NCAB President Daisy Khouri Saba releases First Quarter recap of 2019—Confirms rise in membership

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In January we kicked off our Meet & Greet during Tech Week at That’s Amore. Our meeting was held on January 31st and we had a great turn out of almost 100 Members and non-members. We were happy to welcome several first-time attendees and hope to see them again at a future meeting!

Vaneasha Ali – Bioroyal, Joe Blackston–Charles River Laboratories (1st time attending), Maggie Edouard–Charles River Laboratories (1st time attending), Nina Callahan–Charles River Laboratories, Johnnie Harring–II. Charles River Laboratories (1st time attending), Nikki Winston (seated)–Charles River Laboratories (1st time attending), Claudine Bobb–Charles River Laboratories, Dr. Danielle Covington–Bioroyal, Katrina Brown–Charles River Laboratories

Next up March 14th brought NCAB’s own Dr. Brian Wilgenburg a Clinical Veterinarian with NINDS at NIH. He provided a preview of his upcoming presentation for Lab Animal Veterinarians in North Carolina. We learned a lot about Rats and enjoyed a delicious dinner from Bucca di Beppo! Special thank you to AstraZeneca (formerly MedImmune) and Donna Goldsteen (Ad-Hoc Council Member) for hosting our event.
Our Lunch and Learn series continued into 2019 as well. We had our first successful meeting at NIH on April 5th with a returning special guest our former NCAB President Dr. LaTesa Hughes. Dr. Hughes provided a fascinating look into her new adventures overseas in Ethiopia. Not only has Dr. Hughes began teaching English to more than 100 eager learners but she has found time to make an impact with Animal Welfare and Laboratory Animal Medicine as well. Look for a special check in message from her as you continue reading.

Our Programs Committee is hard at work to continue to provide opportunities for our members to earn CEU’s and network. If you haven’t had the chance lately check out our website www.ncabaalas.org we provide current industry information, a calendar with upcoming events and post career opportunities as well. If you hadn’t heard NCAB has joined the Social Media craze with our very own Facebook page! The page is open to anyone however the administrator will approve requests on an individual basis search ‘NCAB AALAS’.

I could go on with all the behind the scenes and our wonderful volunteers from Seminar to Public Outreach Committees our team is hard at work to bring you an awesome Seminar in September. Please read on to learn more about NCAB and all we have to offer!

Sincerely,

Daisy Khouri Saba, BS, CMAF, RLATG
NCAB President 2019
YOU ARE INVITED!

NCAB
MAY GENERAL BODY MEETING

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
DR. ERIC HUTCHINSON:
“A PRACTITIONERS GUIDE TO TREATING ABNORMAL BEHAVIORS”

MAY 16, 2019
5:00PM

Silver Spring Civic Building
1 Veterans Place
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dr. Eric K. Hutchinson is the Associate Director of Research Animal Resources and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular and Comparative Pathobiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His research focuses on the behavioral and physiological consequences of laboratory environments for research animals, and how those may impact experiments.

Dinner Provided by
Urban Barbeque

Meeting will take place in the ‘Spring’ Room of the Civic Building
Hello! District 3! Time again to take a minute to get caught up with the AALAS world. Since the last newsletter the AALAS Board of Trustees had their annual winter meeting held by conference call on February 26, 2019. Everyone was in attendance except for the District 1 and District 6 trustees but their alternates were there to properly represent their districts. There was a long informal discussion on the following topics:

1. Board Assessment Survey – The EC would like to implement a board assessment survey to evaluate how the BOT performed overall. The EC will compose a survey to use at the close of all business meetings, and hopefully the first one will be delivered at the end of the Summer Session. The purpose is to identify board strengths and weaknesses and to allow for honest and open feedback.

2. Community platform – The EC discussed CompMed integration to the community platform. Because of contractual arrangements, there are non-AALAS members who use the CompMed listserv. Non-members will be permitted the continued use of the service for the next year. After that time, we will evaluate the member/non-member usage of the community. CompMed will be the only platform to have non-members, and non-members will need to complete an application in order to login to the CompMed community. Based on the survey that was sent to all CompMed users, approximately 11% are non-members. CompMed has been in existence for over 20 years, and a lot of original data people completed to access the listserv is no longer available.

