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President's Message

We had a great start to this year's program with the "Meet and Greet" at That's Amore in Rockville. It was nice to meet our colleagues and welcome new members and guests of this terrific organization. I was particularly impressed by the number of first time attendees and hope that all will continue to take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities afforded at our monthly membership meetings. Also please encourage your co-workers to attend.

The February meeting, at Uniformed Services featured an excellent presentation by Eric Shwedick from Reptile Discovery. Despite the inclement weather and icy roads we had an excellent turnout and were treated to a variety of reptile species including turtles, crocodiles, iguanas, and snakes (including a seventeen foot specimen). Although, all NCAB members in attendance had an enjoyable time, the most fun may have been had by Myron the turtle who roamed throughout the USUHS auditorium.

The March meeting will be at the American Red Cross in Rockville, MD where Dr. Kathy Nepote will present "our knives may be dull, but our job isn't". The social will start at 5:00 pm and the general membership meeting/presentation will begin at 6:00 pm.

For the April meeting, we will begin a little earlier, with the social from 4:00 – 5:00 pm and the meeting/presentation beginning at 5:00 pm. Hopefully, this earlier starting time may be more convenient to some of our members. Doreen Bartlett will discuss "The Barbara Effect- Equines in Research and our Lives"

The seminar committee, chaired by Mark Shrader, is busy working on the 34th Annual Seminar at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. This year's theme is "Why we do what we do?"

Are you planning on sitting for a certification examination this year, either at the ALAT, LAT, or LATG level? If so, I would strongly recommend that you consider applying for a scholarship through NCAB. If interested, please contact the Brad Fisher, Chairman of the Awards Committee.

Additionally, the awards committee is working on a new award for this year – Trainer of the Year. Eligibility requirements and application procedures will soon be on the website.

Several workshops are being planned for the upcoming year. Additional information will be posted on our website in the near future.

We are looking for nominations for President Elect for 2009 and Treasurer for 2009-2010. If you would like to be more involved in your branch, please think about nominating yourself by contacting Dr. Doug Powell.

Finally, please remember that for all the news about NCAB please go to our website www.ncabaalas.org. There you will find news on upcoming news and events, announcements and meetings, training opportunities, scholarships, awards, and a wealth of other information concerning your local Branch of AALAS. You will also find contact information for your 2008 NCAB council.

Look forward to seeing you at a monthly membership meeting.

Scott

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NCAB/AALAS 2008 Poster Session

It is that time again: time to start thinking about your submission for the 34th annual NCAB /AALAS 2008. Seminar poster session being held at the Turf Valley Conference Center in September.

This is a great opportunity for all of you: Technicians, Veterinarians, or Scientists to share your ideas, techniques, or research projects with your fellow NCAB/AALAS members. Presentations may be based on scientific research or other relevant subjects such as: husbandry, facility management, safety, techniques, etc.



Prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

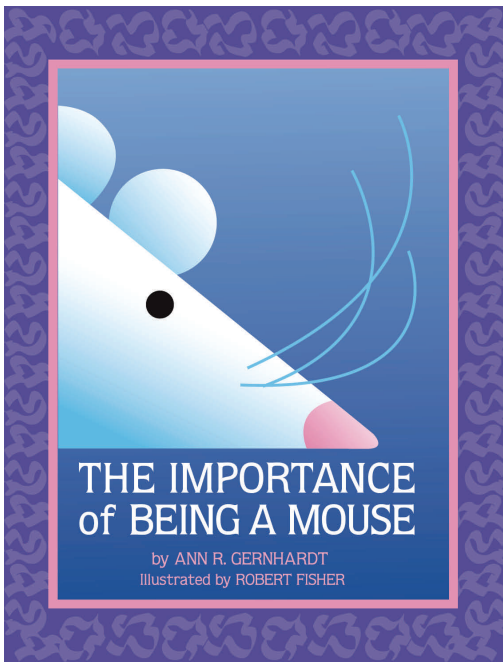
More detailed information will be announced.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are awarded for poster presentations.

