



# NCAB Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2010

May/June 2010

## President's Message

Spring has sprung and so has the calendar of events being planned for the NCAB members. Elton Machholz, Technician Branch Representative, is working on a workshop to assist members in preparing materials for Poster presentations for meetings and symposiums. Watch for the announcement on the NCAB Website, [www.ncabaalas.org](http://www.ncabaalas.org).

Jo Smith and her Workshop committee are putting the finishing touches on a couple of interesting workshops. Check out Jo's information in the newsletter. Her committee is working hard to meet the member's interests with additional workshops to be announced on the horizon. Check the website early and often for updates. Daisy Blyzek has the Education committee working hard to put together some additional professional events for members.

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Larry Shelton, the Program chair, has brought in some excellent presenters for monthly meetings. We've enjoyed catching up with colleagues and newcomers during social time. If you haven't been to a monthly meeting you are missing out on a great opportunity. For those of you looking for ways to acquire Continuing Education (CE) units, come to a monthly meeting. NCAB provides CE certificates for attendance. The May meeting has Dr Watson discussing the Chimpanzee Retirement Program. Larry has some fun activities that he's working on for the summer, so stay tuned.

The Seminar Committee is hard at work preparing for the upcoming seminar. Melissa Williams and Sarah Rovezzi have held several planning meetings and they now have information posted on the NCAB Website. Make plans now to attend, the dates are August 31, September 1 & 2.

The Seminar, 'Flash Forward,' will once again be at the Gaylord Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

Put NCAB events on your calendar.

See you in May.

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# C O U N C I L

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# 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> **Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award Program**. This program is designed 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 is selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada. The award is 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 should 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 2009 Award recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2010 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, 2010)**

- 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 2, 2010.

**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, 2010**

## SCAW Annual Winter Conference

**Registration is now open for SCAW's Annual Winter Conference  
December 6- 7, 2010**

### **THE EVOLUTION OF YOUR IACUC: PROMOTING SCIENCE AND COMPLIANCE**

Co-sponsored with The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare/NIH/DHHS and The United States Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Animal Care

Training is an important aspect for all members of the animal research community. Training is recommended by several regulatory and accreditation organizations and is an excellent way to ensure that research animals receive the best care and treatment based on performance standards. SCAW's Winter Conference, held in beautiful downtown San Antonio on December 6-7, 2010, will provide an opportunity for members of the animal care community to learn about new techniques and to discuss current issues. For example, topics presented at this conference will help to fulfill the responsibility of USDA/APHIS/AC Policy 15 requirements that state **"IACUC members should be trained in understanding the Animal Welfare Act, protocol review and facility inspections"**.

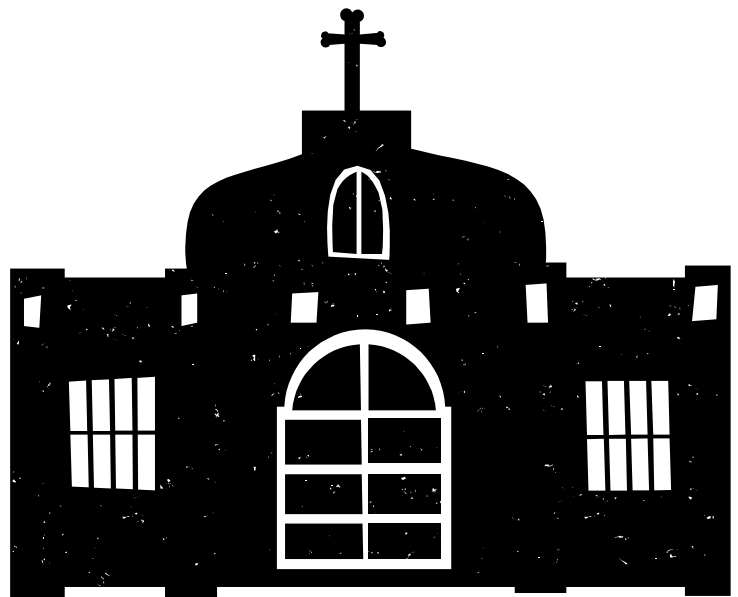
As a bonus, the historic Menger Hotel is the site for this conference. It is an old historic building in the center of San Antonio and is only minutes from the famous Alamo and Riverwalk where post-meeting time can be spent shopping or dining at many fine restaurants. At this time of year the Riverwalk is decorated with luminaria which adds to the charm of this unique area.