3. Certification Manual Translation Request – AALAS received a request to translate the certification manuals into other languages. AALAS policies state education materials can be translated with a signed contract as to how the materials will be used. The requesting institution did not want to follow the current policies/contract requirement. The EC determined not to proceed with the request, unless the institution will follow the current policies in place. These are necessary channels to protect the organization should anything go away from the translation. Dr. Turner will formally respond to the request.

4. Research Associates – The research associate community is a sector that has not necessarily been engaged with AALAS. The EC recommends creating an ad hoc committee of research associates to work with AALAS staff in evaluating existing products and services. This will be specifically directed at targeting relevant information for research associates and to help determine the needs of that community.

5. Vendors – The research associate discussion branched out into additional discussion about other areas needing development. The EC discussed possibly creating a vendor workshop as a way to encompass vendor needs and show appreciation for them. Dr. Turner and the AALAS staff will develop this idea further and include in the 2020 budget.

6. Alternate Trustees – After reviewing BOT input regarding the Alternate Trustee position, the EC decided to work towards engaging the Alternates and providing enhanced training opportunities. The EC proposed that the Alternate Trustees take the Leadership Academy, which will be rebranded as the “Emergent Leadership Forum.”
The BOT Minute

It would be open to anyone invested in AALAS leadership, specifically Alternate Trustees, Trustees, committee membership, as well as branch leaders. To enhance Alternate Trustee involvement, President Mackay would like to charge each District Trustee with directly communicating with the Alternate Trustee to review agendas prior to a BOT meeting. The Alternate and District Trustees will need to be prepared to provide an update on their activities at each BOT session.

The Board voted and accomplished these tasks.

- Approved a change in the AALAS Strategic Goals and Objectives (GOaTs)
  - From: Provide education, training and certification that encourage professional development in laboratory animal science.
  - To: Provide education, training and certification that facilitates professional development in laboratory animal science and enhances recognition within the research community
- Approved the AALAS Transparency Position
- Approved the ICLAS request for National AALAS meeting fees
- Approved 2020 Committee Chairs and the 2020 National Meeting Program Committee Vice Chair
  - CMAR - Ms. Molly L Romick, CMAR, RLATG (20)*
  - CTAD - Julie A Avalos, CMAR, RLATG (20)*
  - ERC - Ms. Jennifer L Brooks, LATG (20)*
  - EC_FTNMS - Dr Larry J Shelton (20)*
  - EC_LDS - Kim E. Saunders, DVM (20)***
  - EAC - Mr. Joseph Patrick Guider Jr (20)*
  - GRC - Ms. Karen S Guerra, CMAR, RLATG (20)
  - ILAM - Mr. Gordon Yee (20)
  - NMLAS - Julie V. Vineyard, BA, RLATG (20)*
  - NC - Mr. Kenneth B Shapiro (20)*
  - OLC - Dr Todd A Jackson (20)*
  - SAC - Dr William W King (20)*
  - NMPC Vice Chair - Dr Rachel R Rubino

- Approved the revision of the AALAS Policies & Procedures Manual (PPM) to transfer the National Meeting poster judging functions from the Awards Selection Committee to the Abstract Review Subcommittee under the National Meeting Program Committee.

If there is anything specific that you would like me to address to the Board, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa K Sexrest
District 3 Trustee
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Application Period: April 12 to June 1*

Registration Fee $450 (full or partial scholarships may be available)
Highlights:
- 5-day Writing Boot Camp July 22-26 in Bethesda, MD
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*Notification of acceptance will be emailed to the student applicant two weeks after complete application packet is received.

Visit http://curIOUSscienceWRITERS.org to learn more.
Greetings Members!

