

NCAB NEWSLETTER



President's Message

I certainly hope that everyone has had an outstanding summer, but now it is time to get ready for NCAB's fall schedule of events. The 34th Annual Seminar will take place at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center on September 17th and 18th. The seminar committee, led by Mark Shrader and Cindy McCully with Melissa Williams and Stephanie Strahan have put together an outstanding program entitled "From Cageside to Bedside: Why We Do What We Do". Please take the opportunity to check out the program of events which can be found on our web site.

Prior to the seminar, two workshops are being offered, "Introduction to Animal BioSafety Level 3" and "Management Skills I: Foundations of Management" which is a part of the Certified Manager Program.

The keynote speaker at the plenary session is the Executive President of the Foundation for Biomedical Research, Paul McPhillips. Mr. McPhillips will be speaking about the importance and application of animal research related to finding treatment and cures for diseases.

This year we are doing something different by presenting several topics on both the Wednesday and Thursday sessions so if you are only able to attend on one day you will not miss out on these interesting presentations. Sessions on Security and Personal Protection in the Biomedical Community, Efficient Cagewash Operations in the Animal Facility, Where Did the Mice Go, and a Regulatory Update will be offered on both days.

In addition to the educational sessions, don't forget to check out the posters, scavenger hunt, learning resources center, and the exhibit hall.

Also don't forget the Golf Tournament which starts at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 16th and the Wednesday evening Banquet which kicks off with a social hour starting at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:30 pm.

The Banquet entertainment will be provided "Howl at the Moon".

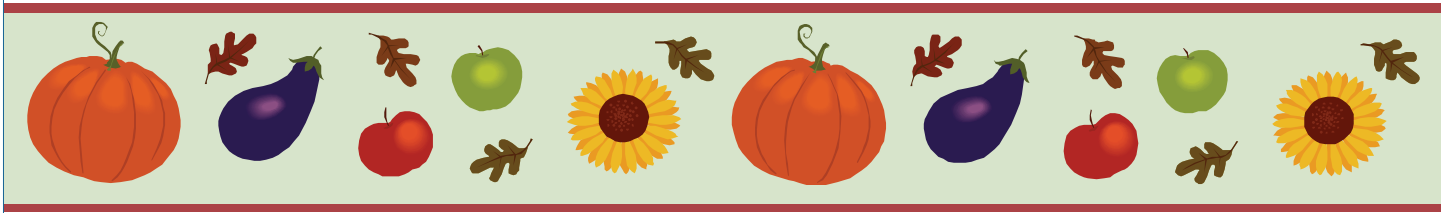
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Seminar Banquet	4	Future general membership meetings will be held on October 9 th and December 11 th . Please check the website for the time and location of these meetings.
Certifications	5	There will not be November general membership meeting due to the 59 th Annual National AALAS Meeting which will be held in Indianapolis. For those attending, please make plans to attend the District 3 membership meeting on Monday, November 10 after the General Membership meeting. The location will be announced in the meeting bulletin.
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President	Scott Green
President –Elect	Buster Hawkins
Past president, nominations	Doug Powell
Secretary	Todd Matejovich
Treasurer	Ed Czarra
Trustee	Roxanne Fox
Trustee	Donna Goldsteen
Program	Katy Bernhard
Program	Daisy Byzek
Seminar	Mark Shrader
Individual membership	Christine McNickle
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AD HOC, Special projects	Doreen Bartlett
AD HOC, Special projects	Kelly Cole
AD HOC, Special projects	Betty Fatzie



SCAW NCAB/AALAS Technician Award 2008 Winner

Erica Weaver, ALAT is the recipient of the first 2008 SCAW NCAB/AALAS Technician Award. Ms Weaver is an Animal Care Technician, Non-human Primates, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense in Edgewood, MD.