Look at the SCAW web site <http://www.scaw.com/conference.htm> for program and registration information.

#### **Meeting Location/Accommodations:**

Menger Hotel  
204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-223-4361  
[www.historicmenger.com](http://www.historicmenger.com)

A block of rooms has been reserved December 3-8, 2009 for conference attendees at the Menger Hotel.





**NCAB Monthly Meeting**  
May 13, 2010

**"Chimpanzee Retirement Initiative"**  
presented by  
Dr. William Watson  
Health Scientist Administrator  
National Center for Research Resources

Please join us at MedImmune  
Cocktails at 5pm, Presentation at 6pm

RSVP REQUESTED FOR ENTRY.  
Email [goldsteend@medimmune.com](mailto:goldsteend@medimmune.com).  
Badges will be printed prior to the event.  
A government-issued photo ID will be required at check in.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA BRANCH  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE  
FOR LABORATORY-RELATED SCIENCES

**REMEMBER**

**RSVP to [goldsteend@medimmune.com](mailto:goldsteend@medimmune.com) for this event.**

**Directions to MedImmune**

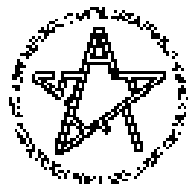
One MedImmune Way  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
(301) 398-0000

**Traveling North on I-270:**

Follow I-270 North to MD-117 West toward Quince Orchard Road/Clopper Road - Exit 10.  
From exit, turn right on Clopper Road/MD-117.  
Turn left at the second light on Quince Orchard Road (Route 124).  
Turn left on Orchard Ridge Drive.  
Turn right into the MedImmune complex.

**Traveling South on I-270:**

Follow I-270 South to Quince Orchard Road (Route 124) - Exit 11B.  
Turn right on Quince Orchard Road.  
Turn left on Orchard Ridge Drive.  
Turn right into the MedImmune complex.



*Susan G.*  
**Komen**  
FOR THE  
**cure**



**NCAB AALAS colleagues and friends  
Please join us for:**

**Susan B. Komen  
National Race for the Cure 2010  
5K Run/Fitness Walk**

**Saturday, June 5th  
Start Time: 8:00 am\*  
Location: Washington, DC**

**We will meet on race day and walk together to champion the  
Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**

**Registration information:**

**Web site:** Global Race for the Cure®

**How to** For more information or to register, please contact:

**Participate:** Phone: (703) 416-7223

Email: [info@globalraceforthecure.org](mailto:info@globalraceforthecure.org)

## National AALAS Electronic Voting

### Make Sure Your Email System Accepts Online Voting Link

Don't miss your chance to vote online in the 2010 AALAS election. All members, whose memberships are current at the time the election reports are pulled, will receive an email from the AALAS election company containing instructions and information to vote online. To ensure receipt of the email(s), please add the following information to your email safe senders list: From: AALAS Election Coordinator <mailto:AALASvote@directvote.net>, Subject: AALAS 2010 National Election login information below.

The election will be opened during the first week of June and remain open for 30 days. Please supply your email address.

#### 2010 AALAS National Election Candidates

##### VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Regina M. Correa-Murphy, CMAR, RLATG  
Darrell E. Hoskins, DVM, DACLAM  
Kim E. Saunders, DVM, DACLAM

##### DISTRICT 1 TRUSTEE

Laura A. Conour, DVM, DACLAM  
Marie A. Ortega, BA, RLATG, CPIA  
Cheryl S. Pater, BS, RVT, RLATG

##### DISTRICT 1 ALTERNATE TRUSTEE

Position open. No candidates.

Person with second highest number of votes in the District 1 Trustee election will be offered the Alternate position.

