laboratory Animal Technician Awareness Week is will be held January 27 through February 2, 2007. Free or inexpensive items to give to your team members are available through National AALAS at AALAS.org.  |
| Fisher House Thank You   | 4 | The calendar of events for 2008 is listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Please make note of the dates of the monthly membership meetings and plan to attend as many as possible. We are planning to schedule several of these meetings in the late afternoon to make them more convenient to many in our membership. I recommend that you periodically check our web site <a href="http://ncabaalas.org">ncabaalas.org</a> for schedule updates and information of the monthly meetings, picnic, seminar, and the banquet. |
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| Certifications           | 7 | For this year's registration drive, we hope that each of you will take advantage of the convenience of registering on line. More information will be out soon.   |
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 Jose Chinchilla  
 Cindy Horner  
 Joanne Smith  
 Michael Junio  
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 David Mallon  
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 Mark Smith  
 Doreen Bartlett  
 Kelly Cole  
 Betty Fatzie



### NCAB AALAS 2008 Preliminary Calendar

January 10	Council and membership meeting
February 12 or 13	Council and membership meeting
March 13	Council and membership meeting
April 10	Membership meeting
May TBD	Picnic
June 12	Council and membership meeting
July	No meeting
August	No meeting
September 16 -18	Annual Seminar
October 9	Council and meeting
November 9 - 13	National meeting
November 21	Banquet
December 11	Joint Council and membership meeting

*Be Sure to  
Mark Your  
Calendar!*



## Fisher House Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Fisher House! A total of \$1370 was donated in gift cards, plus cleaning supplies and several other special items. The donated items were delivered to the two Fisher Houses located on the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, and to the three Fisher Houses at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Due to the growing need of the service members, 21 additional rooms will be built on the NNMC campus.

Your contribution helped to make the life of U.S. service members (and their family) just a little brighter. What Fisher House has created in this community is beyond words. The house was filled with love, hope and peace -- families getting together in the evenings in the kitchen, talking about their loved ones and giving each other support.

Many families could not have afforded to come to Bethesda or Washington to have the treatments needed, if it was not for the Fisher House. Being within walking distance of the hospital makes it easier on the families. Other families stated that the beautiful surroundings brought them out of bleak despair. Being able to converse with others experiencing trauma in their lives was a catharsis for them. The Fisher House was a place of respite while dealing with a loved one's illness.



*with caring and compassion*

*The Bethesda Fisher Houses*

*Thank you for your generous donation to the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Houses at the National Naval Medical Center. Your gift will enable us to continue to provide the comforts of home for the patients and their families staying here.*

*Sincerely,  
Rebecca Wood  
Manager*

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 2008, 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.

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 Institutional Membership Committee

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

## Institutional Membership Cont.

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2007	Schlyer Machine Divison of Audubon Machinery	2006-2007
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2007	Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2007
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2007	Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2007
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2007	Siemens Buildings Technologies	2006-2007
Lynx Product Group	2002-2007	SJN Inc.	1995-2007
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2007	SoBran Inc.	2002-2007
Marine Biotech Inc.	1997-2007	Southern Research Institute	1991-2007
Marshall BioResources	1996-2007	Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2007
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2007	Steris Corporation	1993-2007
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2007	Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2007
Molecular Imaging Products Company	2003-2007	Swartz Family Sheep Farm	2005-2007
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2007	Synectic Resources Inc.	2002-2007
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2007	Systems Engineering	1989-2007
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2007	Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2007
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2007	Tecniplast USA	2001-2007
NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2007	The Baker Company	2006-2007
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2007	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
Pharmalac 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	1981-2010
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2007	Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2007
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2007		
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2007		
Sanitation Strategies	2007		

# Sweet Rewards for Hard Work!

Congratulations to all of Those Individuals that Received AALAS Certification!

## ALAT

Monigue Golson—Charles Rivers  
Holly Riley—Charles Rivers  
Brent Stewart—MedImmune

## LAT

Laura Brown—Charles Rivers  
Amanda Christie—Charles Rivers  
Amanda Cohn—Bioqual  
Rebekah Smith—Charles Rivers  
Dawn Wolf—Charles Rivers

## LATG

Agyeman Ababio—New Year Tech  
Manni Dayao—Charles Rivers  
Kristin Edwards—Charles Rivers  
Katie Guy—Charles Rivers  
April Lopez—SAIC  
Erin Straley-Moore—MedImmune



## Wetzel Named 'Technician of the Year'

In a nod to what her work has contributed to MedImmune's Research department and the lab animal field in general, Leslie Wetzel has received the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) Technician of the Year Award. The Technician of the Year is one of eight national awards given each year by AALAS, the premier U.S. membership organization for laboratory animal science. Leslie, a research animal technician in our Laboratory Animal Resources group, joined MedImmune in 2004.

The Technician of the Year Award, designed to promote the laboratory animal technician as an integral member of a research team, recognizes senior staff members who continue their desire to learn while at the same time furthering laboratory animal science by training junior technicians.

"Leslie has earned praise from many members of the Research department for her support of their in vivo work," says Donna Goldsteen, manager, laboratory animal resources. "In fact, I think recommendation letters submitted from some of those researchers in which they outlined her dedication to their projects and their animals helped Leslie's nomination stand out."

"Leslie's involvement in in vivo experimentation extends across various departments in Research," noted Ching Ching Leow, a scientist in the cancer biology area.