If you are interested in submitting a poster, please contact either Daisy Reasinger or Doreen Reasinger as shown below.

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‘The Importance of Being a Mouse’

The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) has produced an 8 page children's booklet called "The Importance of being a Mouse".

This illustrated, educational story book for children 8-12 years old explains the important role of laboratory animals in medical research and discovery.

You can download a copy of this book at

<http://www.fbresearch.org/Education/pdf/importance.pdf>



INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS THIRTIETH YEAR

This year marks the thirtieth Anniversary of the Institutional Membership Program. In the coming months we will profile institutional members who have been with us since the inception of the program.

The Institutional Membership Program is 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.

For Institutional membership information for 2008, please contact:

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Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2007	Johns Hopkins University Oncology	1982-2007
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2007	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2007
Airnet Express.	2006-2007	Labrepco, Inc.	2004-2007
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2007	Lenderking Caging Products	1990-2007
American Red Cross	1998-2007	Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2007
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2007	Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2007
Ancare Corporation	1984-2007	Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2007
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2007	Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2007
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2007	Lynx Product Group	2002-2007
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007	Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2007
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2007	Marine Biotech Inc.	1997-2007
Avalon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2005-2007	Marshall BioResources	1996-2007
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2007	Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2007
Ballard Sheet Metal Works Inc.	2006-2007	Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2007
Battelle Memorial Institute	2005-2007	Molecular Imaging Products Company	2003-2007
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2007	Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2007
Biocon Inc.	1979-2007	New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2007
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2008	NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2007
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2007	NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2007
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2008	NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2007
Bridge Global Pharmaceuticals Services Inc.	2004-2007	NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2007
BH Inc.	1996-2007	NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2007
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2007	NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2007
Charles River Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2008	NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2007
Clear H2O Company	2006-2007	NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2008
Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2007	NIH/Office of Laboratory Welfare	2008
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2007	NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2007
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2008	NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2008
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007	NLS Animal Health	1992-2007
Covance Research Products	1978-2007	Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2007
CUH2A	2004-2007	Nuaire Inc.	2000-2007
Duke University Division of Laboratory Animal Resources	2007-2008	Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2007
Eastern Virginia Medical School	1989-2007	Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2007
Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2007	Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2007
ENV Services	2006-2007	Priority One Services	1994-2007
E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2007	Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2008
FDA/CBER	1984-2007	Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2007
FDA/CFSAN	2004-2007	Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2007
Foundation For Biomedical Research	2007	Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2007
George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2007	SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2007
Getinge USA	1991-2007	Sanitation Strategies	2007
Girton	1994-2007	Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2007
Harlan	1981-2007	Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2007
Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2007	Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2007
Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007	Siemens Buildings Technologies	2006-2007
Innovive, Inc.	2007	SJN Inc.	1995-2007
Instech Solomon Labs	2007	SoBran Inc.	2002-2007
Johns Hopkins University	1983-2008		

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Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
Southern Research Institute	1991-2007	U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Animal Research Facility	2004-2007
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2007	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2008
Steris Corporation	1993-2007	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2007
Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2007	USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2007
Swartz Family Sheep Farm	2005-2007	VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2007
Synectic Resources Inc.	2002-2007	Viking Medical	2007
Systems Engineering	1989-2007	ViraTek Inc.	2006-2007
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2007	West Virginia University Office of Lab Animal Resources	2004-2007
Tecniplast USA	2001-2007	World Courier Inc.	2004-2007
The Baker Company	2006-2007	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2007	Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2007
The Scale People, Inc.	1993-2007		
Thermocare Inc.	1996-2007		
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2007		
Total MRO, LLC	2002-2007		
Transportech	2004-2007		
Tuttnauer	2000-2007		



EGGCELLENT! Congratulations to all these individuals who recently received their AALAS Certification!



ALAT

Tammy Jenkins - Bioqual
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Garrett Keeley—Priority One
Megan Kopera—Priority One
Michelle Beauregard—Charles Rivers
Miriam Blackburn— Charles Rivers

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