



NCAB NEWSLETTER

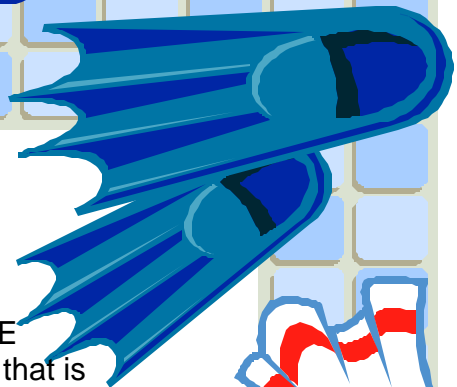
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President's Message

Have you met Erica?

I know this may be an unusual way to open up the NCAB newsletter but I do have a point to make. You see Erica McFarland has been trying very hard to meet EVERYONE she possibly can in the National Capital Area that is connected to the life science field. If you haven't met her, than it's a pretty sure bet that you have not been attending our monthly meetings. Erica goes out of her way to introduce herself to others, not only because she is very friendly but also being a sales representative she knows the more contacts she makes, brings about the possibility of more sales, which of course for vendors translates to higher profits. All vendors see the importance of attending these meetings but do you, the animal caretaker, the veterinary technician, the facility manager, the principle investigator, the veterinarian or even the institutional official understand how regular attendance of meetings could benefit you in your particular position?

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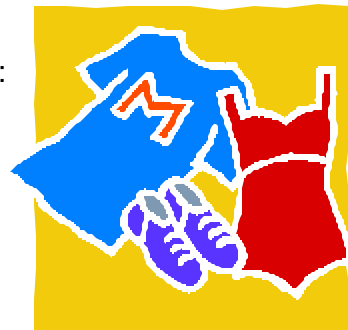
Our council and committee members bend over backwards to come up with fresh and meaningful topics to round out the educational aspects of our meetings. The past two months we have heard excellent presentations from Dr. Dennis Hickstein on “Canine Leukocyte Adhesion Disease Deficiency in Irish Setters” and about the current use of “Owl Monkeys in Infectious Disease Research” from Dr. Alfonso Gozalo. Dr. Curtis Klages from USAMRIID is slated to speak on his involvement with the Ebola Reston outbreak soon. If these subject matters don't interest you I'm sure other topics that make you want to sit up and pay attention will be along shortly. The NCAB membership is very diverse and we do try to cater to all of your tastes. We understand we can't always hit the mark with everyone 100% of the time but that brings me to my second point: NCAB can only be as vital to our community as our members allow us to be. In other words, like the old Army recruiting posters “we need you”! If you're not happy about what our “menu fare” happens to be join in and lend us a hand. We are always looking for fresh ideas, new perspectives and hard workers. If you want to speak or know someone that is doing great things in this field and have a desire to present their experiences let Larry Shelton our Programs Chair know and he would be delighted to iron out all the details. Ted Plemons our Technician Branch Representative and Shannon Stutler our Workshop Chair are great at putting hands on training together, sometimes it seems at a moments notice, They would love to have more people help them out when possible or set up training for when they don't have access to a particular species or facility.

Also, remember that the importance of NCAB participation is not only the great educational opportunities but also the networking aspects. The Erica types of the world see it as a business necessity but in a way it is for the rest of us also. The average American will change jobs seven times in their lifetime. The social gatherings at NCAB meetings give you an opportunity to meet others outside of your jobsite. Not only will you make new friends you will see old acquaintances and possibly meet your future boss. The biomedical research field is small. You will find that there are people all over the country that you have worked with in the past, have met them in various seminars or you have served with them on various committees. You have a wealth of resources at your fingertips. Friends you meet at NCAB meetings may be able to help you with a particular problem you have with a species in your facility because they encountered that situation before and can give you insight on how to solve the crisis. There are many opportunities to get involved. Currently our Vice President Elect is looking for next year's committee members. If interested please contact Doreen Bartlett about what positions may be open. The Secretary and Vice President Elect are both open for 2006, if either of these positions appeal to you, please let someone on the council know so you can get your name placed on the ballot. If not interested in a committee chair position we always need “worker bees”. The time to get involved is now while 2006 committees are still forming. The way to contact any of the committee chairs is through the NCAB website.