The Award will help to defray the cost of attending the annual NCAB/AALAS meeting on September 17-18, 2008 at Turf Valley, Maryland. SCAW will provide one two-day conference registration, one night hotel reservation and one banquet ticket. Six applications were received and all reflect the excellent training and attitude of animal care technicians; it was difficult to select a winner of the Award.

All applicants were asked to write a paragraph to explain **“Why the animal care technician is an important part of the research team”**. Ms. Weaver wrote:

“Animal care technicians are an essential aspect of any successful research program. It is imperative that all laboratory animals, large and small, have conscientious and compassionate people behind them to meet all of their needs on a daily basis. The animals depend on the diligence of their caretaker. Without their continual attentiveness to detail, unwanted variables could be introduced into an experiment, potentially making the final outcome invalid. Valuable time, effort and the lives of animals could be wasted as a result of these variables. Serving as the eyes, ears and voices of the animals, the animal care technicians are the primary ones who evaluate animal health, detect problems with environmental conditions, and notice any other abnormalities on a daily basis. They are the first and last ones to come into contact with the animals each day. While being challenged by continuous changes and facility issues that are beyond their control, it is imperative that they continually strive to initiate efficient and effective ways of completing their tasks. Animal care technicians are the foundation for any successful research mission.”



2008 NCAB Seminar Banquet



Join NCAB and

Howl at the Moon's

Dueling Piano Players

for Fun, Laughter

and Entertainment



Wednesday, September 17, 2008

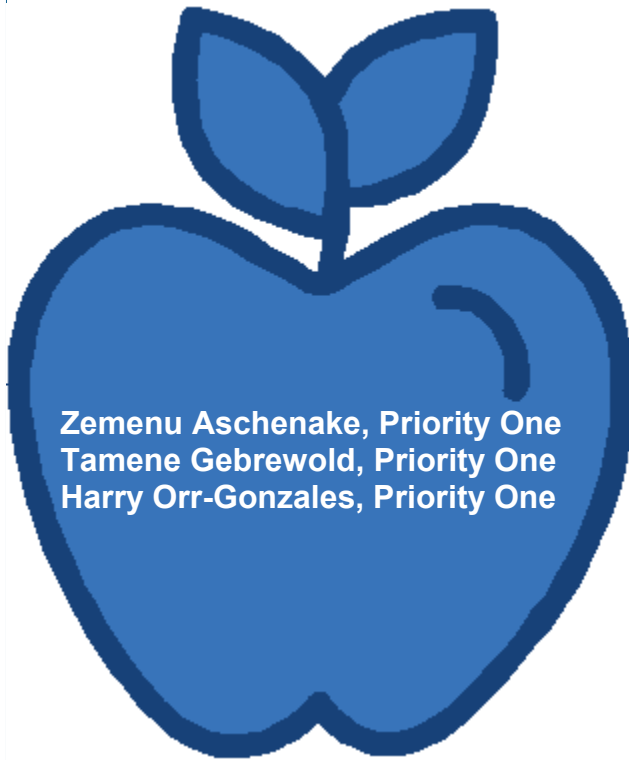
NCAB Seminar Banquet: 6:00 - 11pm

Social Hour: 6:00 - 7:00, Dinner 7:30 - 8:30, Howl at the Moon 8:00 - ??

