



NCAB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that this is my last President's message for the year. I would first like to thank my council members, they are a tremendous group of volunteers and I simply could not have completed the year without them. Lisa Secrest will begin her year as President in January and I know that the wonderful volunteers of NCAB will support her. I would like to thank the membership of NCAB, we increased attendance at the monthly meetings this year and I encourage you to continue coming to the monthly meetings, they are a valuable source for career development, education, and networking with peers. Once again we had a record breaking Seminar in September, the seminar committee did an awesome job and I send a thank you out to each member and volunteer. We have two functions left for 2004, the next monthly meeting on November 4 at 4:00 at 5 Research Ct., Rockville, MD and the Holiday Banquet and Casino Night on November 19 at the Ceresville Mansion in Frederick, MD; I look forward to seeing everyone at these events.

As my year as your President draws to a close, I know that I have made many new friends, I have renewed old friendships, I have seen volunteers at their best and I have no doubts of the value that NCAB brings to each individual member and the Laboratory Animal Science Industry.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading this wonderful group during 2004.

Laura





National Capital Area Branch American Association for Laboratory Animal Science

Presents . . .

"Where Were You 10 Years Ago Today?" Reflecting your past and measuring your future

NCAB would like to take this November meeting to hear from our colleague's, how did they get where they are today? In our biomedical field we have a variety of careers to choose from, managers, vendors, scientists and more. Most folks started as caretakers or technicians. Please join us in remembering their career paths. Lisa Secrest, Ted Plemons, Kelly Prevost, Marc Willis, and Maria Rosa.

Time: 4:00 pm ** Please bring photo ID for admittance **
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2004
Location: 5 Research Court
Rockville, Maryland 20850
Second Floor Lunch Room #2A16

Other events: 4:00 pm Social Gathering
4:45 pm Brief Business Meeting
5:00 pm Presentations

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

Directions:

Take I-270 North to the Shady Grove Exit (#8)
At the stop light turn left onto Shady Grove Road
At the second light, turn left onto Corporate Blvd.
Proceed approximately 2 blocks and turn right into the
5 Research Court parking lot. The Quality Inn is located
across the street from 5 RC.

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



Please join us for the

NCAB AALAS Holiday Banquet



and Casino Night



November 19, 2004

**At the Ceresville Mansion in Frederick,
MD**



Time: 7:00- 11:00 PM



**Holiday Menu and
Two hours open bar (converts to cash bar)**

Please mail this form with payment to:

Laura Mistretta, 6334 Alberta Street, Springfield, VA 22152.

Make checks payable to **NCAB/ AALAS**. If you would like to charge the tickets to your VISA or MasterCard, please call Laura at 703-923-9711.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE



Name: _____ Name(s) of guest(s) _____

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$37.00 = _____ total cost

Tickets must be purchased by November 4, 2004. No refunds will be issued.

For directions, go to www.ceresville.com or call Laura Mistretta, 703-923-9711.

Announcing Our 2004 Award Winners

***The following awards were announced on September 17, 2004
at the NCAB-AALAS Seminar:***

Nominees for the Durbin and Pierson Awards were:



Deborah Arends
Marlon Dillon
Melissa Williams
Joe Woo
Latasha Stewart
Gloria Salvador

And the Winners are . . .

Durbin Award Winner: Gloria Salvador

Pierson Award Winner: Melissa Williams

Winners of the Scholarship Awards:

ALAT

Daniel Bobb
Blaise P. Gain

LAT

Angela Constantino
Jessica Luke
Lennox Mathias
Rudolph J. Cooper
Mary I. Wiles
Onesimo Sencion
Aime Raymond Tchoua



I would also like to thank Julie Muszynski, and Edgar Czarra for their hard work on the Awards Committee.

Jeffery Linebaugh
Awards Committee Chair

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare



SCAW's Winter Conference will be held in beautiful downtown San Antonio on December 6-7, 2004. The historic Menger Hotel will house this educational two-day event and is only minutes from the Riverwalk.

