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NCAB NEWSLETTER

President's Message

It looks like spring is finally here and that means it is time for the Annual NCAB Picnic. This year it will be held on Friday, June 5th at Cabin John Picnic Area in Rockville beginning at 12 noon. There will be plenty of food (expertly prepared by your 2009 NCAB Council) and games, so come on out and meet some of your colleagues in NCAB. For additional information, please check the NCAB website.

The March meeting at Medimmune was well attended and we heard Ms. Kristina Adams from USDA Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC) talk on "Providing Access to Information about Animal Care and Welfare"

Dr. Kathy Nepote (one of our favorite speakers) spoke on unusual lab animals that she has worked with such as bats, alligators, blood sucking lamprays and blind fish. It was great fun.

The May 14th meeting will be held at the new NCI-Frederick facility. More details to come.

We need nominations for President-Elect for 2010. If you would like to be more involved in your branch, please think about nominating yourself by contacting James "Buster" Hawkins.

The seminar committee, chaired by Michele Allen, is preparing a fantastic seminar at the Gaylord Inner Harbor on the Potomac River September 2nd and 3rd. This is a wonderful facility which will combine well with a fantastic program. The banquet will be a lobster/clam bake on the beach front with a live band and a dance floor. We would like to have good photos of our wonderful members at work. Please check the NCAB-AALAS web site for details and submission information. The photos will be displayed on screens prior to and between talks.

Registration for the LATG review course has already started and we've had a great response already. If you are interested you better register soon. Information is on the NCAB-AALAS web site.

Applications for awards and scholarships are now on the website. Please consider nominating a worthy individual for the Durbin, Pierson and clinical veterinarian awards. Several scholarships are also available for technicians at the ALAT, LAT, LATG and CMAR levels. Check it all out at www.ncabaalas.org

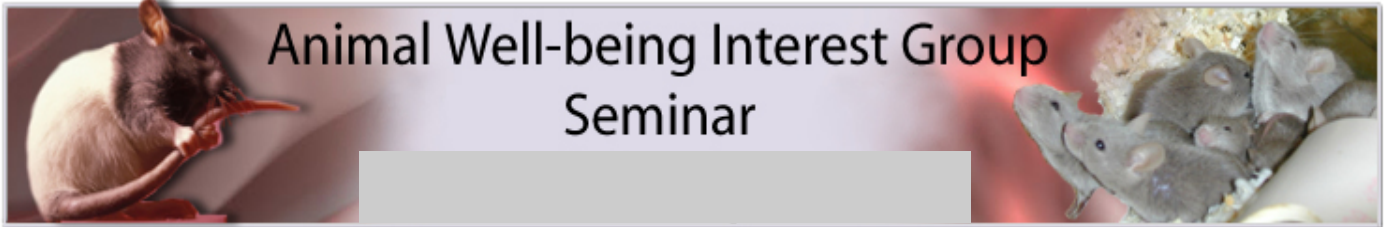
Thanks,
James "Buster" Hawkins

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Title: Enrichment, Veterinary Medicine, and the Science of Animal Welfare

Date: June 11, 2009

***Location: National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD
Natcher Center E1 and E2***

Sponsored by:
NIH Animal Well-Being Interest Group
NIH Division of Veterinary Resources
NIH Office of Animal Care and Use

Registration desk will be open prior to the start of each session at 7:15 am or 11:45 am.

Please register for one session only. Duplicate registrations will be deleted.

Your printed registration receipt is your ticket verification for admittance to the seminar.
For security reasons, registration receipts cannot be transferred.

To Register go to:
<http://fmp-8.cit.nih.gov/awig/index.html>

Registration deadline is June 5, 2009.

Please direct all questions to:

Dr. Jim Weed
AWIG Program Chair
weedj@mail.nih.gov
301-435-7257

Downloadable PDF Maps are available at
<http://fmp-8.cit.nih.gov/awig/documents/visitorAccessMap.pdf>

[Visitor Information and campus map](#)

Off Campus attendees are encouraged to take [Metro](#) to NIH.

All Visitors from outside of NIH should enter campus through the new NIH [Gateway Center](#).

Visitors must park in [Visitor Parking](#) at a cost: \$2 per hour for the first three hours, and \$12 maximum for the entire day.



2009 NCAB AALAS PICNIC JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN!

WHEN: June 5, 2009

TIME: 12:00-4:00 P.M.