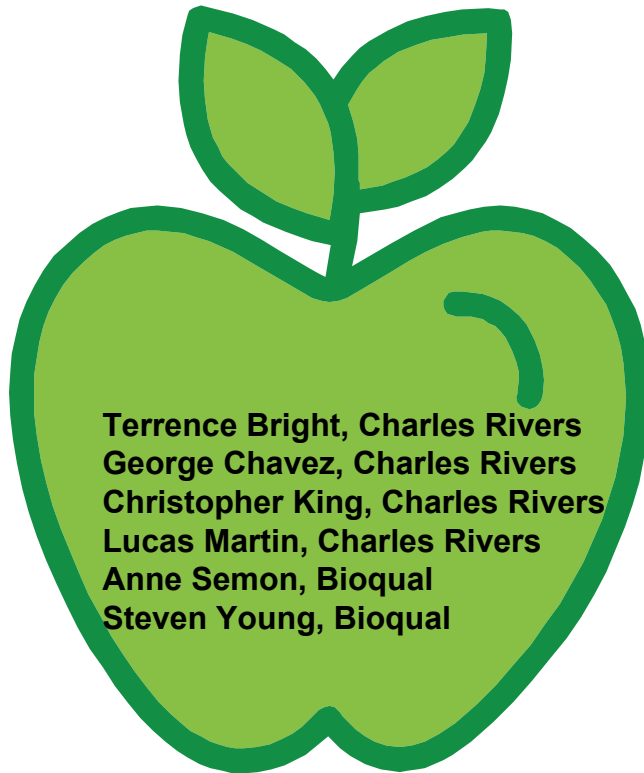
Tickets: \$35, Inquire at the Seminar Registration Booth or Register On-Line www.NCABAALAS.org

Dinner: Mexican Cuisine and Margaritas

Congratulations to All Our New Certified Members



**Zemenu Aschenake, Priority One
Tamene Gebrewold, Priority One
Harry Orr-Gonzales, Priority One**



**Terrence Bright, Charles Rivers
George Chavez, Charles Rivers
Christopher King, Charles Rivers
Lucas Martin, Charles Rivers
Anne Semon, Bioqual
Steven Young, Bioqual**



**Amanda Christie, Charles Rivers
Amanda Cohn, Bioqual
John Gonzales, Charles Rivers**

Introduction to Animal BioSafety Level 3

September 16th, 2008

Time: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Twinbrook 3
12735 Twinbrook Parkway
Rockville, MD 20852

Instructor: James Magrath

This program will consist of both classroom and hands-on portions. It will include an introduction to what Animal BioSafety Level 3 is and how work is conducted within these environments. Following the classroom portion, attendees will dress in and tour a mock ABSL 3 suite. Attendees will have the opportunity to perform some of the various tasks related to ABSL 3 work.



Workshop Fee: \$15

Maximum number of participants is 30.

Contact:

Stephanie Strahan
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(301) 496-6456

Melissa Williams
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301-496-8420

Registration Form:

www.NCABAALAS.org



34th NCAB/AALAS Seminar

Introduction to Animal BioSafety Level 3 Workshop Registration Form

**Workshop Registration Form
Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

Please email or fax completed forms to:

Melissa Williams
2008 Seminar Program Chair
mewilliams@niaid.nih.gov

Phone: 301-496-8420

Fax: 301-480-0355 (attention: Melissa)

Stephanie Strahan
2008 Seminar Program Co-Chair
strahans@mail.nih.gov

Phone: 301-496-6456

Fax: 301-594-5323 (attention: Stephanie)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address (home ___; work ___)

Phone (home ___; work ___): _____ Fax: _____

Email address (required) _____

Certification Level (circle one): ALAT LAT LATG CMAR AALAS member? Yes ___ No ___

Workshop Costs:	\$15	Total

Check Number: _____	Total

Checks should be made out to NCAB/AALAS and sent to:

NCAB/AALAS
P.O. Box 10041
Rockville, MD 20849

If paying by credit card, only VISA and MasterCard can be accepted.

___ VISA ___ MasterCard Name of Cardholder: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

The AAALAC International Technician Fellowship Award

The AAALAC International Technician Fellowship recognizes two outstanding technicians—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.

This Fellowship is valued at more than \$4,000. The U.S. winner will receive a week-long guest visit to a prestigious biomedical research facility in the U.K., plus complimentary attendance at the IAT Congress, the U.K.'s largest laboratory animal science and technology meeting (all registration, travel and lodging expenses are included, along with a daily allowance for meals and out-of-pocket expenses).