So, here are my challenges to you for the next two months:
Attend the next monthly meeting on May 12th.
Figure out what areas interest you and get INVOLVED!
Meet Erica McFarland – she'll be at the meeting, will you?

Work hard, have fun!

Lisa Secret



Durbin and Pierson Award Guidelines

NCAB 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 animals.

One or more should be used in selecting the nominee:

1. Daily contact with animals of one or more species in the form of handling, feeding, watering and changing bedding.
2. Demonstrated positive attitude toward the welfare of animals.
3. Demonstrated performance in completing animal care related duties, at or above the expected level of performance for the facility.
4. Pursuit of knowledge in the field of animal care should be present.
5. Innovative approaches to animal care problems should be cited.
6. Supervisory responsibility and formal degrees are not important considerations.
7. All other considerations being equal, candidates having current membership in the NCAB/AALAS or National AALAS will be selected.

NCAB 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 or supervisory duties.

One or more should be used in selecting the nominee:

1. Daily contact with laboratory animals of one or more species in the performance of technical duties such as specimen collection, necropsies, surgical manipulations or operating diagnostic equipment.
2. Scope of direct working supervision over personnel responsible for the care and feeding and general welfare of animals.
3. Demonstrated attitude, performance level and innovative approach toward the betterment of animal care.
4. Demonstrated pursuit of knowledge of animal husbandry through academic training, animal care course work or certification in the field of animal husbandry (examples: Bachelor or AA degrees, AALAS Certification, Veterinary Assistance Training).
5. All other considerations being equal candidates having current membership in the NCAB/AALAS or National AALAS will be selected.



Durbin and Pierson Award Application

APPLICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS MUST BE TYPED

I. **Please Indicate:** Date submitted: _____ Durbin Award _____
Pierson Award _____

II. **Personal Data:**

Please accept the nomination of: _____
Title: _____
Current Employer: _____ Years: _____
Address: _____
Telephone (work): _____

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: _____
_____ Years: _____

Awards Received: _____ Years: _____
_____ Years: _____
_____ Years: _____
_____ Years: _____

Publications/Presentations: _____ Years: _____
_____ Years: _____
_____ Years: _____
_____ Years: _____

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:** Supervisor and/or Head of Department

Please address items from the Suggested NCAB "Guidelines". Recommendations should be limited to 200 words or less. Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement. (additional sheets may be used if necessary)

VIII. **Endorsements:** Lab Animal Related

Attach only two letters of recommendation from supervisor, department head, or other endorsements. Please address items from the Suggested NCAB "Guidelines". Recommendations should be limited to 200 words or less. Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement. (additional sheets may be used if necessary)

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

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Associate Director for Laboratory Animal Resources and
Animal Program Director
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
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301-480-7373 (fax)
relkins@nih.gov (email)

**Closing date for application submission:
June 30, 2005**





AALAS CERTIFICATION EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Personal Data:

Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Address: _____

Title: _____ Current Employer: _____

Work

Address: _____

Telephone: Work: _____ Home: _____

II. Scholarship Application Level: _____ ALAT _____ LAT _____
LATG _____

First time to take the exam at this level? Yes _____ No _____

Present AALAS Certification Level: _____ Certification

Date: _____

NOTE: Amount of the award will be that of the certification exam level to be taken at the National AALAS Member Rate.