As always, the Program Committee is working hard to provide interesting speakers for the general membership meetings. We all were very pleased to be hosted again at MedImmune for the last time earlier this month. Of course, we will be back at the venue, only it will be Astra Zeneca. Dr. Wilgenburg had a great turnout for his presentation and everyone seemed to enjoy the food from Buca di Beppo!

Our next meeting will be held in Silver Spring at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Dr. Eric Hutchinson from John’s Hopkins will be speaking about some special projects going on at Hopkins that are exciting for JHU and our entire industry. The date is May 16th with more details to come closer to the date, but as per last time Urban BBQ will kick off the spring with delicious snacks for the networking portion.

The next meeting will be held in July on the 11th at the NIH Bayview Campus. We will have one of the National Institute of Aging’s Behaviorist, Dr. Ross McDevitt speaking to us on some of his fascinating research. Back in high demand we will be providing Jimmy’s Famous Seafood for those of you that make it out to hear Dr. McDevitt’s talk!

After Seminar, the next general membership meeting will be back in Silver Springs at the Civic Building October 10th. We have a speaker from the USDA, Dr. Randy Baldwin. His career at USDA as a researcher spans 20 years so I personally can’t wait to hear his topic! Fall, like any time is perfect for tacos, so a member favorite: Taco Bar will be provided for members prior to Dr. Baldwin’s talk. We are also pursuing a bus trip down to the Conservation Discovery Day held at the National Zoo facility in Front Royal, VA. We are working on the details and will provide the membership more info as its available!

Thank you all again for the support! Without your attendance we wouldn’t have Programs!

Program Chair: Bryan Beltran
Programs Co-Chair: Erin Straley
Program Committee: Amir Hussein, Emily Beall, Charles Reitz, Regina Moye, Neil Grove
RTB AALAS is Hosting the D4 Meeting
"Honoring the Past While Embracing the Future"
June 6th – 7th, 2019
North Carolina State University
McKimmon Center for Extension & Continuing Education
1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606

Register Now For Early Bird Pricing

To register for the D4 Meeting
https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/event-3029524

To register for the D4 Labs
https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/event-3201966

Key Note Speakers from AALAS & HAH from 9am-10am on Thursday and Friday
Career Recruiting Panel
Thursday Night Social at Boxcar Arcade in Raleigh, NC
Buffet lunch provided on Thursday
Fish Wet Lab - Presented by Lauren Buslinger on Thursday, June 6th
Anesthesia Dry Lab - Presented by Dr. Tyler Long on Friday, June 7th

For questions about D4 Registration, email info@rtb.org
New RTB AALAS Website: https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org
Greetings!

The Program for Seminar is shaping up nicely this year! With a few months to go we have over 20 speakers committed with various topics! We plan to have (2) days of “What’s your diagnosis” to include as many Animal Care staff as possible! We will have a new Tract: “Technology in the Vivarium” to include a wide variety of topics focusing on the inevitable digitization of many aspects of the day to day operations. We will also focus on Aquatics species as they are emerging as a more widely adopted research model in the industry. There will also be a Vendor talk section, similar to Nationals where vendors will have 15-20 minutes to introduce new technology on Thursday.

There will be (2) Plenary speakers this year; (1) each day. On Wednesday the current National AALAS President, Morag Mackay will be speaking to an audience about volunteerism and updating us on the new happenings from our hub! Anybody at LAMA saw how well she captivates the audience and motivates anyone with an open ear. She has a first-hand story on how volunteering can catapult you ahead in the world. I won't give away any more of her talk: you'll just have to be there to hear for yourselves!

The second plenary speaker on Thursday is a special guest that you might have seen on the NetFlix show: World’s Weirdest Events commenting on the behavior of a few Macaques. Dr. Lisa Jones-Engel is a Research Assistant at the University of Washington’s Department of Anthropology. She focuses on non-human primate topics and has agreed to speak to us on some of her research! Her plenary talk is titled: Where They Walk Monkeys Dance: Our Complicated Relationship with Macaques. I have placed a link below to her talk on the BBC show in case everyone wants to see her speak! Also her brief bio is listed on the next page for a nice background.
Seminar Programs Speaker!

