

ICLAS International Consortium Meeting
November 8, 2005
St Louis, Missouri

A meeting of the ICLAS International Consortium was held in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) on November 8, 2005. An agenda for the meeting is attached. The following is a summary of the discussion at this meeting.

1. Gilles Demers, ICLAS President, opened the meeting at 9:30am with a welcome to all attendees.
2. Each attendee was invited to introduce themselves and the organization which they represent. The following were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization Represented</u>
Gilles Demers	Canada, ICLAS
Harry Rozmiarek	United States, ICLAS
Patri Vergara	SECAL, ICLAS
Melvin Dennis	AALAS, ICLAS
Guy DeVroey	Johnson & Johnson, ICLAS
Otto Kugelberg	Sweden, ICLAS
John McCutchen	AALAS
Amy Sauls	AALAS
Toshio Itoh	JALAS, ICLAS
Norikazu Tamaoki	Japan, ICLAS
Fred Douglas	IRAC
Chip Price	AALAS
Mark Suckow	AALAS
Ann Turner	AALAS
Denna Benn	CALAS/ASCAL , ICLAS
John Miller	AAALAC International
Peter Nowlan	Ireland, ICLAS
Yang Seok Oh	KALAS, Korea
Gilly Griffin	CCAC
Joanne Zurlo	ILAR
Octovio Villanueva-Sanchez	Mexico, ICLAS
Ma Eugenia Aguilar Najeia	AMCAL, ICLAS
Silvia Barreto Ortiz	COBEA, ICLAS
Rafael Hernandez	ACCMAL, ICLAS
Cecilia Carbone	Argentina, ICLAS
Ana Maria Guaraldo	CEMIB/UNICAMP, ICLAS
Lenira Ap. G. Andrade	
Bruce W. Kennedy	AALAS

3. Principal items that were discussed during the meeting:

a. Harmonization of Guidelines

The first meeting on harmonization of guidelines which was held in Nantes, France in 2004 was summarized. Two reports have been prepared and are expected to be published in Science in early 2006. These were reports on Euthanasia and Experimental End Points. A second meeting was held this year just before the AALAS meeting in St Louis and addressed two more issues: Animal User Training Programs and Ethical Committees for Animal Use, to include protocol review processes and terms of reference. Two ICLAS Ad Hoc Committees were implemented to draft harmonization documents for these two areas. The Third Meeting on Harmonization of Guidelines is planned to be held during the next International FELASA-ICLAS-AISAL meeting in Como, Italy, in June 2007.

b. Laboratory Animal Quality Program

This program, to be led by Patri Vergara and Cecelia Carbone, is intended to revise and update the ICLAS Reference Center Program of the past. Their first meeting will include laboratory directors and representatives from all parts of the world and will be held later this week in St Louis. It will address quality of laboratory animals, emerging issues, a network of collaborating centers, and future workshops and seminars.

c. Americas Regional Committee

The Americas Regional Committee, chaired by Melvin Dennis and Silvia Ortiz, has been active and was cited as a good example of how regional committees of ICLAS can function productively. Some of their primary activities have been as follows:

- i. Scholarships were awarded for two scientists from Latin America to attend the AALAS meeting
- ii. Support is being provided for Spanish speaking scientists to attend the meetings in Mexico next month
- iii. Future educational opportunities include an on-line training course in the Spanish language.

4. Reciprocal Registration at Meetings

The subject of reciprocal registration was initiated at the 2004 ICLAS International Symposium meeting and is already in effect between AALAS and CALAS. It is encouraged that all major laboratory animal science meetings agree to offer registration at the member rate for all members of organizations or countries which are ICLAS members. The FELASA organization has already encouraged all of its member associations to provide such member rate registrations to ICLAS organization members and the decision to do so will be up to the organizing committee of each meeting. This is being considered by the organizing committees of the meetings in Mexico, Brazil, Korea, and SCANDLAS countries and will hopefully become policy at all future meetings.

5. Announcements

- a. AALAS affiliate memberships are available to other laboratory animal science organizations and should be considered
- b. The first meeting of the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science (AFLAS) will be held on Jeju Island in Korea on Aug 30-Sep 1, 2006. The ICLAS Governing Board will meet at this meeting. Major topics include stem cell issues, zoonoses, animal welfare, artificial organ transplants, and an introduction to Asian laboratory animal science. More information is available through the AFLAS home page www.aflas.org or by contacting mouse@hallym.ac.kr
- c. The next SCANDLAS scientific meeting will be held on April 6-9, 2006 in Odense, southern Denmark. Scientific sessions and poster sessions will be held in English and 300-400 participants are expected. The 2007 meeting will be held in Tronso, northern Norway. Information for these meetings is available at www.scandlas.org.
- d. The ALATUR meeting will combine the X Brazilian Congress of Animal Science, the VI International Congress of Animal Science and the V Meeting of Scientists from Mercosul into a Pan American Conference of Animal Research to be held in November 2006 at Campos do Jordao in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Simultaneous translations will be provided during the meeting
- e. The AALAS International Relations Advisory Council (IRAC) is starting a speakers bureau of individuals who can speak in different languages and are interested in speaking at scientific meetings at their own expense. Those interested are invited to contact IRAC.
- f. The Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR) is considering an update to the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals which has now been translated into 12-13 languages. The CIOMS principles will

be considered as well as new areas of research which are needed for animal care and use.

- g. The AMCAL meeting in the city of Huatulco, Mexico is scheduled for December 7-10, 2005 and will include simultaneous translation. More information is available at www.amcal.com/annex.
- h. The Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC) is awarding scholarships to one technician from Europe to attend the AALAS meeting and one technician from North America to attend the IAT meeting. These are expected to be annual awards in the future.
- i. The next AALAS national meeting will be held on October 15-19, 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- j. The 45th Annual CALAS Symposium will be held on May 27-30, 2006 at the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Quebec. More information is available at www.calas-acsal.org.

5. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00am.