III. Educational Data: (include highest level completed)

Grammar School (check) _____ High School (circle) 1 2 3 4

College (circle) 1 2 3 4 Graduate School

College Attended: _____

Degree(s) Achieved: _____ Major: _____

Vocational School: _____ Subject: _____

Other educational information: _____

Certification Training Courses/Workshops:

Title: _____ Date Attended: _____

Instructor: _____

Location: _____

IV. Professional Participation: NCAB Membership (one year) Mandatory

NCAB/AALAS Member: _____ Years: _____ National AALAS Member: _____ Years: _____

Other Organizations: _____ Years: _____

_____ Years: _____

Awards Received: _____ Year: _____

Meeting Attendance: _____ Years: _____

AALAS Committee Participation: _____ Years: _____

Publications/Presentations: _____ Years: _____

_____ Years: _____

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. **Describe briefly why you feel you should be a recipient of this NCAB/AALAS Certification Exam Scholarship:**

VIII. **Endorsements:** Lab Animal Related

Attach two letters of recommendation from supervisor, department head, or others. Please refer to candidate as he or she in the body of the endorsement.

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM WITH TWO ENDORSEMENTS TO
NCAB/AALAS AWARDS COMMITTEE:

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

Monthly Meeting

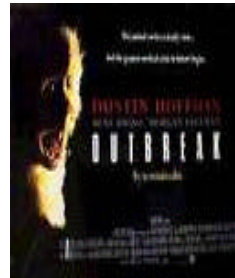
Date: May 12, 2005

Location: American Red Cross, Holland Laboratory

Time: 5:30 -6:30 – Social Hour

6:30-7:00 – General Business Meeting

7:00-8:00 – Speaker



Speaker and Topic:

Captain Curtis Klages, DVM
US Army Veterinary Corps
“EBOLA RESTON”



Directions

- Go North on I-270, travel about 3.5 miles past the I-270 Split
- Take exit 8 (Shady Grove)
- Stay in the right lane, and take a sharp right onto REDLAND BLVD
- Proceed to the sixth light, past MD 355/Rockville Pike/Frederick Road and turn Right after the metro.
- You are now on CRABBS BRANCH WAY
- **The Holland Lab is at 15601 Crabbs Branch Way** (about 1 mile) on your left
- **If you are traveling south on I-270, you will still take exit 8**

31st NCAB Seminar 2005 Seminar Registration

Please fill out the form below as you wish your name, title, etc to appear on your name badge and on future NCAB/AALAS mailings. The price differences below are based on whether you are a NCAB member or not. National AALAS membership cannot be used in place of NCAB membership. If you are paying for membership during registration pay the member fees. For first year membership, you are granted an additional three months membership in order for you to take advantage of these savings.

Seminar Registration Form

Registration forms must be received by August 15, 2005.

Please send completed forms to:

Molly L. Romick
 2005 NCAB/AALAS Registration Chair
 297 Barrington Drive
 Westerville, Ohio 43082

Telephone: 240-472-4764
 Fax: 614-865-0962

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Seminar Costs	NCAB	Non Member	Late Member	Total On-Site
? Wednesday, September 21st		\$ 75	\$ 125	\$ 175 _____
? Thursday, September 22nd		\$ 75	\$ 125	\$ 175 _____
? Two day registration		\$ 125	\$ 175	\$ 225 _____
? Banquet		_____ X	\$ 35	_____
? Membership Dues – 2006		No. persons	\$ 15	_____

Check Number: _____ **Total:** _____

MC/ VISA/DISCOVER: _____ **expiration:** _____

Hotel Information:
 Turf Valley Hotel, 2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042 410-465-1500 www.turfvalley.com



Dear NCAB AALAS General Membership,

We have started our year with three fantastic monthly meetings. Our monthly meetings are an excellent opportunity to learn new things within laboratory animal science and medicine, and are also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people within our field and to keep in touch with familiar faces. I'd also like to take the opportunity to ask each of you to encourage non-members that you know to join our great organization.