##### DISTRICT 3 TRUSTEE

Shannon A. Stutler, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, CPIA, DACLAM  
Melissa A. Williams, BA, LATG

#### 2010 AALAS National Election Candidates

##### DISTRICT 5 TRUSTEE

Christina Kobs, BS, RLATG  
Stacy Wells, BS, MBA, RLATG

##### DISTRICT 6 TRUSTEE

Paige A. Ebert, BS, MBA, CMAR, RLATG  
Lisa M. Rehm, DVM

##### DISTRICT 7 TRUSTEE

Cindy A. Buckmaster, PhD, CMAR, RLATG  
Irene Dunwiddie, BS, CMAR, RLATG  
John A. Park, Jr, RLATG

##### DISTRICT 8 TRUSTEE

Andrew J. Burich, DVM, MS, DACLAM  
Penny Noel, BA, RLATG  
Gene M. Rukavina, RLATG

##### DISTRICT 8 ALTERNATE TRUSTEE

Vickie R. Riojas, RLATG



## NCAB Historian's Perspective Where We've Been and Where We're Going

In 1971, the National Capital Area Branch began an extremely successful educational and informational exchange program. Although not intended to be an "institution" this seminar has been held annually except in the years that National AALAS holds its meeting in the district. The NCAB Seminar is a scientific meeting directed towards the specific needs of the NCAB membership. Each year the Seminar Committee considers the board membership and organizes a two day meeting that is one of the most educationally rewarding and socially pleasant branch meetings in the country. From its simple beginnings the NCAB seminar has grown to include days that are packed with scientific and technical sessions, career development, the learning library, the technician fun fair, the scavenger hunt, informational sessions, management tips, autotutorials, clinical and other sessions, such as posters and legislative updates. Local and national firms exhibit their products and services. The social aspects of seeing old friends and meeting new ones are enhanced by a banquet on the first evening of the meeting. Attendance has grown significantly since that first meeting in 1971 where there were 400 attendees to the event. In 2009 there were 1513 attendees. The first seminar chairs were Robert Lemken and Jack Phipps. The chain of chairpersons that followed includes individuals who have later become presidents and committee chairs of NCAB and National AALAS. The seminar is the largest activity of NCAB and routinely requires over 30 people to actively plan, organize and run the meeting and over 50 moderators, speakers, poster presenters and other participants in the program. NCAB has held the seminar in several different locations each with their own interesting and unique qualities. NCAB Seminar has been at the Marriott in Hunt Valley, MD, Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City, MD, Ramada Hotel and Convention Center in Hagerstown, MD and most recently at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center on the Potomac in Maryland. The participation of the commercial exhibitors, other branch member participation, National AALAS representation and our own great membership has combined to make the NCAB seminar better and better each year.



## Education Committee Update

Summer is fast approaching and the Education Committee is hard at work to provide NCAB members with ongoing educational classes and opportunities. We are currently working on a leadership class and a study group for CMAR candidates. If you have any suggestions, questions, or would like to volunteer your knowledge for an educational opportunity please let us know!

Thank you,

Daisy Byzek BS, RLATg  
 Facility Trainer  
 Priority One Services Inc.  
 e-mail: [byzekd@mail.nih.gov](mailto:byzekd@mail.nih.gov)



## Workshop Committee Update



**Wet your Appetite for Hands-On Learning with NCAB Workshop Opportunities**

### Operant Conditioning Techniques for Neuroscience Research

**When:** July 20, 2010, 9 am– noon.

**Where:** Baltimore (Directions provided after registration)

**Registration opens:** June 1, 2010

**Registration closes:** June 30, 2010

### Prepare a Winning Resume

**When:** June and September, dates & location TBD

Note: We are planning to offer an advanced session to build on the introductory workshop offered last year and also a repeat of the introductory workshop.

### In the Works:

- Rodent medicine and pharmacology
- Transgenic animals - what the caretaker & veterinary technician need to know
- Planning environmental enrichment in a multi-species facility
- Comparative anatomy for veterinary technicians
- Inhalant anesthesia and monitoring
- Zoological research and how our fields compare

**Please visit the NCAB Website for updates and registration information.**

## AALAS Board of Trustees' Update

Our NCAB Trustee, Roxanne Fox, traveled to the AALAS Office in Memphis, TN as the Liaison for the Educational Resource Committee. The trustees spent the weekend reviewing the ERC's Goals for 2010 and spent a large portion of the time reviewing the first draft of the LAT Manual and Teaching Aids.