"Although this level of responsibility seems daunting, Leslie never fails to show up on time, have all paperwork necessary printed for the experiment, have all necessary syringes or tools prepared, and more importantly, she is focused on that particular experiment and always delivers exceptional results."

"It was a total shock when Donna announced that I had won in our weekly staff meeting," Leslie said. "It's a great honor to know that someone thinks highly enough of your work to nominate you for an award like this, and then to be chosen out of all the applications that are sent in nationwide."

Leslie was presented the award at the National AALAS Annual Meeting in Charlotte, N.C., on October 14, 2007.

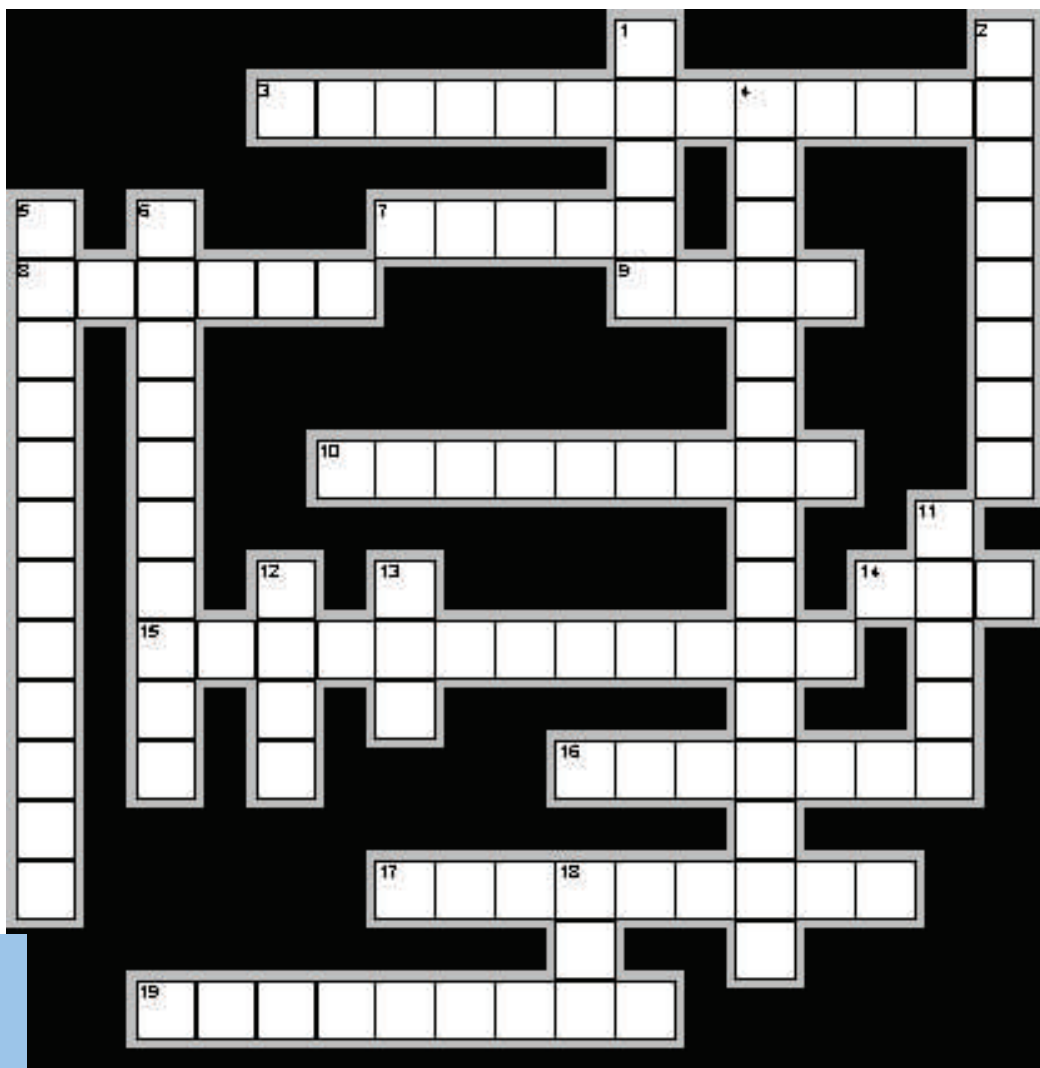


**Across**

- 3. *Mesocricetus auratus*
- 7. *Mus musculus*
- 8. *Equus caballus*
- 9. *Sus scrofa*
- 10. *Cavia porcellus*
- 14. *Canis familiaris*
- 15. *Rana pipiens*
- 16. *Mustela putorius*
- 17. *Danio rerio*
- 19. *Callithrix* sp.

**Down**

- 1. *Ovis aries*
- 2. *Drosophila melanogaster*
- 4. *Meriones unguiculatus*
- 5. *Macaca mulatta*
- 6. *Dasyus novemcinctus*
- 11. *Capra hircus*
- 12. *Bos taurus*
- 13. *Felis catus*
- 18. *Rattus norvegicus*



**Did you know ... ?**

The 2007 Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to Dr. Mario Capecchi, Dr. Martin Evans, and Dr. Oliver Smithies for "their discoveries of principles for introducing specific gene modifications in mice by the use of embryonic stem cells."

**Well, now you do!**

# Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2008

## Issue

March/April

May/June

July/August

September/October

November/December

## Deadline

February 15, 2008

April 15, 2008

June 15, 2008

August 15, 2008

October 15, 2008

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