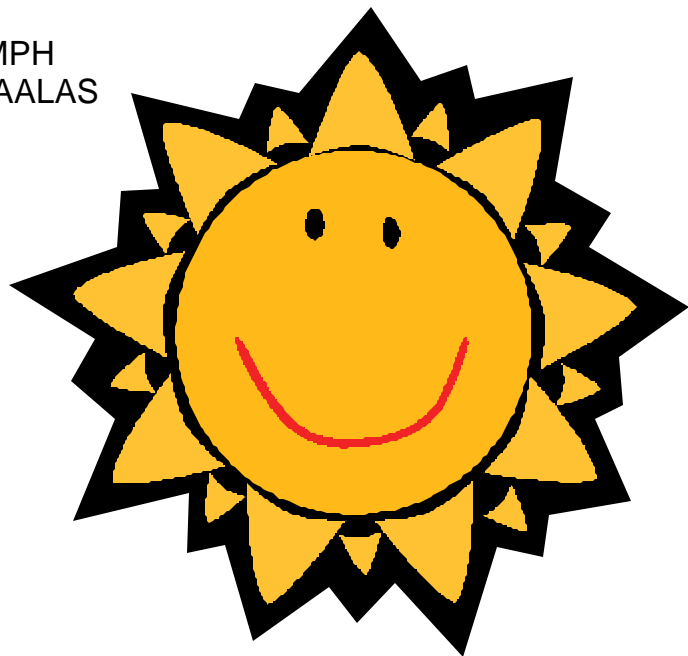
Remember to check the NCAB website, www.ncabaalas.org, for announcements and details of upcoming meetings, workshops, and fun events, including our annual picnic in June, our annual seminar at Turf Valley Resort in September, and what should be quite a unique and hilarious banquet in November!!!

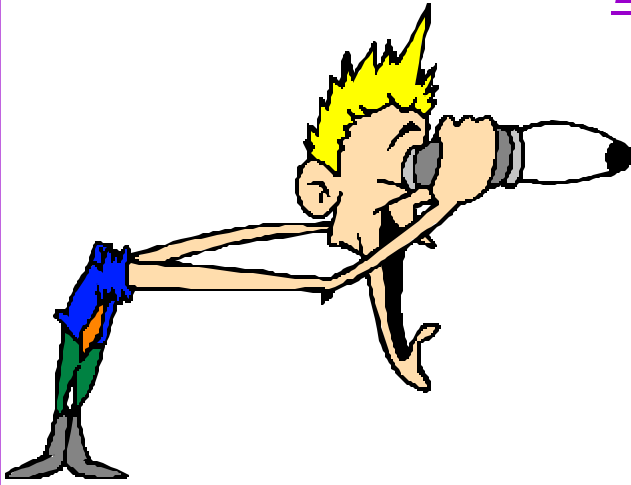
As always, if anyone has any ideas for workshops, programs, speakers, etc., or would like to volunteer within the organization, please let your council members know. Council member positions and e-mail addresses are posted on the website. We would love to hear from you.

On behalf of the Council, thank you for being a part of NCAB AALAS, and I hope to see you having a great time at future events!!!

Larry

Larry J. Shelton, Jr., DVM, MPH
2005 Program Chair, NCAB AALAS





Look Who Just Got Certified!!!

ALAT

Heather Price—Charles Rivers
Elourdes Adam—Priority One Services
Seid Ali —Priority One Services
Karen Gonzalez—Priority One Services
Cameron Harvey—Priority One Services
Lonnie Mill—Priority One Services
Jeanne Yimdjo —Priority One Services

LAT

Jessica Luke — Bioqual
Bill Publico - SoBran
Jennifer Post - SoBran
Torri Wilson—Charles Rivers
Mark Shepard—Charles Rivers
Becky Roberts—Priority One Services