WHERE: Cabin John Picnic Area

@7701 Tuckerman Lane Rockville Md. 20854

COST- \$5.00

Please RSVP to Katy Bernhard at Kathryn.bernhard@crl.com
(Companies, please RSVP staff in groups via excel spreadsheet)

Make checks payable to NCAB AALAS and mail to-
NCAB 2009 Picnic Event
P.O. Box 10041 Rockville Md 20849-0041

Directions:

From 355 North, turn Left onto Tuckerman Lane. After going through the intersection at Westlake Drive, the facility is the fenced-in area on the right (just after passing the Cabin John Group Camping Area).

We look forward to seeing you there!

6th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award



A laboratory animals best friend is a healthy, caring Animal Technician

Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the 6th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award Program. This program is intended to reward a deserving animal care technician from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. One award recipient will be selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada. The award will be limited to animal care personnel, with at least one year of laboratory animal care experience, that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting. The recipients of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award will each receive an award recognition plaque; airfare, hotel and registration for the National AALAS Meeting; one year membership to National AALAS and \$350 to cover incidentals while attending the AALAS Meeting. For more information write Lab Products, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Seaford, DE 19973, or see the award description and nomination information on CompMed or Techlink.

Award Benefits: (participation, recognition, public speaking, and decision making).

- This award will:
- 1) Allow a deserving animal care worker from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to attend a National AALAS Meeting for the first time.
 - 2) Publicly recognize the recipient at a social function of the AALAS membership.
 - 3) Encourage the recipient to speak at a Branch Meeting on their experiences at AALAS, thereby allowing them to gain experience in public speaking and to promote the AALAS experience to other technicians.
 - 4) The recipient will serve as a member of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award Selection Committee for the next year. This will allow them the experience and involvement in a decision making process that will affect their peers.

Award Selection Committee:

- 1) Nominees for this year's awards will be submitted to Lab Products, Inc. An Award Selection Committee will then consider all nominations and select one nominee from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to receive the award.
- 2) The 2008 Award recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2009 Award Recipients.

Award Selection Criteria:

- 1) Nominee must have a minimum of 1 years work experience in a laboratory animal facility.
- 2) Nominee must be a working supervisor, animal care worker or animal health technician. (Managers, Assistant Directors, etc. are not eligible).

- 3) The nominee must be someone that actually performs hands on animal care work or works in the cage wash area.
- 4) The nominee must be someone that would not be eligible for travel funds (from the University, Institution or Company) to attend a National AALAS meeting.
- 5) This award is intended to provide deserving animal care technicians with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. Therefore, only nominees that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting will be eligible.

Nomination Process: (Nominations must be RECEIVED BY June 16, 2009)

- 1) Nominations are to be submitted by letter, detailing the Technicians' work history, accomplishments, community involvement, and describing how this travel award will benefit the technician and their facility. AALAS/CALAS Branch membership, and involvement in branch AALAS/CALAS activities, will be considered in the award selection.
- 2) Supporting letters are encouraged and will be considered, but are not required.
- 3) Send nominations to:
Attn: Awards Selection Committee
Lab Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 639,
Seaford, DE 19973
Ph. 800-526-0469
Fax 302-628-4309
- 4) Award recipients will be notified by August 1, 2009.

Award Recipient Requirements:

- 1) After attending the National AALAS Meeting, the award recipients must present a paper at their next annual Branch or District AALAS meeting on how the AALAS Meeting experience affected them.
- 2) Award recipient agrees to attend the Lab Products, Inc., Tuesday night social during the National AALAS Meeting for a formal award presentation.
- 3) Award recipient agrees to be a judge for the selection of the next years award recipients.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 16, 2009



Calling For Nominees!

The National Capital Area Branch of AALAS offers four awards during the annual seminar meeting. Nominees must be an NCAB member. These awards are as follows:

NCAB Durbin Award, honorarium of \$300.00

NCAB Trainer Award, honorarium of \$400.00

NCAB Pierson Award, honorarium of \$ 500.00

NCAB Outstanding Clinical Veterinarian Award, honorarium of \$500.00

Information regarding the criteria for these awards is available at www.ncabaalas.org

Nomination Process

1. Fill out the nomination form. (Available at www.ncabaalas.org)
2. Please make sure you fill out as much information that is applicable.
3. Review criteria for selection
4. Provide at least two nomination / letter of recommendations

Send this information to :

Brad Fisher / NCAB Awards
NIH Building 14BS, Rm. 228
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2009

NEWS



Board of Trustees Report

The AALAS Board of Trustees met on March 13-15, 2009 in Denver, CO for their Winter Session. The following items were discussed and approved at the meeting.