For 35 years I have studied the human-primate interface in Asia, Africa and the primate biomedical facilities of the US. I have worked with rehabilitant and wild orangutans in Indonesia, wild, pet, temple and performing macaques throughout Asia and as an animal care technician I hand-reared chimpanzees at LEMSIP. I have managed animal sanctuaries in The Gambia and Thailand, and more recently began volunteering with the chimps in "my own back yard" (Chimp Sanctuary NW). At the University of Washington, I built an NIH-funded, international, multidisciplinary, translational research program which has focused on the infectious agents that are transmitted at the porus human-macaque interface. As a 2014-15 Fulbright Scholar in Bangladesh I was studying the demographic, ecological and economic realities of the Bedey (the semi-nomadic group that has for centuries used performing monkeys). My work, which straddles the field, sanctuaries and laboratories gives me an unparalleled understanding of how stakeholders think about primates. In my position as a Member of the University of Washington's IACUC I work tirelessly to improve animal welfare and to confront the difficult scientific and ethical dilemmas inherent when animals are used in biomedical research. As a Biological Anthropologist, I look for the connections between humans, animals and their environments, identifying those characteristics and behaviors that facilitate contact and relationships.

A brief intro to some of the first few rounds of “call for abstracts” is listed below. I am only listing the folks that had returned their submission forms so this is less than half that have committed for talks. So we are a long way from the complete program so please if you know a great talk or have a PI whose research should be shared to the community please reach out to us soon! Thank you all for the wonderful response so far and we all looking forward to this year’s 2019 NCAB Seminar!

- Dr. Laura Schaevitz - Leveraging Digital Biomarkers to Improve Animal Health and Scientific Outcomes
- Dr. David Garbe - Communicating the Importance of Biomedical and Animal Research through informal education
- Paul Lorcheim – Applications for UV-C Disinfection in an Animal Research Facility
- Eric Arlund – The Digital Mouse: Better Data Through Digital Collection
- Dr. Arlene Leon - The Importance of Microbial Antibiotic Sensitivity Tests in Animal Treatment
- Dr. Arlene Leon – Animal Health Monitoring – From Sample Collection to Final Report
- Dr. Alireza Hosseini – Education and Evolving Professional Opportunities in Laboratory Animals
- Bob MacGregor – Rebuilding Monkey Island after Hurricane Maria
- Dr. Bernadette Alisantosa - Systemic Candida parapsilosis infection in severely immunocompromised mouse models of chronic granulomatous disease
- Dr. Ross McDevitt – Age Related Decline in Mouse Activity and Locomotor studies

Lot’s of great things in the works and lots more to come!
https://anthropology.washington.edu/people/lisa-jones-engel
Seminar Program Chair: Bryan Beltran
Seminar Program Co-Chairs: Dr. Jatinder Julani, Dr. Carrie Benton,
Seminar Program Committee: Neil Grove, Emily Beall
In Memory of Asa B. Dorsey Our Dear Friend and Colleague

Asa B. Dorsey, a longtime member of the NCAB AALAS community recently passed away and we honor his memory and legacy by sharing the news with the community at large.

Asa B. Dorsey was born in 1926, in Mount Airy, Maryland. His mother operated the family farm, and his father was a Blacksmith and Wheelwright. In the 1940’s he served in the United States Army at Fort Bliss, Texas. Asa worked within the Laboratory Animal Care and Use field for a total of 59 years. The first 44 years was at the Navy Medical Research Institute (NMRI) and then he ended his career with another 15 years with the SAIC Lab Animal Sciences Program at the National Institutes of Health, both in Bethesda, Maryland. Asa is survived by his three sons, Dave Dorsey and his wife Lynn, Jerry Dorsey and his wife Celestine, Michael Dorsey, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

You can use any superlative adjective you know in our language to describe Asa in the many roles and relationships he built while living his life and it would be a good fit. Asa was a human-being extraordinary and his wisdom and compassion had a very positive influence on many in our field. He will always be warmly remembered on how he lived his life in a very meaningful way — with hope and optimism. Asa was truly a good man with a huge heart and a gentle soul. He was much more concerned about the animals in his care and the people that used and cared for them, then himself.