TO APPLY:

- 1.) Simply write a brief letter nominating yourself (or you can have someone write this letter on your behalf).
- 2.) Include a 500-word written statement describing why you should be selected (this can be part of the nomination letter if you are self nominating).
- 3.) Include a copy of your CV.
- 4.) You may also include up to three letters of support (optional).

TIPS:

Be sure to address these points in your application ...

- 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?

**If you are
an AALAS
Registered
Technician,
PLAN NOW TO
APPLY!**

TIMELINE:

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

Mail, fax, or e-mail your application materials to:

AAALAC International
c/o The International Technician Fellowship
Selection Committee
5283 Corporate Drive, Suite 203
Frederick, MD 21703
FAX: +301.696.9627
EMAIL: accredit@aaalac.org

For complete details and a list of criteria, visit:
<http://www.aaalac.org/about/fellowship.cfm>

The AAALAC International Technician Fellowship Award is presented by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC International) through a grant by Priority One Services, Inc. (POS) and in cooperation with AALAS, IAT, the Medical Research Council (MRC), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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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)

MAIL TO:

Christine McNickle
NCAB Membership
c/o 20401 Seneca Meadows Parkway
Germantown, MD
20876

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(First Name) (Initial) (Last Name) (Degree)

Company Name: _____

Position: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

E-mail: _____

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 _____

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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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Guerra Benberry, guerra.benberry@covance.com

Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2008	Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2009
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2008	Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2008
Airnet Express.	2006-2008	Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2008
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2008	Covance Research Products	1978-2008
Allied Laboratory Animal Care Consulting Services	2008	Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2008
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2008	CUH2A	2004-2008
Alternative Design	1994-2008	Duke University Division of Laboratory Animal Resources	2007-2008
American Red Cross	1998-2008	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2008
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2008	ENV Services	2006-2008
Ancare Corporation	1984-2008	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2008
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2008	FDA/CFSAN	2004-2008
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007-2008	Foundation For Biomedical Research	2008
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2008	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2008
Arts-Way Scientific	2004-2008	Getinge USA	1991-2008
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2008	Girton	1994-2008
Britz & Company	1996-2008	Harlan	1981-2008
Bio Medica Data Systems Inc.	1997-2008	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2008
Biocon Inc.	1979-2008	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007-2008
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2008	Innovive, Inc.	2007-2008
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2008	Instech Solomon Labs	2007-2008
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2008	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2008
Bridge Global Pharmaceuticals Services Inc.	2004-2008	Kling Stubbins	2008
Charles River	1978-2008	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2008
Clear H2O Company	2006-2008	Labrepc, Inc.	2004-2008
		Research Solutions Lenderking	1990-2008

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Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2008
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2009
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2008
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2008
Lynx Product Group	2002-2008
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2008
Marshall BioResources	1996-2008
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2008
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2008
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2008
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2008
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2008
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2008
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2008
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2008
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2008
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2008
NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	2008
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2008
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2008
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2008
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2008
Pharmalac Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2008
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2008
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2008
Priority One Services	1994-2008
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2008
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2008
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2008
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2008
Sanitation Strategies	2007-2008
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2008
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2008

Member Institution	Year
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2008
SJN Inc.	1995-2008
SoBran Inc.	2002-2008
Southern Research Institute	1991-2008
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2008
Steris Corporation	1993-2008
Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2008
Systems Engineering	1989-2008
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2008
Tecniplast USA	2001-2008
The Jackson Laboratory	2008
The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2008
Thermocare Inc.	1996-2008
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2008
Topaz Technologies	2008
Total MRO, LLC	2002-2008
Transportech	2004-2008
Tuttnauer	2000-2008
University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2008
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2008
University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2008
University of Maryland-ANSC College Park	2008-2009
USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2008
ViraTek Inc.	2006-2008
Visi-Line	2008
World Courier Inc.	2004-2008
WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2008



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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Deadline

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