The ALAT is in print and should be out at the National Meeting or before. It is the goal also to have the revised LAT Manual out by the National Meeting as well. The LAT CD will not be available until a later date.

The ERC's Goals for 2011 are as follows:

- Review and Update "AALAS In A Flash"
- Review and Update of the "Lab Animal Data Book"
- Review of the Regulatory Workbook 2nd printing
- Review and see if we have to update anything from the new "Guide and Use of Agricultural Animals"

The summer BOT Trustees meeting will be held June 25-27, 2010 at the AALAS Office in Memphis, TN.

On the Following pages a copy of a letter from Michigan State University where AALAS Board of Trustees approved matching funds for the Nathan R. Brewer Memorial Endowment fund for education.



**MICHIGAN STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

April 16, 2010

Deborah Donohoe, President  
Dr. Ann Turner, Executive Director  
American Association for Laboratory Animal Science  
9190 Crestwyn Hills Drive  
Memphis, TN 38125-8538

Dear President Donohoe, AALAS Board of Trustees, and Dr. Turner:

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the AALAS Board of Trustees for their generous matching contribution to The Nathan R. Brewer Memorial Endowment for Laboratory Animal Medical Education. In recognition of the lasting contributions to laboratory animal medicine made by Dr. Brewer, a 1938 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, the endowment was established to ensure that his legacy was perpetuated by supporting laboratory animal medicine education through his alma mater. Your support of this lasting tribute to Dr. Brewer is most appreciated.

On a personal note, I am thrilled to join Michigan State University to further their laboratory animal medicine education programs, and to work with Dr. Lesley Colby at the University of Michigan on a joint residency program. Drs. Kathleen Smiler, Marilyn Brown, Lesley Colby and I will continue to work towards building the Nathan R. Brewer Memorial Endowment to increase its impact on the field of laboratory animal medicine and science. Thank you again for your support.



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Dr. Ginsberg  
Mrs. N. R. Brewer

## Technician Branch Representative Update

### Abstract Submission Deadline June 1

The deadline for topic submissions poster and platform session abstracts is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. For information on submitting an abstract, see the Call for Abstracts page. Here you'll find information on preparing and submitting your abstract, as well as presentation tips. The submission deadline is June 1, 2010.

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Remember that the on-line voting service (coordinated through Survey & Ballot Systems) will not accept a group or generic e-mail address such as [info@mail.com](mailto:info@mail.com) or [mail2joe@msn.com](mailto:mail2joe@msn.com). You must can only use an unique e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address you can create one for free through several on-line services such as:

Google's Gmail (<http://mail.google.com/mail/signup>)

HotMail (<http://home.live.com/>)

Mail.com (<https://signup.mail.com>)

Yahoo Mail ([https://login.yahoo.com/config/login\\_verify2?.intl=us&.src=ym](https://login.yahoo.com/config/login_verify2?.intl=us&.src=ym))

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### A new leader...? ILAM may be for you!

The Institute for Laboratory Management (ILAM) conference is scheduled this year for the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are a new team leader, supervisor or manager this course provides a wonderful opportunity to develop essential leadership skills, interface with other leaders, and develop long term relationships with peers across the world. As a past graduate of ILAM and now as a guest instructor to first year students, I can't stress the importance of this program to your long term growth and development as a leader.

#### **About ILAM:**

*The Institute for Laboratory Animal Management (ILAM) is an AALAS educational program developed to provide instruction in management concepts that is applicable to the laboratory animal science industry and to enhance communication, team building, and networking among colleagues with mutual interests.*