Asa was a tremendous figure in our industry and his loss has been felt heavily. Other longtime NCAB members have shared the following:

“In my early days of sales Asa was one of the first people I called upon when he was at NMRI and I have to say that started a delightful friendship throughout the years and it would be nice to just call upon Asa and hear the stories of his life and hear him talk about his kids rather than selling him something. In the later years after he retired it was wonderful to meet him in the Costco in Gaithersburg where he said he loved to visit and have lunch there. He was a gentle and wonderful human being and so thoughtful.”

Bettie Fatzie

“Asa was the bedrock within the VRB aka DVR. He was a gentleman who supported a legion of us young vets who showed up at his door. I will always remember his kindness and patience to with me as all the organizational transformations that central service faced in those tumultuous times.”

Marlene Cole

“Asa was man of much wisdom, while remaining a very humble man. He built strong and warm relationships with many over the course of his career. He always had the time to
talk and he helped my career blossom beyond my wildest expectations. Asa always took a keen interest in me as a person, asking about my family, my job, and how my involvement in AALAS, LAMA and AAALAC International was going. Over the decades, Asa and I came to know each other well, and I certainly came to appreciate the love, the care, the goodness, and the gifts of Asa. He was an extremely honest man who told you 'how it was'. He was a conversationalist extraordinaire. You see, Asa was one of those rare individuals where you could pick right up on the conversation you previously had with him as if there was no time at all between those conversations. He was so happy to be alive and healthy during the time that we knew each other. He never gave up his hunger to be connected, to know what was going on and to share his time in conversation. Many times, this was an opportunity for him to give the person he was talking with --- an historical perspective of what he had encountered during his life”.

Rob Weichbrod

Asa’s qualities of hard work and striving to be a better human-being has left a strong legacy behind for us. He was truly the salt of the earth, whose spirit will live on forever in the hearts and minds of his family, co-workers and friends.

Asa B. Dorsey strived hard to make the world a better place – accomplished this in a superb and noble way. For this --- we fellow NCAB/AALAS members are extremely grateful.
NCAB 2019 Seminar Call for Speakers

March 2019

Greetings All!
I hope everyone’s new year is off to a great start! With the beginning of a new year also marks the beginning of planning for NCAB events. In 2019 we will be having the annual NCAB Seminar at Turf Valley on September 11th and 12th. We will require speakers for this event and would like to request anyone interested in the wonderful opportunity to share either your expertise or research interests with the NCAB audience of professionals. This event is always well attended and hope to pull in members from other branches not having their own seminars.

We are still working on the finalized tracks so anyone interested please email the following people on the Program Committee with your topic and a brief synopsis.

We all look forward to this year’s Seminar and hope you can take advantage of a wonderful platform to educate NCAB’s members!

Thank you for your support!

The NCAB Seminar Program Committee

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Adventures of an American Vet in Africa

Happy Spring! Greetings from your 2017 NCAB President. Hello from Ethiopia! Your 2019 Prez, Daisy, asked if I could share a few updates of how things are going here in the Horn of Africa. As many of you may know, I left NIH and the Maryland area in August 2018 to live in Ethiopia to teach English at my church. I have now been living in Ethiopia for 7 months and I have to say that this has been the most challenging experience of my life but also the most rewarding. I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people and experience a variety of new things that have challenged me and caused significant growth. I have experienced a roller coaster of emotions being so far away from home; living in a country where I don't speak the language very well. Given the large Ethiopian population in the DC Metropolitan area, I had an introduction to the culture but to be immersed in it is a different experience. I am learning new things every day and all day and have experienced more days of mental fatigue than I experienced in vet school! But I am taking it all in and just embracing this once in a lifetime opportunity.