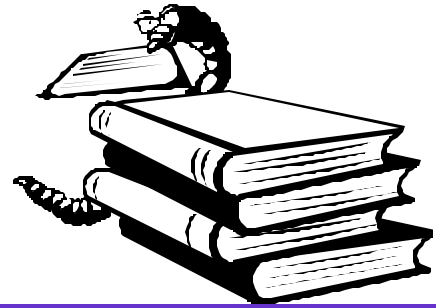
Encouraged to attend the Conference are Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee members, investigators, researchers, regulatory personnel, administrators, veterinarians, animal care staff and others interested in research animal well-being issues.

Listed below are some topics our expert panel of speakers will address:

- Biohazards & Bio-safety in Animal Research
- IACUC Issues and Responsibilities
- Overview of Regulatory Requirements, Comparison of Requirements USDA, OLAW, AAALAC and FDA
- Understanding Animal Behavior & Enrichment
- The Case for Protocol-Specific Husbandry and Enrichment Practices
- Role of Institutional Administrators & IACUC Coordinators

Please see the website www.scaw.com for meeting registration, location and accommodation information.

New Offering at the AALAS Learning Library



The AALAS Learning Library (www.aalaslearninglibrary.org) is pleased to announce a new online course aimed at researchers and technicians, “Working with the Laboratory Mouse”.

This is a free 3.5 CEU course that offers streaming video on the following basic procedures: handling and restraint, animal identification, IV injection and blood collection, IP and SQ injections, oral gavage, aseptic prep for surgery, endotracheal intubation. Most of this footage was recorded at the Ralph H Johnson VA Medical Center/MUSC with Dr. Kathy Laber and Ms. Krista Harris. Footage is also included from Dr. George Vogler (St. Louis University) and Hallowell EMC - endotracheal intubation - and Dr. Stebel Marco (University of Trieste, Italy) - mandibular vein puncture. Many others contributed to this effort and all are recognized on the Credits page within the course. The course was supported by a grant from the Office of Research Integrity (DHHS).

Other topics in this course are regulatory requirements, occupational health & safety, determining gender & age (pups), housing & routine care, anesthetics & analgesics, anesthesia - induction & monitoring, intraoperative care & monitoring, post-operative care & monitoring, minimizing pain & distress, monoclonal antibody production, humane endpoints, and euthanasia.

To access this course, go to www.aalaslearninglibrary.org
Click on LIBRARIES.
Click on ANIMAL CARE AND USE LIBRARY
Click on MOUSE BIOMETHODOLOGY.
Click on COURSE for “Working with the Laboratory Mouse”





NCAB INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS 2004



Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2004
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2004
Advanced Bioscience Labs	1999-2004
Alternative Design Manufacturing & Supply	1994-2004
Allentown Caging Equipment Co., Inc.	1979-2004
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2004
Ancare Corporation	1984-2004
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2004
Animal Lab News	2004
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute	1982-2004
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2004
Baltimore VMAC	2000-2004
BioCon	1979-2004
BioMedic Data Systems	1997-2004
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2004
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2004
Britz-Heidbrink	1996-2004
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2005
Charles River Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2004
Children's Research Institute	1986-2004
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2004
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2004
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2004
Covance Research Products	1978-2004
CUH2A	2004
Eastern Virginia Medical School	1989-2004
Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2004
Elm Hill Breeding Labs	1998-2004
Euthanex Corp.	2004
FDA/CBER	1984-2004
FDA/CFSAN	2004
George Washington University	1982-2004
Georgetown University	1989-2004
Getinge USA, Inc.	1994-2004
Girton Manufacturing Co., Inc	1994-2004
Harlan Sprague Dawley, Inc.	1981-2004
Hilltop Lab Animals, Inc.	1983-2004
Johns Hopkins University	1983-2004
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center At Johns Hopkins	1982-2004

