



# NCAB NEWSLETTER

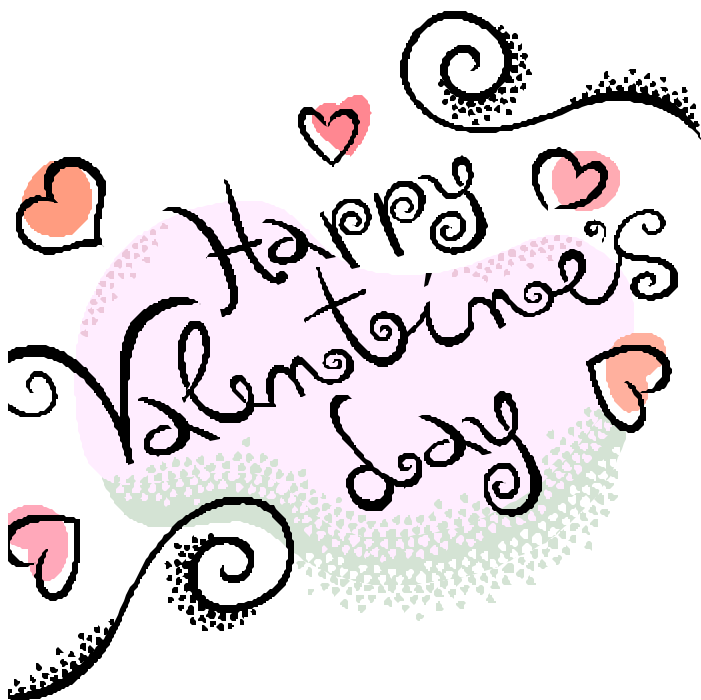
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*Happy New Year!*



*Happy Year of The  
Monkey*



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## NCAB / AALAS 2004 Poster Session

It is that time again; time to start thinking about your submission for the 30th annual NCAB / AALAS 2004 Seminar poster session being held at the Turf Valley Conference Center on September 22 and 23.

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

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

More detailed information will be in the next NCAB/AALAS newsletter and posted on the website, <http://www.ncabaalas.org/> . By the way, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are awarded for poster presentations.

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

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# SCAW Meeting Schedule

## March

IACUC-Advanced workshop held in Baltimore, MD on March 5, 2004  
www.scaw.com info@scaw.com 301-345-3500

## April

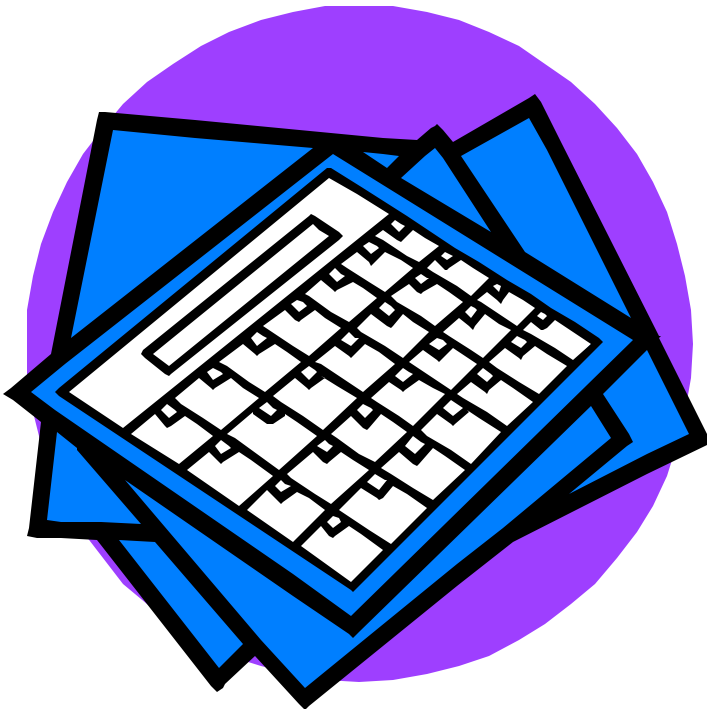
IACUC-Advanced workshop held in New York, NY on April 15, 2004  
www.scaw.com info@scaw.com 301-345-3500