I currently teach several English classes at my church, From the Heart Church Ministries of Ethiopia in Debre Zeyit (Bishoftu). Before arriving, I had expected to teach adults only as that is what I did for several years at the NIH. However, I found out upon arrival that I was needed for the teens. I had never taught teens English, so this was a brand new experience for me. On day one of class, I had 12 students, ages 16-19. As time progressed, the younger children started trickling in. I had 6 little ones coming consistently from age 7-14. They needed separate instruction, so I was teaching several age groups in one class. I was definitely overwhelmed so I started a separate class for children with the 6 little ones. Word spread, and that class grew to over 30 children ranging from ages 5 to 15. I recently split that class into three age groups. Now I have a total of 6 classes for teens and children with about 50 children total.

While in Ethiopia, I have still been able to keep my lab animal vet hat on and have had the opportunity to learn more about laboratory animal science here and the various challenges. I have been consulting with the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI, http://www.ephi.gov.et/#) which is the equivalent to the combination of the NIH and CDC. EPHI has the desire to become the gold standard and leader of biomedical research and laboratory animal medicine/science in Ethiopia and to lobby for lab animal welfare laws in the country. Currently, Ethiopia does not have strong animal welfare laws and a mechanism of implementing good animal welfare law. Mr. Endalk is an awesome individual whose vision for laboratory animal science and biomedical research in Ethiopia and along its borders is exceptional and far reaching! He is incredibly motivated to improve and establish strong animal welfare and produce credible and viable research outcomes with highly trained professionals.
I am privileged to be a part of this massive undertaking of paramount importance and have joined in the vigorous plan to make this a reality. Mr. Endalk and I have created a resource entitled Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Research and Other Purposes in Ethiopia. We are very excited about this guide as it will provide the standards for all lab animal research facilities to pattern themselves off of within the country.

We just had the first, hopefully annual, National Ethiopian Lab Animal Welfare and Biomedical Research Meeting. This meeting took place in Addis Ababa March 21-22. We had about 25 lab animal professionals from around the country in attendance as well as several government officials present (the African Union, CDC, Ministry of Agriculture). This was monumental as we are trying to create robust lab animal welfare awareness in the country so having government representation present was a launching point and awesome opportunity for us to share our message and have our voices heard. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Francis A. Fakoya, founder of the Animal Care and Use in Research, Education and Testing (ACURET, http://acuret.org), which is a non-profit organization striving to promote humane animal care and use for scientific purposes in developing countries. We also had one of our fellow NCAB members, Dr. Lauren Davidson, APD at NIDCR, give a presentation on U.S. regulations. I also gave a presentation on keeping our lab animals healthy and optimizing breeding capacity. This was a very productive two-day meeting and all left motivated and ready to get to work!

I’ve also had the opportunity to give lab animal seminars and hands-on trainings at several of the veterinary schools within the country and plan to visit several more in the near future. I’ve partnered with the Ohio State University Global One Health Initiative (https://globalonehealth.osu.edu) and will be a guest lecturer in their summer training institute later this year.

I had the wonderful opportunity to tour the SPANA (https://spana.org) program whose main location is on the Addis Ababa University veterinary school campus here in Debre Zeyit. This is an awesome NGO that works to improve the welfare of working animals such as donkeys and horses. Ethiopia has the second largest population of donkeys right after China. SPANA provides free medical treatment for any horse or donkey brought to their facility. I was also able to attend the Ethiopia Veterinary Conference (EVC) which was an interesting opportunity and a good introduction into veterinary medicine here in Ethiopia and some of the primary concerns and issues facing the profession such as ensuring good quality meat and uncontaminated milk for the people.

I have a new pet, Yoni cat, who just strolled into my house one day. I fed him, so he stuck around. He loves to sleep on the couch and beg for any food I’m eating. Broccoli, carrots and goat lungs are some of his favorites. I have had the wonderful opportunity to visit Kenya and Nigeria while I’ve been here and hope to make my way over to Sierra Leone, Ghana and South Africa in the upcoming months.