LATG

Chongmon Wang—Charles Rivers
David Mallon—Priority One Services

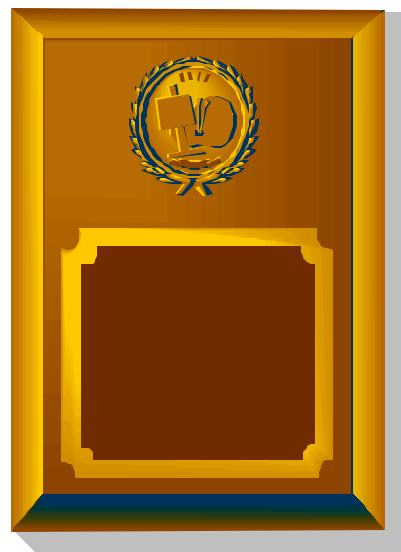
CMAR

Julia Drake—Priority One Services



Institutional Membership Program

The Institutional Membership Program was started in 1978 as 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 2005, 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 2005, please contact:

Frank Lynch, flynch@pharmacal.com
 Guerra Benberry, guerra.benberry@covance.com
 Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2005	Gene Logic Laboratories, Inc.	2004
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2005	George Washington University	1982-2005
Alternative Design Manufacturing & Supply	1994-2005	Gene Logic Laboratories, Inc.	2004-2005
Allentown Caging Equipment Co., Inc.	1979-2005	Harlan	1981-2005
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2005	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2005
Ancare Corporation	1984-2005	Liberty Research, Inc.	1981-2005
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2005	Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2005
Animal Lab News	2004-2005	Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2005
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2005	Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2005
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2005	Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2005
BioReliance Invitrogen Bioservices	1983-2005	Marine Biotech Inc.	1997-2005
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2005	Marshall BioResources	1996-2005
Britz-Heidbrink	1996-2005	Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2005
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2005	Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2005
Charles River Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2005	New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2005
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2005	NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2005
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2005	NIH/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	1990-2005
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2005	NIH/NIA Gerontology Research Center	1997-2005
CUH2A	2004-2005	NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2005
Eastern Virginia Medical School	1989-2005	NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2005
Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2005	NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center	2001-2005
FDA/CBER	1984-2005	NLS Animal Health	1992-2005

Institutional Membership Continued

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2005	Tecniplast USA	2001-2005
Nuaire	2000-2005	Techspace Inc.	2004-2005
Osiris Therapeutics, Inc.	2005	The Scale People, Inc.	2004-2005
Pharmecal Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2005	Thomas D. Morris, Inc.	2004-2005
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2005	Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2005
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2005	Transportech	2004-2005
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2005	Tri State Biomedical, Inc.	1995-2005
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2005	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2005
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2005	University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2005
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2005	U.S. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Animal Research Facility	2004-2005
Southern Research Institute	1991-2005	VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2005
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2005	West Virginia University Office of Lab Animal Resources	2004-2005
Steris Corporation	1993-2005	World Courier Inc.	2004-2005
Steris Corporation	1993-2005	WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2005
Summit Medical Equipment Company	2003-2005		
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2005		
Techspace Inc.	2004-2005		
		Total Members 2004	116
		Total Members 2005	77



Mark Your Calendars!!! The NCAB Picnic will be on June 16 at the USUHS picnic area. Look for more details on the NCAB website soon!



NCAB/AALAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership includes subscription to NCAB Newsletter, discounts for workshops, NCAB annual seminar, monthly meeting socials, etc.

MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$15.00 per year (make check payable to NCAB/AALAS)

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Molly Romick
4000 Blackburn Lane
Suite 100
Burtonsville, MD 20866

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR ALL MAILINGS AND DIRECTORY LISTING!!

(First Name) (Initial) (Last Name) (Degree)

Company Name: _____

Position: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Telephone Number: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail: _____

Specialty Certification: LATG LAT ALAT OTHER: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the National Capital Area Branch/American Association for Laboratory Animal Science and enclose \$15.00 as my annual dues for one year (January 1 through December 31) which includes a subscription to the NCAB/AALAS Newsletter.

Method of Payment:

Personal Check # _____ Company Check# _____

VISA/MC # _____ Expiration Date (Month/Year) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____



Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2005

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
July/August	June 15
September/October	August 15
November/December	October 15
January/February 2006	December 15, 2005

Please submit information for the newsletter to
Julia Drake at e-mail drakej@nei.nih.gov or at phone 301-435-1862 .

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