## September

IACUC-Advanced workshop held in Denver, CO on September 17, 2004  
www.scaw.com info@scaw.com 301-345-3500

## December

SCAW winter conference held in San Antonio, TX, December 6-7, 2004  
www.scaw.com info@scaw.com 301-345-3500



# Course Announcement

## NCAB ALAT/LAT Review Course 2004

Wednesdays  
March 3, 2004 – June 23, 2004  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)  
4301 Jones Bridge Road  
Bethesda, MD  
Sandford Auditorium

**Cost: \$40.00 (includes workbook and binder)**

AALAS certification is the highest recognition for technicians in the laboratory animal science profession. The AALAS Technician Certification Program was developed to recognize professional achievement and provide an authoritative endorsement of competence in laboratory animal technology. Knowledge in laboratory animal science will continue to grow, as will the challenge to stay current in the field. Technicians who have mastered the challenge are people who never stop learning.

### **Course Overview:**

The NCAB ALAT/LAT review course is a powerful tool designed to aid the qualified candidate in preparing for the national AALAS Certification Examination for ALAT/LAT. The candidate is encouraged to take the exam as soon as possible after completion of the review course. The goal of the course is to embellish the course outline for the ALAT/LAT certification levels and to concentrate on those areas where the candidate feels an academic weakness.

The candidate must submit his/her applications to Lisa Secret at [lisa@priorityoneservices.com](mailto:lisa@priorityoneservices.com). or by fax at 703-971-5440 Study materials will be available to participants the first day of the course.

Emphasis of the Course will include three categories:

- Animal Husbandry
- Facility Management
- Animal Health and Welfare

# NCAB ALAT/LAT Review Course Registration

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Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)  
4301 Jones Bridge Road  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Current Certification: NONE ALAT LAT LATG  
Sign Language interpreter needed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Project Manager \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Manager signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee is mandatory for enrollment purposes. Workbooks and binders are included. Manuals will not be provided unless ordered and paid in full.**

Circle Appropriate Box	NCAB Member	Non Member	Quantity Needed
Registration	\$ 40	\$ 45	1
ALAT Manual	\$ 50	\$ 80	
ALAT Manual (Spanish)	\$ 40	\$ 60	
LAT Manual	\$ 50	\$80	
<b>Total Cost</b>			

**Payment Options: (Make checks payable to: ncab/aalas)**

Cash\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration form and payments to:**

Lisa K. Secret  
Priority One Services, Inc.  
6600 Fleet Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22310  
Fax: (703) 971-5440

Direct questions to [lisa@priorityoneservices.com](mailto:lisa@priorityoneservices.com) or call (703) 971-5504



## **BIG NEWS!!!!**

NCAB has gotten permission to have pencil/paper certification exams for ALAT, LAT, LATG and CMAR!

Applications to test must be received at National AALAS in Memphis no later than 19 May 2004. When asked on the application computer or paper please check off the block for paper and write the following address:

USUHS  
4301 Jones Bridge Road  
Bethesda, MD 20892

Exams will be held on:

### **ALAT/LAT/LATG**

30 June 2004  
8:00 am  
Sandford Auditorium

### **CMAR Exam**

30 June 2004  
1:00 pm  
Lecture Room D

AALAS will start to accept applications in March for all four of these exams. If you are interested in taking your certification tests please contact me by fax or email with:

Name  
Exam requested  
Address  
Phone contact  
Email contact.

I need this information so we have the proper amount of materials, room space and proctors and of course to cross-check with AALAS so no one gets missed!

Look for the announcement in this newsletter for the ALAT/LAT review which is also being held at USUHS starting March 3, 2004. This course will end exactly two weeks before the certification exams will be given. The week between will be the NCAB picnic also at USUHS. More details to follow. There are 185 slots open. With the pencil exams right after the course the spots will fill up fast. Please send registration forms in ASAP to secure a slot.

Please help to get the word out!