I have been quite busy these past 7 months and am looking forward to what the future holds!
AALAS Foundation Releases New "Celebrate the Mouse" Presentation "What's Happening in Arthritis Research?"

The AALAS Foundation is excited to announce the release of its latest FREE, SPEAKER-READY, Power Point presentation - "What’s Happening in Arthritis Research?"

This marks the fifth presentation in the series of "Celebrate the Mouse - What’s Happening in Research?” public outreach Power Point presentation - joining "What’s Happening in Breast Cancer Research?”, "What’s Happening in Heart Disease Research?”, "What’s Happening in Diabetes Research?” and "What's Happening in Alzheimer's Disease Research?”

All of these presentations are available for free to assist AALAS members in their public outreach efforts within their local communities.

Click here for more details and to request a copy of the presentation!

Questions? Contact us at foundation@aals.org or visit www.aalasfoundation.org

Support the AALAS Foundation

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A peep into upcoming NCAB Seminar 2019 Workshops

Wondering what we are planning for NCAB Seminar 2019 Workshops? Here’s a sneak peak at the line up!

**IACUC Bootcamp! Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm with a working lunch**

The workshop will start with an opening presentation on IACUC compliance related issues. The session will include a review of multiple case studies to be examined for animal welfare and compliance concerns in small groups. Each group will address questions presented by the hypothetical incident and will be followed by an open discussion among all participants. Questions will address key IACUC-related issues, such as how to appropriately review the issue in the committee, reporting to regulatory agencies and follow-up, and changes needed to improve animal welfare and institutional compliance.

**Suturing Workshop – Date/time TBD**

Beginner and advanced sessions on tissue suturing from the experts at NIH. Great hands-on experience and common trouble-shooting topics addressed.

We also have a paper pencil test for the AALAS exams at Seminar as well.

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**Posters Committee's Call for Abstracts**

Posters Committee's Call for Abstracts will begin May 20th and run through July 1st. Poster winners will be announced Wednesday and during the plenary session Thursday morning. In addition to the ribbons placed on the winning posters, ribbons will be given for award winners to attach to their badges. Cash prizes will also be awarded!
Website Updates

1. Institutional Members List.

The Institutional Member List is back on to the website and powered by our membership database. If your Institutional Membership is active, your organization will appear in the list automatically and will remain there for the length of your active membership. The list includes your organization's name and the option to show a logo and a link to your homepage.

2. Career Pages.

In addition to our Jobs page, we added a special page to list our Institutional Members' careers pages. To add your page today, simply ask your bundle administrator to add a link to the "Organization Careers Page" field in their profile. This is another way to make sure your organization is accessible to our highly qualified members.

3. Event Pictures.

For our active, logged in members, pictures from our NCAB Events will be available under Events > Event Pictures.

4. Lab Animal News Feed.

The Lab Animal News Feed groups the best lab animal news into one feed to help you catch up on current events. The feed includes seven lab animal news sources from ALN Magazine to the USDA AWIC News. The most recent five articles are available to everyone on our homepage, but active logged-in members can view the entire 50 article feed.
This event is for students to learn about all areas of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) through professional and student presentations, hallway displays, hands-on exhibits, and science bowl and robotic competitions.

STEAM Fair at Takoma Park Middle School

We had a ton of students and parents come to our booth to learn about the animal research field, what we do, and how we support the animals every day. We had four amazing volunteers in Donna Goldsteen, Nakita Charles, Javier Goitia, Vanessha Ali, who really did a great job interacting with the students and teaching them about the animal world.

We all utilized different tools like fact trivia cards, posters, handouts, and an enrichment matching game to help with the conversations. The event went from 6-9 pm and was really engaging the entire night.

Without the volunteer efforts, we would not have been able to support the students in the great way we did. A huge thanks goes out!
Is there someone in your organization who recently achieved his/her AALAS certification or recorded other notable achievements like ILAM graduation? Please recognize and congratulate them in the newsletter!

Priority One Services
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