- The BOT approved of giving the Online Learning Committee additional funding for a consultant programmer to assist in moving the system to a new platform by 2010.
- The BOT approved of the American Biological Safety Association and the International Society for Transgenic Technologies as Affiliate members of the organization.
- The BOT discussed a request from ICLAS' America Regional Committee to provide space for three seminar sessions and one special topics presentation at the National meeting in Denver. We approved of providing this additional space if the National Program Committee approves of the seminar topic submissions.
- The Hawaii Branch was approved as a recognized branch of AALAS.
- The BOT discussed a proposal to have online voting for National elections for the 2010 election. Members with e-mail addresses would be asked to vote electronically and members without an e-mail address would vote by mail. All votes will be tallied by an outside organization.
- The AALAS office hired 2 new staff members: Mike Mathy as the Foundation Administrator and Nancy Dorcy as an Educational Resources Specialist.
- The 2008 National meeting had over 4600 attendees and over 300 exhibitors.
- The BOT toured the Denver Convention Center and the downtown area. All hotels are all within walking distance to the Convention Center. AALAS will be the only convention in town this week. There are many nice restaurants within walking distance of the hotels.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Fox

Donna Goldsteen

District 3 Trustees



Hey! Check out the latest issue of *AALAS Tech Talk*. NCAB's own Mr. Craig Mayer is in the *Profiles section*.

Congratulations Craig!

May Meeting

May 14, 2009

5-6pm Social Hour/ 6-7pm Presentation

Location:

NCI-Frederick 8501 Progress Dr. Frederick MD 21701



Topic:

'Who Moved My Mouse'

Presented by Dr. Patricia Fritz



NCAB AALAS 2009 LAT Review Course Schedule

AALAS Exam Certification
Training Course (LAT)

Start Date:

Wednesday May 6th

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

All sessions are scheduled to be held
at the Charles River Training
Center - 20401 Seneca Meadows
Parkway, Germantown, MD
20876.

Students are asked to bring their
own AALAS study manuals.

Copies of the session notes and
quizzes will be provided at each
session

If you have other questions or needs, please contact
elton.machholz@crl.com or mallond@mail.nih.gov



NCAB/AALAS LATG Review Course 2009

Enrollment is now open for the LATG Review Course August 16-21, 2009. Deadline for enrollment is July 1st, 2009. Visit www.ncabaalas.org for details and enrollment information.

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 2009, please contact:

Frank Lynch, flynch@pharmacal.com

Guerra Benberry, guerra.benberry@covance.com

Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2008	Duke University Division of Laboratory Animal Resources	2007-2008
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2009	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2009
Advanced Bioscience Labs	1999-2009	Elm Hill Labs Inc.	2009
Airnet Express.	2006-2008	Environmental Tectonics Corp.	2009
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2009	ENV Services	2006-2009
Allied Laboratory Animal Care Consulting Services	2008	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2008
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2009	FDA/CBER	1984-2009
Alternative Design	1994-2009	FDA/CFSAN	2004-2008
American Red Cross	1998-2009	Foundation For Biomedical Research	2008
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2009	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2009
Ancare Corporation	1984-2009	Georgetown University	2009
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2008	Getinge USA	1991-2009
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007-2009	Girton	1994-2009
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2008	Harlan	1981-2009
Arts-Way Scientific	2004-2009	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2008
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2008	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007-2009
Britz & Company	1996-2009	Innovive, Inc.	2007-2008
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2009	Instech Solomon Labs	2007-2009
Biocon Inc.	1979-2008	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2008
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2009	Kling Stubbins	2008
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2009	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2009
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2009	LabrepcO, Inc.	2004-2009
Bridge Laboratories	2004-2009	Research Solutions Lenderking	1990-2009
Charles River	1978-2009	Liberty Research	2009
Clear H2O Company	2006-2009	Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2009
Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2009	Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2009
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2009	Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2009
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2009	Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2009
Covance Research Products	1978-2009	Lynx Product Group	2002-2009
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2008	Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2009
HDR (CUH2A)	2004-2009	Marshall BioResources	1996-2009

