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President's Message

Happy New Year! I am thrilled to be working with a cast of characters that have volunteered to be the leaders of your American Association of Laboratory Animal Science branch: NCAB. We are excited to bring opportunities of professional training and education, scientific topics, and networking opportunities with people working in our field. If you've never been to an NCAB event besides the Seminar, come out and have a good time. There's always food and fun.

Our first meeting is scheduled as a Meet 'n Greet at the Baltimore Aquarium on January 14th. The location was chosen to afford our members up the I-95 corridor and Baltimore the opportunity to join in the fun and meet the 2010 council members. Come on out and enjoy an evening at the Aquarium.

Speaking of the NCAB 2010 Council, there are some returning faces and some new folks around the table. One of the very important committees, Education is chaired by Ted Plemons. Ted's committee is putting their heads together to identify priority projects for 2010. Jo Smith's Workshop committee is meeting this week to put their priority list together for a schedule and coordinate with sites.

The 2010 Seminar will once again be held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at the National Harbor on the Potomac River. The Seminar Committee is under the leadership of Melissa Williams. Watch the Website for dates and activities to be announced.

Larry Shelton is the 'man with the plan', he's the Program Chair. He is compiling a list of meeting sites and presentations for our upcoming meetings. Larry has a few tricks up his sleeve for upcoming meetings so stay tuned.

So check the website often and look for our bi-monthly newsletters to stay up-to-date on training, workshops, meetings and events. I'm looking forward to a great 2010 for NCAB.

Debra "Deb" Lust

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International Tech Week



January 31st-February 6th 2010

This year the International Tech Week theme is "Technicians... *The Heartbeat of Research*. Please make a point of showing appreciation for all of the technicians in your facility for their hard work and dedication all year long, during this special week. The National AALAS website has items which can be ordered or downloaded along with recognition ideas here (<http://www.aalas.org/resources/2010techweek.aspx>).

Look for a special announcement on the NCAB AALAS Website and via 123SignUp regarding Branch sponsored activities during the week of Tech Week.

New ALAT Exam Manual Now Available

Excerpt from [NAALAS Website](#) dated 12/10/2009

The 2009 version of the ALAT Training Manual and workbook are now available for purchase from the AALAS Bookstore. The companion CD is not yet available; however, if you purchase a copy of the manual now, we'll ship the CD to you when it arrives in January.

Questions from the new manual will appear on the ALAT exam in late February 2010. Questions based on information that appears in both the old and new versions of the manual will continue to be valid exam questions. Questions based on the new content will appear as pretest questions on the exam for a period of time and do not count towards a candidate's score. Pretest questions are not identified as pretest on the exam; candidates may or may not be able to identify which questions count toward their score and which questions is pretest questions. Please consider the date individuals will be taking the certification exam to decide which version of the manual to purchase.

Please note the Spanish version of the 1998 ALAT Training Manual can still be purchased for training purposes. However, the 2009 version of the ALAT Training Manual will not be offered in Spanish.

NCAB AALAS ALAT/LAT Training Workshops

Your NCAB Education Committee is busy planning another round of ALAT and LAT Exam Preparatory training sessions to help support your quest for certification. If you are already certified and want to help NCAB foster the next generation of technicians please consider volunteering to be a guest instructor during the courses. Contact your Education Committee (Ted Plemmons) or Technician Branch Representative (Elton Machholz) to learn more and get involved.

Do you know how AALAS got started?

If you are preparing for or have taken any of the AALAS exams, the acronyms ACP and AALAS should go hand-in-hand. The names Dr Nathan Brewer, Dr Ben Cohen, and Dr Simon Brimhall should be quite familiar. Check out the National AALAS archival videos on YouTube.com to learn even more about the organization and it's more than 60 years of history. Link = <http://www.youtube.com/aalasoffice#p/c/B1A254842B855C67>

**These Folks Weren't Snowed Under!
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Career Opportunities

ANIMAL TECHNICIAN

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Vivarium Manager

Memorial University Medical Center Hospital Campus
4700 Waters Ave.
Savannah, GA 31404

Memorial University Medical Center Hospital Campus is seeking a Vivarium Manager for a start up position in a new facility. Present salary for previous Manager is \$30K w/LAT Certification, with very little experience. Salary for new position could be higher depending on experience and qualifications. Immediate hire.

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NCAB Institutional Members

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 2009, 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.

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 Institutional Membership Committee

Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2009	Crist Instruments Co. Inc.	2009
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2009	Dudick Inc.	2009
Acorn Industrial Products Inc.	2009	DustControl, Inc	2009
Advanced Bioscience Labs	1999-2009	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2009
Airnet Express	2006-2009	Elm Hill Labs Inc.	2009
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2009	ENV Services	2006-2009
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2009	Environmental Tectonics Corp.	2009
Alpha Genesis Inc.	2009	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2009
Alternative Design	1994-2009	FDA/CBER	1984-2009
American Red Cross	1998-2009	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2009
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2009	Georgetown University	2009
Ancare Corporation	1984-2009	Getinge USA	1991-2009
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2009	Girton	1994-2009
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007-2009	Harlan	1981-2009
Aquaneering Inc.	2009	HDR (CUH2A)	2004-2009
Arts-Way Scientific	2004-2009	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2009
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2009	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007-2009
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2009	Innovive, Inc.	2007-2009
Biocon Inc.	1979-2009	Instech Solomon Labs	2007-2009
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2009	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2009
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BioSAFE Engineering - WR 2	2009	Labex of MA	2009
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2009	LabrepcO, Inc.	2004-2009
Bridge Laboratories	2004-2009	Liberty Research	2009
Britz & Company	1996-2009	Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2009
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2009	Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2009
Charles River	1978-2009	Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2009
Clear H2O Company	2006-2009	Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2009
Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2009	Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute	2009
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2009	Lynx Product Group	2002-2009
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2009	Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2009
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2009	Marshall BioResources	1996-2009
Covance Research Products	1978-2009	Matrix Scientific, LLC	2009

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Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2009
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MNX – Global LifeSciences Logistics	2009
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NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2009
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	2004-2009
NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2009
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2009
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2009
NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	2008-2009
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2009
NLS Animal Health	1992-2009
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2009
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2009
Pharmecal Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2009
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2009
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2009
Priority One Services	1994-2009
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2009
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2009
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2009
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2009
Research Solutions Lenderking	1990-2009
Roe Biomedical Products LLC	2009
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2009
Sanitation Strategies	2007-2009
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2009
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Southern Research Institute	1991-2009
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Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2009
Tecniplast USA	2001-2009
The Jackson Laboratory	2008-2009
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The Scale People	1993-2009
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2009
Topaz Technologies	2008-2009
Total MRO, LLC	2002-2009
Transportech	2004-2009
Tuttner	2000-2009
Unifab Corporation	2009
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2009
University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2009
University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2009
University of Maryland-ANSC College Park	2008-2009
USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2009
VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2009
ViraTek Inc.	2006-2009
Visi-Line	2008-2009
VWR International	2009
World Courier Inc.	2004-2009
WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2009





2009 Individual Membership Form

Register online at 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: _____

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

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November/December	October 15, 2010

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