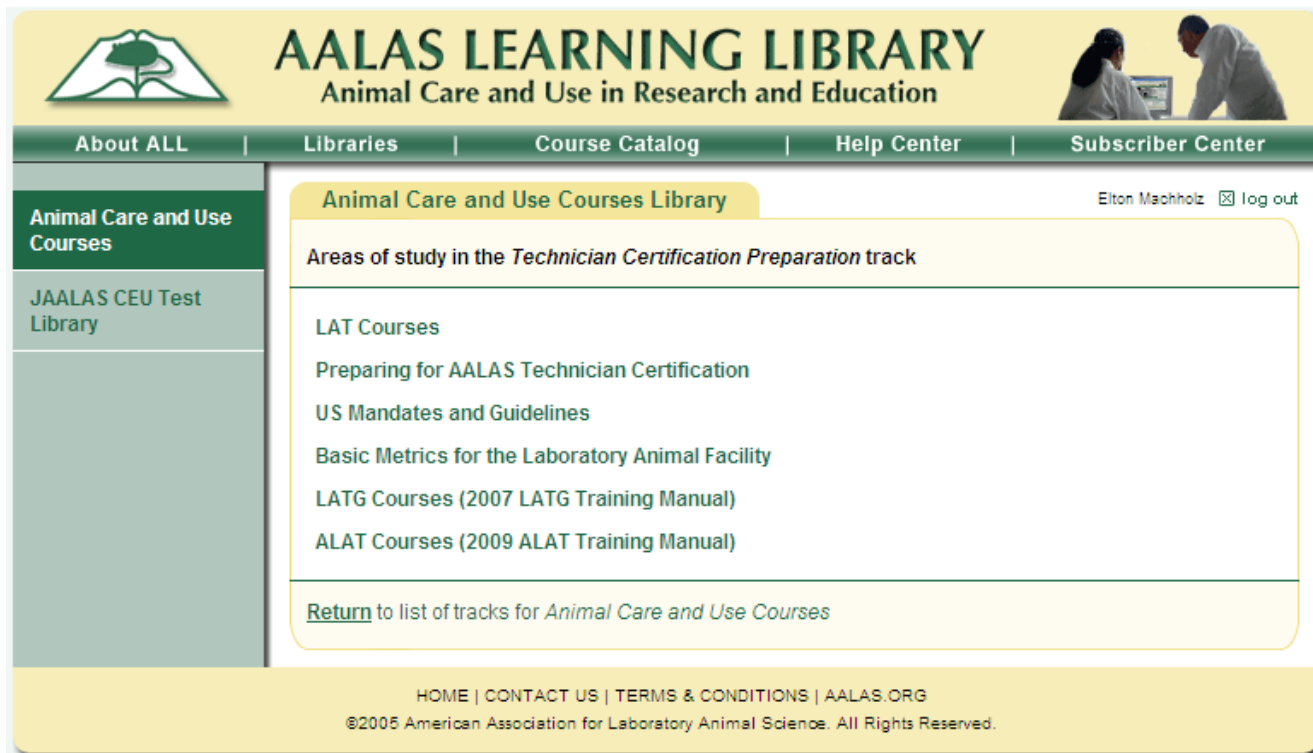
*Directors, managers, and supervisors of laboratory animal facilities have seen their roles grow more and more complex over the years, and they have found themselves in a unique profession. People in management positions must be able to interpret the social, political, and economic environments in which they operate and use administrative and technical skills to maintain and improve their animal care and use programs. The vast majority of persons in these positions were trained in biologic and veterinary sciences and must find additional training in management skills to fulfill their administrative roles.*

To learn more please visit: <http://www.aalas.org/association/ilam.aspx>

## Technician Branch Representative Update cont.

### AALAS Learning Library (ALL) News:

Recently the AALAS Learning Library updated all 29 the Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT) modules to match the revised ALAT Certification Exam Study Manual. When you are logging into the ALL please note the ALAT level courses have been moved from the top of the list to the bottom



The screenshot displays the AALAS Learning Library website. The header features the AALAS logo on the left, the title "AALAS LEARNING LIBRARY" in large green letters, and the subtitle "Animal Care and Use in Research and Education" below it. On the right of the header is a photograph of two people looking at a computer. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "About ALL", "Libraries", "Course Catalog", "Help Center", and "Subscriber Center". The main content area is titled "Animal Care and Use Courses Library" and includes a user name "Elton Machholz" and a "log out" link. The page lists "Areas of study in the Technician Certification Preparation track" with the following items: "LAT Courses", "Preparing for AALAS Technician Certification", "US Mandates and Guidelines", "Basic Metrics for the Laboratory Animal Facility", "LATG Courses (2007 LATG Training Manual)", and "ALAT Courses (2009 ALAT Training Manual)". A "Return" link is provided at the bottom of the list. The footer contains the text: "HOME | CONTACT US | TERMS & CONDITIONS | AALAS.ORG" and "©2005 American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. All Rights Reserved."