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Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2009	Thermocare Inc.	1996-2008
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2008	Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2008
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2009	Topaz Technologies	2008-2009
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2009	Total MRO, LLC	2002-2009
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2008	Transportech	2004-2009
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2008	Tuttnauer	2000-2008
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2008	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2008
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2009	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2009
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2008	University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2009
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2009	University of Maryland-ANSC College Park	2008-2009
NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	2008	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2009
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004-2008	USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2009
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2008	VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2009
NLS Animal Health	1992-2009	ViraTek Inc.	2006-2009
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2009	Visi-Line	2008-2009
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2009	VWR International	2009
Pharmal Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2009	World Courier Inc.	2004-2009
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2009	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2009	Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2009
Priority One Services	1994-2009		
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2009		
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2009		
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2009		
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2008		
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2009		
Sanitation Strategies	2007-2009		
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2009		
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2009		
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2009		
SJN Inc.	1995-2008		
SoBran Inc.	2002-2009		
Southern Research Institute	1991-2009		
Spray Master Technologies	2009		
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2008		
Steris Corporation	1993-2008		
Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2008		
Systems Engineering	1989-2009		
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2009		
Tecniplast USA	2001-2009		
The Jackson Laboratory	2008-2009		
The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2009		
The Scale People	1993-2009		





These Busy Bees Have Passed Their AALAS Certification Exams!

Congratulations!!

ALAT

- Donna Aitken—McConnell Group
- John Allen—Charles River
- Zemenu Aschenake—Priority One
- Tyneshia Camp—McConnell Group
- Colleen Corey—Charles River
- Catherine Eaker—Charles River
- Jeffrey Firman—Priority One
- Dawn Fox—Priority One
- Leslie Klosterman—Priority One
- Evelyn Landrum—Priority One
- Melinda Larsen—Priority One
- Teri-Ann Lewis—Charles River
- Mark McDaniel—Priority One
- Jessica Scott—Charles River

LAT

- Christopher Ariza—Priority One
- Nakita Charles—Priority One
- Debra Cherry—Priority One
- Adeline Govekung—Priority One
- Erin Kollins—Priority One
- Megan Mignogno—Charles River
- Merritt Newman—McConnell Group
- Katherine Powell—Priority One
- Darwin Romero—Priority One

CMAR:

- Pamela Carden—Charles River
- Bernard Ngameni-Kamga—Priority One

AR:

- Kriss Knestaut—Charles River

LATG

- Autumn Roesler—Charles River
- Laura Brown—Charles River
- Mario Ortega—Priority One
- Enerida Rivera—Priority One
- Patrick Walker—Priority One

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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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 _____

Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2009

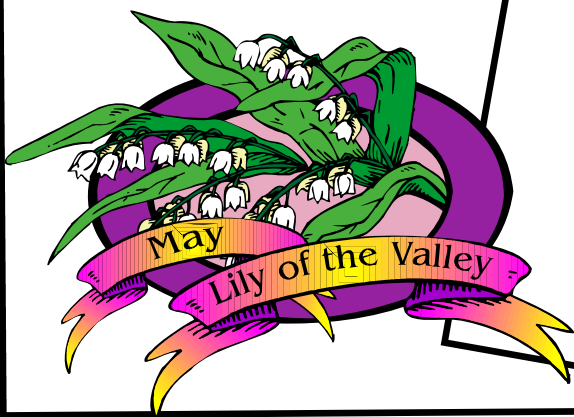
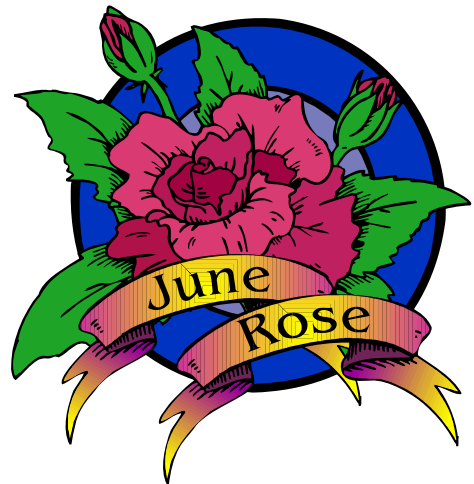
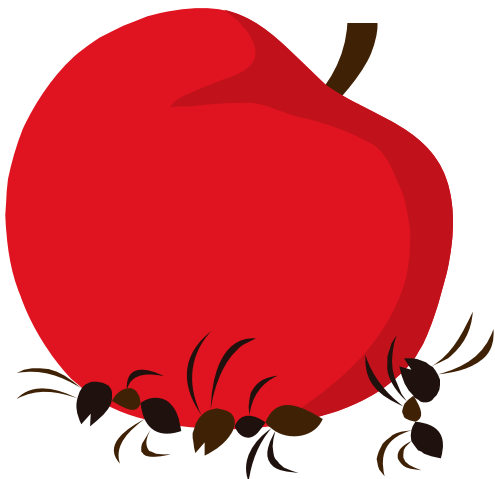
Issue Deadline

July/August June 15, 2009

September/October August 15, 2009

November/December October 15, 2009

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or at phone 301-402-0408



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