Member Institution	Year
Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2004
Labrepro, Inc.	2004
Lenderking Caging Products	1990-2004
Liberty Research, Inc.	1981-2004
Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2004
Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2005
Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2004
Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2004
Lynx Product Group	2002-2004
MacroGenics, Inc.	2004
Marine Biotech	1997-2004
Marken Time Critical Express	2002-2004
Marshall Farms Inc.	1996-2004
Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2004
McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2004
Merck Research Laboratories	1997-2004
Misonix Inc.	2004
Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2004
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004
NIH/NIA Gerontology Research Center	1997-2004
NIH/National Cancer Institute	2002-2004
NIH/National Eye Institute	2002-2004
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2004
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2004
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2004
NIH/Vaccine Research Center	2004
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center	2001-2004
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2004
Nuaire	2000-2004
Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2004
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2004
Priority One Services, Inc.	1994-2004
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2004
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2004
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2004
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2004
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2004
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2004
SJN	1995-2004

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Member Institution	Year
SoBran Inc.	2002-2004
Southern Research Institute	1991-2004
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2004
Suburban Surgical Co Inc.	1988-2004
Summit Medical Equipment Company	2003-2004
Synectic Resources, Inc.	2002-2004
Systems Engineering	1989-2004
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2004
Techspace Inc.	2004
Tecniplast USA	2001-2004
The Scale People, Inc.	2004
Thomas D. Morris, Inc.	2004
Thermocare, Inc	1996-2004
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2004
Tuttnauer	2000-2004
Transportech	2004
University Of Maryland Biotechnology Institute	2004
University Of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2004
University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2004
U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Animal Research Facility	2004
VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2004
Virginia Tech Lab Animal Resources	1990-2004
West Virginia University	2004
World Courier Inc.	2004
WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2005
Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2004

Institutional Membership Program

The Institutional Membership Program which was started in 1978 is an important source of support providing the NCAB with the opportunity to continually expand its educational programs. In addition to 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 2004, our educational programs 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 the research institutions and companies who make up the 116 Institutional members.



Institutional Members: Company Profiles

NCAB would like to thank each of our Institutional Members for their support during 2004. It is through your generous support that NCAB is able to offer a wide variety of educational programs. We encourage each member of NCAB to support our Institutional Members whenever possible.

On behalf of NCAB, Thank You!

Laura Mistretta
President, NCAB

Frank Lynch
Institutional Membership

Guerra Benberry
Institutional Membership

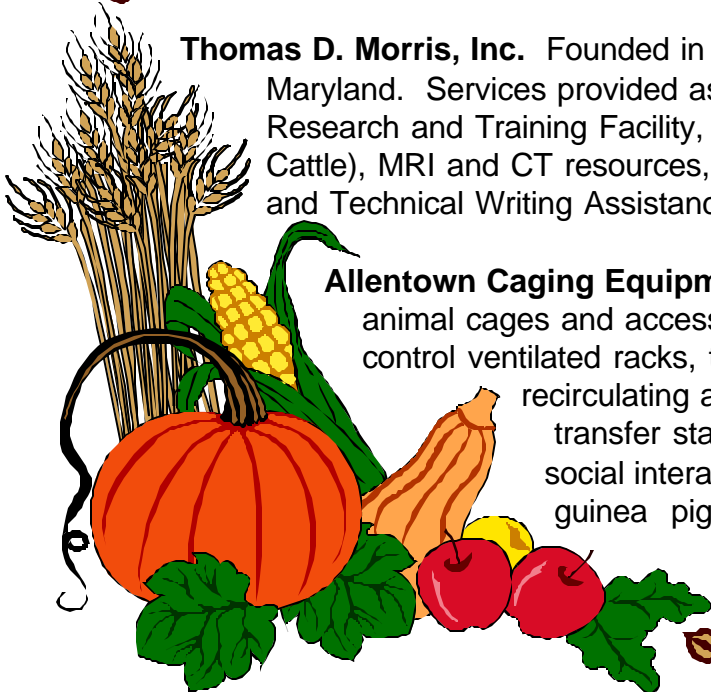
Hilltop Lab Animals, Inc. was founded in 1928 and is headquartered in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. Hilltop provides Rats, Mice and Guinea Pigs and Surgical Services to Laboratory Animal Research Facilities.