### New ALL Courses

#### Orientation to Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th Edition

The new course on the 5th edition of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories will go online on March 29. Individuals who complete the course and pass the exam can earn 3 CEUs. The current course, based on the 4th Edition, will not be available once the new course is active.

#### "Maintaining Animal Procedure Areas" Course Updated

The course "Maintaining Animal Procedure Areas" has recently been updated! It has also been added to the "Regulatory and IACUC Compliance" track, in the "Facilities, Supplies, and Materials" area of study. This course provides training on how to maintain procedure rooms both inside and outside the animal facility. The lessons in the course will help technicians and investigators prepare for inspections and maintain procedure rooms in accordance with the applicable guidelines and regulations.

## Institutional Membership Update

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 2010, 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 2010, please contact:  
**Frank Lynch, [flynch@pharmacal.com](mailto:flynch@pharmacal.com)**  
 Institutional Membership Chair

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2010	Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2010
Absorption Corporation	2010	Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2009
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2010	Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2010
Acorn Industrial Products Inc.	2009	Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2009
Advanced Bioscience Labs	1999-2009	Covance Research Products	1978-2010
Airnet Express	2006-2009	Crist Instruments Co. Inc.	2009-2010
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2010	Dudick Inc.	2009-2010
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2010	Dustcontrol, Inc	2009-2010
Alpha Genesis Inc.	2009-2010	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2010
Alternative Design	1994-2010	Elm Hill Labs Inc.	2009
American Red Cross	1998-2010	ENV Services	2006-2010
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2010	Environmental Tectonics Corp.	2009
Ancare Corporation	1984-2010	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2009
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2010	FDA/CBER	1984-2010
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007-2009	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2010
Aquaneering Inc.	2009-2010	Georgetown University	2009-2010
Arts-Way Scientific	2004-2010	Getinge USA	1991-2010
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2010	Girton	1994-2010
Avanza Laboratories, LLC	2004 2010	Harlan	1981-2009
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2009	HDR (CUH2A)	2004-2010
Biocon Inc.	1979-2009	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2010
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2010	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007-2009
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2010	Innovive, Inc.	2007-2010
BioSAFE Engineering - WR 2	2009-2010	Instech Solomon Labs	2007-2009
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2010	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2009
Britz & Company	1996-2009	JS Technology, Inc.	2010
Butler Schein Animal Health	1992-2010	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2010
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2009	Labex of MA	2009-2010
Charles River	1978-2010	Labrepro, Inc.	2004-2009
Clear H2O Company	2006-2009	Lenderking Caging Products	1990-2009

## Institutional Membership Update cont.

Member Institution	Year
Liberty Research	2009
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2010
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2009
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2010
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2010
Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute	2009-2010
Lynx Product Group	2002-2010
Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2010
Marshall BioResources	1996-2010
Matrix Scientific, LLC	2009-2010
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2010
Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2009
MNX – Global LifeSciences Logistics	2009
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2010
New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2009
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2010
NIH/ National Cancer Institute	2010
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2009
NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2009
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2009
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2010
NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2009
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2010
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2010
NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	2008-2010
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2009
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2009
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2010
Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2010
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2009
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2010
Priority One Services	1994-2009
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2010
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2010
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2009
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2009

Member Institution	Year
Roe Biomedical Products LLC	2009
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2009
Sanitation Strategies	2007-2010
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2010
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2010
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2010
SJN Inc.	1995-2010
SoBran Inc.	2002-2010
Southern Research Institute	1991-2010
Spray Master Technologies	2009-2010
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2009
Steris Corporation	1993-2010
Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2009
Systems Engineering	1989-2010
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2009
Tecniplast USA	2001-2010
The Jackson Laboratory	2008-2009
The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2010
The Scale People	1993-2010
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2010
Topaz Technologies	2008-2009
Total MRO, LLC	2002-2010
Transportech	2004-2009
Tuttnauer	2000-2009
Unifab Corporation	2009-2010
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2009
University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2009
University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2010
University of Maryland-ANSC College Park	2008-2009
US Army Public Health Command	2010
USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2009
VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2009
ViraTek Inc.	2006-2010
Visi-Line	2008-2009
VWR International	2009
World Courier Inc.	2004-2010
WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2009

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:

### **Charles D. Durbin Award**

The technician selected for the Annual NCAB Durbin Award shall be a person whose primary responsibility is the feeding, handling and care of laboratory animals. An honorarium of \$300.00 and a plaque will be awarded to the recipient of this award.