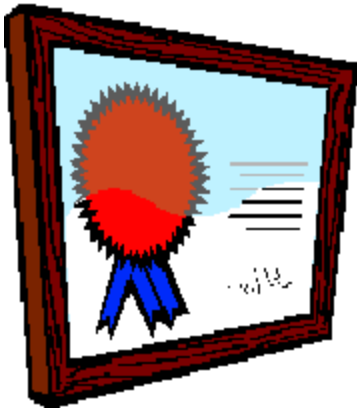
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# NCAB INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS 2003

AAALAC International	1997-2003	McConnell Group Inc	2003
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2003	Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2003
Alternative Design		MZM Environmental Inc.	1989-2003
Manufacturing & Supply	1994-2003	New Year Tech	2003
American Medlab		NIH/NIAID	2003
Services, Inc.	1996-2003	NIH/National Eye Institute	2002-2003
American Red Cross	1998-2003	NIH/Office of Animal	
Ancare Corporation	1984-2003	Care and Use	1989-2003
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2003	NIH/Veterinary Resources	
BioMedic Data Systems	1997-2003	Program	1979-2003
Bionetics Corporation	1993-2003	NLS Animal Health	1992-2003
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2003	Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2003
BioReliance Corp.	1979-2003	Nuaire	2003
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2003	Pharmal Research	
Carter Systems Inc	2003	Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2003
Charles River		Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2003
Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2003	Priority One Services	1994-2003
Children's Research Institute	1986-2003	Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2003
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2003	Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2003
Covance Research Products	1978-2003	Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2003
Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2003	Research Diets Inc	2002-2003
Elm Hill Breeding Labs	1998-2003	SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2003
FDA/CBER	1984-2003	Shepherd Specialty	
Genetic Therapy, Inc.	2000-2003	Papers, Inc.	1983-2003
George Washington		So Bran Inc	2002-2003
University	1982-2003	Steris Corporation	1993-2003
Getinge Castle Inc.	1994-2003	Suburban Surgical Co Inc	1988-2003
Girton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	1994-2003	Summit Medical Equipment	
Harlan Sprague Dawley, Inc.	1981-2003	Company	2003
Henry M. Jackson Foundation	2003	Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2003
Johns Hopkins Oncology		Tecniplast USA	2001-2003
Center	1982-2003	Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2003
Lab Products, Inc	1978-2003	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2005
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2003	Zivic Laboratories,	
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2004	Incorporated	1991-2003
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2003		
Marken Time Critical Express	2002-2003		
Marshall Farms Inc	1996-2003		

**Check out the NCAB Website:**  
[www.ncabaalas.org](http://www.ncabaalas.org)  
**for the latest information on upcoming events.**



## Lab Products Animal Technician Award

In recognition of International Laboratory Animal Technician week, Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the Lab Products Animal Technician Awards Program.

This program is intended to reward a deserving animal care technician from each of the 8 AALAS Districts with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. One award recipient will be selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts. 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 at the National AALAS Meeting; one years membership to AALAS and a \$250 cash award 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 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 the first year's awardees 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 for the award.
- 2) In future years, the award recipients from the previous year will form the Award Selection Committee (i.e., the 2004 Award Recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2005 Award Recipients).

## **Lab Products Animal Technician Award (cont.)**

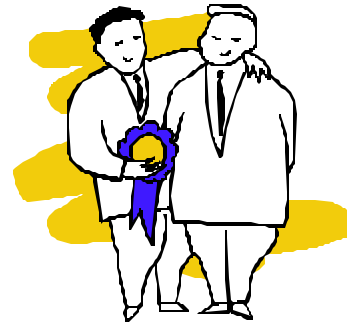
### **Award Selection Criteria:**

- 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:**

- 1) Nominations are to be by letter, detailing the Technicians' work history, accomplishments, community involvement, and describing how this travel award will benefit the technician and the facility. AALAS Branch membership, and involvement in branch AALAS 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



### **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 recipients agree 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.

**The award nominations must be postmarked by June 30, 2004.**

**National Capital Area Branch  
American Association For Laboratory Animal Science**

**Presents . . .**

**Dr. Kanta Subbarao, MD, MPH  
Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, NIAID, NIH**

**“Animal Models for SARS”**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Date:** Thursday, February 12, 2004

**Location:** Uniformed Services University  
Building A, Conference Room C

**Other events :** 3:00 Council Meeting  
5:30 Social Gathering  
6:30 Business Meeting

**Come join us for an evening of refreshments and drink  
Meet new people and visit with old friends**

Access process: If you do not have a military or government (NIH, FDA) employee ID, **you must “pre-register”**.