Harlan, established in 1931 in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the world's largest private supplier of purpose-bred laboratory animals. Harlan offers over 200 stocks and strains of laboratory animals, including small and large animals, and maintains facilities in 10 countries, employing 2,300 people. Additionally, Harlan is a premier provider of laboratory animal diets and bedding, bioproducts, animal delivery, surgical, technical, genetic testing, and contract research services, both on and off-site. Harlan's new facility in Baltimore, Maryland is meeting the local demand for additional housing space and numerous contract services.

Transportech was established in 1999 and is headquartered in Brockton Massachusetts. Transportech, with additional locations in Frederick Maryland, Bakersfield and Sacramento California, provides Temperature-Specific ground transportation and next flight out air transportation services to Laboratory Animal Research Facilities.

Thomas D. Morris, Inc. Founded in 1972 with headquarters in Reisterstown, Maryland. Services provided as related to Laboratory Animal Science: Research and Training Facility, Animal Procurement (Sheep, Goats, Horses, Cattle), MRI and CT resources, Vaccine Development, Antibody production, and Technical Writing Assistance.

Allentown Caging Equipment Co., Inc. manufactures innovative animal cages and accessories, including standard and Positive/Negative control ventilated racks, the BCU-2000 Bio-Containment Unit, recirculating aquatic housing systems, three sided animal transfer stations, thermoplastic Micro-Barrier cages, social interaction primate systems, plastic rabbit and guinea pig cages, kennels, and poultry housing.



Board of Trustees Report

The AALAS Board of Trustees met on October 15, 2004 in Tampa, FL for their Annual Session. The following items were discussed and approved at the meeting.

The BOT approved the 2005 Operating Budget and Capital Asset Budget as presented.

The Australian and New Zealand Society for Laboratory Animal Science (ANZSLAS) as approved as an affiliate Organization.

Ralph Hornickel, District 5 Trustee, was appointed as an AALAS Representative to the AALAS Foundation for the period of 2005-2007

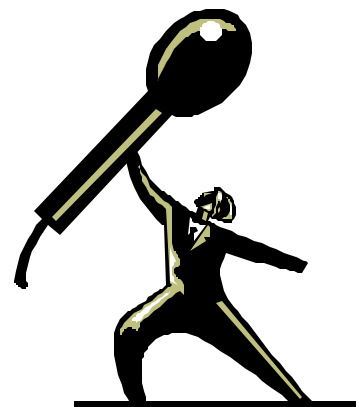
Policy and Procedure changes to the CMAR Certification process were approved. The deadline for completing the AR exam will be 15 months from application to correspond with the deadline for completing the ICPM exams. All applicants currently enrolled in the program will be required to take the AR exam within 15 months from January 1, 2005. If they fail to take the exam they will be charged a maintenance fee annually until the exam is taken.

The National Meeting Site Selection Committee will be expanded to add the Chair and Vice Chair of the Exhibitor Advisory Council and the President and Vice President of the Allied Trades Association.

The Policy and Procedures Manual was revised to add this statement: Annual Review the available data on eligible cities to be considered by the National Meeting Site Review Committee.

If you have any comments or concerns about the National Meeting recently held in Tampa or National AALAS policies, please feel free to contact me at goldsteend@medimmune.com. Thank you.

Donna Goldsteen
District 3 Trustee





Our Certification Stars!

We would like to recognize those individuals who have passed their AALAS certification exams.

ALAT

Heather Cronise—SoBran
Esmerelda Gutierrez—Priority One Services
Akon Ekpenyong: ALAT
Juanetta Asare-Wassow—Priority One Services

LAT

Devorah Crown—SoBran
Stephanie Villareal—SoBran

LATG

Robert Blesh—SoBran
Marc Anderson—Priority One Service
Casey Inman—Priority One Services



OOPS!

In our last newsletter, it was incorrectly reported that Keith Weigand of Priority One Services received certification at ALAT level rather than the correct level of LAT. We apologize for the error.

Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2004

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
November/December	October 15
January/February 2005	December 15, 2004

Please submit information for the newsletter to
Julia Drake at e-mail drakej@nei.nih.gov or Kristen Horsley at e-mail
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