The following criteria will be considered in the final selection:

- ◆ Number of years as a member of NCAB
- ◆ Number of years of experience in lab animal field
- ◆ Daily contact with animals of one or more species in the form of handling, feeding, watering changing bedding, etc.
- ◆ Demonstrated positive attitude toward the welfare of animals.
- ◆ Proven ability to work well independently as well as with co workers.
- ◆ Demonstrated performance in completing animal care related duties, as well or better than the expected level of performance for the facility.
- ◆ AALAS certification level
- ◆ Ability to provide innovative approaches to animal care problems.
- ◆ Recognition by peers and co workers
- ◆ Individual accomplishments such as memberships, presentations, posters, volunteer, etc.

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### **Richard L. Pierson Award**

The technician selected for the Annual Pierson Award shall be a person whose duties and responsibilities include daily contact with animals in the conduct of technical, supervisory and / or managerial duties. An honorarium of \$500.00 and a plaque will be awarded to the recipient of this award.

The following criteria will be considered in the final selection:

- ◆ Number of years as a member of NCAB
- ◆ Number of years of experience in lab animal field
- ◆ Daily contact with laboratory animals of one or more species in the performance of technical duties such as: treatments, specimen collection, necropsies, surgical manipulations or operating diagnostic equipment.
- ◆ Scope of direct working supervision over personnel responsible for the care and feeding, technical and the general welfare of animals.
- ◆ Demonstrated attitude, contributions, performance level and innovative approach toward the betterment of animal care.
- ◆ Ability and effectiveness to provide technical training and direction for co workers.
- ◆ Ability to provide innovative approaches for resolution to animal care problems.
- ◆ Recognition by peers and co workers
- ◆ Individual accomplishments such as memberships, presentations, posters, volunteer, etc.

**Dr. William I. Gay Award**

The individual selected for the Annual Trainer Award shall be a person whose duties and responsibilities include providing training for individuals that have contact with animals and provide husbandry and technical animal care. One letter of support must come from someone who has received training from the person nominated. An honorarium of \$400.00 and a plaque will be awarded to the recipient of this award.

The following criteria will be considered in the final selection:

- ◆ Number of years as a member of NCAB
- ◆ Level of AALAS certification
- ◆ Number of years of experience in lab animal field
- ◆ Number of years experience as a trainer
- ◆ Lectures, workshops and presentations (to include trade meetings)
- ◆ Ability to provide effective up to date training information and techniques.
- ◆ Ability to train diversified groups of people.
- ◆ Involvement in the generation of standard operating procedures.
- ◆ Promotes and teaches individuals for AALAS certification.
- ◆ Membership and involvement in other organizations such as LAWTE and LATA

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**Dr. Joseph R. Held Award**

This award is intended for Clinical or Facility Laboratory Animal Veterinarians. The award specifically excludes directors of animal programs. The nominee will have sustained superior clinical performance, achieved recognition for a single accomplishment or contribution, or provided exemplary service to the Branch. All nominees must be members of NCAB AALAS. An honorarium of \$500.00 and a plaque will be awarded to the recipient of this award.

The following criteria will be considered in the final selection:

- ◆ Number of years working as a Clinical Veterinarian
- ◆ Educational background such as internship, residency, post graduate degree, board certification, etc.
- ◆ Ability to work well with others as a mentor and as a colleague.
- ◆ Daily contact with laboratory animals of one or more species in the performance of clinical veterinary medicine.
- ◆ Participation in organized laboratory animal medicine science, such as AALAS, ACLAM, etc.
- ◆ Participation in additional training / teaching for animal care / technical staff as well as public education / outreach groups and programs.
- ◆ Accomplishments, contributions and innovations in the field of laboratory animal care and medicine.
- ◆ Recognition by peers and co workers