The process is easy, just contact Eileen Morgan at 301-496-9055 or email:  
mogane@mail.nih.gov before noon on Feb. 12th. Provide your name and fax #.

A temporary visitor pass will be faxed to you after you contact Eileen.

You must present this pass to the guard at the entrance to the campus. Alternatively, you can ride with someone who has a temporary visitor pass, military ID, or government ID, as this is only required to get you onto the USUHS campus. When on campus, you just need a photo ID, such as a driver's license.

## **Directions to USUHS (4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD)**

### **From downtown DC From downtown DC**

Take Wisconsin Avenue (Rt. 355) north to Bethesda. Make a right onto the National Naval Medical Center grounds at the light just past Jones Bridge Road (Jones Bridge Road is directly across the street from the National Library of Medicine/NIH). Take the first right (at the helicopter pad) on the National Naval Medical Center grounds and go through four stop signs (you will cross a bridge after the second stop sign). Just beyond the 4th stop sign is the University on the left. Go to the next stop sign and make a left to go under the University and into the parking garage.

### **From I-495 Virginia From I-495 Virginia**

Take 495 towards Rockville. At the I-270/I-495 split, stay to the right on I-495. Take the exit for Rt. 355/Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda. Go to the 4th Traffic light and make a left onto the National Naval Medical Center grounds. Take the first right (at the helicopter pad) and go through four stop signs (you will cross a bridge after the second stop sign). Just beyond the 4th stop sign is the University on the left. Go to the next stop sign and make a left to go under the University and into the parking garage.

### **From I-495 (Prince George's County/Baltimore)**

Take 495 towards Silver Spring. Exit at Rt. 355/Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda. Get in the far right lane to go towards Grosvenor. You will curve back to the left and come up to the traffic light at Rt. 355. Turn left onto Rt. 355. Go to the 4th Traffic light and make a left onto the National Naval Medical Center grounds. Take the first right (at the helicopter pad) and go through four stop signs (you will cross a bridge after the second stop sign). Just beyond the 4th stop sign is the University on the left. Go to the next stop sign and make a left to go under the University and into the parking garage.

### **From I-270 From I-270**

Take I-270 south. Stay to the left at the split. Stay in the left lane. Exit at Rt. 355/Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda. Go to the 4th Traffic light and make a left onto the National Naval Medical Center grounds. Take the first right (at the helicopter pad) and go through four stop signs (you will cross a bridge after the second stop sign). Just beyond the 4th stop sign is the University on the left. Go to the next stop sign and make a left to go under the University and into the parking garage.

### **Parking Parking**

Parking is restricted in front of the University after 6:00pm. You will be ticketed if you are parked in front after that time. Parking is available in the underground garage. Enter the tunnel and make a left into the parking garage. You may park anywhere you wish.

### **To Reach Building A, Conference Room C**

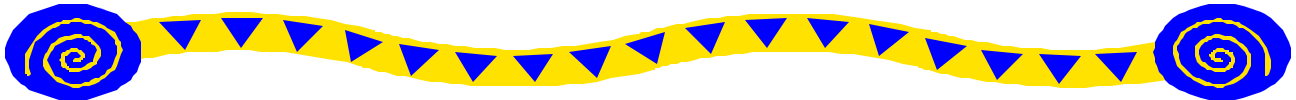
Enter the doors to Building B nearest the tunnel. The security guard desk is to the right. Take the elevator to the first floor and the main dining room is to the right. Exit through the double doors turn to your right and you will see Building A straight ahead. Enter the building and the Conference Room is to your left.

For more information: Contact Eileen Morgan at [morgane@mail.nih.gov](mailto:morgane@mail.nih.gov) or 301-496-9055, or visit the NCAB AALAS web page at <http://www.ncabaalas.org/>

# Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2004

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
March/April	February 15
May/June	April 15
July/August	June 15
September/October	August 15
November/December	October 15

Please submit information for the newsletter to  
Julia Drake at e-mail [drakej@nei.nih.gov](mailto:drakej@nei.nih.gov) or Kristen Horsley at e-mail  
[horsleyk@nei.nih.gov](mailto:horsleyk@nei.nih.gov) or at phone 301-435-1862 .



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