# NCAB Award Application 2010

## I. Award

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check award:*

Durbin Award \_\_\_\_\_

Pierson Award \_\_\_\_\_

William Gay Trainer Award \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph Held Clinical Vet Award \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Personal Data:

Name of person being nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Certification Data:

AALAS (Highest Level Achieved): Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Explain): Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Educational Information: \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Professional Participation:

NCAB/AALAS Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

National AALAS Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Publications/Presentations: \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Employment Data:

Responsibilities at current employment, animal species experience (additional sheets may be added if necessary ) :

**VI. Previous Employment:**

Employer, date of employment, job title, animal species experience (additional sheets may be added if necessary):

**VII. Recommendations / Letters of Support: Lab Animal Related Supervisor and/or Head of Department**

Please address items from the Suggested NCAB "Guidelines". Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement. (Should be written on a separate document's)

SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM AND ENDORSEMENTS TO NCAB/AALAS  
AWARDS COMMITTEE:

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301-496-9608 office  
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**NCAB - AALAS  
AALAS Certification  
EXAM Scholarship Application**

**Personal Data**

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Application Level**

Please check one

**ALAT** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAT** \_\_\_\_\_ **LATG** \_\_\_\_\_  
Present AALAS certification level \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Data**

Check highest level completed  
Grammar School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_  
College Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Achieved \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Educational information \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Participation:** *One Year as an NCAB member required*

**NCAB / AALAS Member** \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
**National AALAS member** \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Received** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Attendance** \_\_\_\_\_

**AALAS Participation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Publications / Presentations** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employments Data**

Responsibilities of current position, animal species, number of animals, etc. Additional sheets may be added as necessary.

**Previous Employment**

Provide previous employment information regarding animal species, number of animals, etc. Additional sheets may be added as necessary.

**Endorsements**

Attach at least two letters of recommendation from a supervisor, manager , veterinarian and / or director.

Closure date for applications : August 30, 2010

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# Have You heard the Buzz?

All these members passed their  
certification exams!  
Congratulations!

## ALAT

Shannon Bachman—Priority One  
Mariela Barahona—Priority One  
Rachel Fleischmann – Charles River

Cameron Jones—Priority One  
Keith Jones—Priority One  
Cornelius Johnson—Priority One  
Patrese Muller—Priority One

## LATG

Kristen Kuzma—Charles River



## LAT

Isis Alexander—Charles River  
Asael Alvarado—MedImmune  
Adrian Carrington—Priority One  
A.G. Carrington—Priority One  
Catherine Eaker— Charles River  
David Monroy —Priority One

Lena Publico— Charles River  
Molly Reed—MedImmune  
Jodi Rinaldi —Priority One

Jared Rouchard— Charles River  
Daqing Song— Charles River  
Steve Soto —Priority One  
Lucy Trombley —Priority One





## 2009 Individual Membership Form

Register online at [www.NCABAALAS.org](http://www.NCABAALAS.org) with secure online payment (or mail/fax form to address below)

- Membership includes on-line subscription to NCAB Newsletter, discounts for workshops, NCAB annual seminar, NCAB List-serv, monthly meeting socials, etc.
- MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$15.00 per year (make check payable to NCAB/AALAS)
- WAIVER of fee if you have received your certification (ALAT, LAT, LATG, CMAR) recently. To receive a complimentary one (1) year membership, send a copy of your certification along with this completed form. NCAB/AALAS will **only** accept the certification that has been sent to you from the **National AALAS office**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (home \_\_\_\_; work \_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home \_\_\_\_; work \_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

AALAS member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Referred by (new members only) \_\_\_\_\_

Certification (circle): ALAT LAT LATG CMAR Certification date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* Membership fee waived if certification within six months of application; certification must accompany this form

**Membership Dues – 2009**      **\$15** \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MC or VISA (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_ expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up online at [www.NCABAALAS.org](http://www.NCABAALAS.org) at secure site or mail/fax completed forms to:

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# Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2010

## Issue

July/August

September/October

November/December

## Deadline


June 15, 2010

August 15, 2010

October 15, 2010

Please submit information for the newsletter to  
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or at phone 301-402-0408

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