

**ICLAS International Consortium Meeting
October 17, 2006
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA**

A meeting of the ICLAS International Consortium was held in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) on October 17, 2006. 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
Otto Kugelberg	Sweden, ICLAS
John McCutchen	AALAS
Mark Suckow	AALAS
Ann Turner	AALAS
Denna Benn	CALAS/ACSAL , ICLAS
John Miller	AAALAC International
Joanne Zurlo	ILAR, NAS
Octavio Villanueva	AMCAL
Rafael Hernandez	ACCMAL, ICLAS
Cecilia Carbone	Argentina, ICLAS
Bruce W. Kennedy	AALAS
Silvia Herrera	INS
Clement Gauthier	CCAC
Justine Stewart	University of Auckland
Katie Conlee	The Humane Society of the US
Sarah Kahn	OIE
Leopoldo Stuardo	OIE
Tsutomu Miki Kurosawa	JALAS, AFLAS, IAACLAM
Maria Eugenia Aguilar	AMCAL
Washington Arenalo	Charles River Labs
Christian Newcomer	AALAS
Marilyn Brown	Charles River Labs & Foundation
Pat Sikes	AALAS/IRAC
Leticia McGuffey	AALAS/IRAC
Targa Kohila	Univ of Helsinki/FINLAS
Ann Christine Eklof	SCANDLAS

3. ICLAS/OIE meeting summary

This organization was founded in 1924 and has a primary focus on animal health. The organization also known as the World Organization for Animal Health, has 167 member countries. The chief veterinary officer from each country serves as the delegate to OIE. The primary focus of the organization is on animal health, animals in agriculture, zoonotic diseases, and stray dogs. In 2003 an Animal Welfare Committee, chaired by Dr David Bayvel from New Zealand, was created by OIE. All participants are encouraged to have an open dialogue with OIE representatives as this effort grows and matures.

4. ICLAS/IACLAM Meeting Summary

The American, European, and Japanese Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine have united to form a new International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine. An initial goal is to provide professional leadership at the international level, and the group is currently deciding how to proceed. Recently elected officers are President; Judy MacArthur Clark, Vice President; Kathryn Bayne, Secretary-Treasurer, Patricia Turner and Past President, Miki Kurosawa.

5. ILAR Focus Group summary

A first workshop was held in 2003 to address science based guidelines for laboratory animal science. A need for scientifically based guidelines for husbandry and care was seen as an important issue which should be addressed. A meeting in Berlin in 2005 identified the following as important areas on which to focus: pain; enrichment; housing; experimental procedures; training and conditioning of laboratory animals. A comparison of housing for the various species was addressed. Major points were seen as: reduction in pain and distress is more important than decreasing animal numbers; professional judgment and clinical experience should be used as well as science in establishing guidelines; there is a need for harmonization but not necessarily for standardization; scientists should be engaged to contribute data toward establishing guidelines; a wide range of guidelines should include performance standards as well as expert opinion and clinical evidence; and other undefined factors should be considered. Many issues regarding primates suggest the need for an International Primate Plan. Dogs need special attention because of their status as companion animals. Important issues regarding dogs include the following: human interaction may be more important than cage size; dogs do not necessarily like to exercise; more studies are needed to address guidelines for dog housing; and we need more information to establish ideal caging for dogs. The follow up on this issue is currently undecided.

6. ICLAS Network for the promotion of animal quality in research.

The former ICLAS Monitoring Center Program has been discontinued. There will be a meeting of key players during the AALAS meeting to discuss the new program which will be identified as the ICLAS Network for the promotion of animal quality in research. Important leadership is being provided by key major laboratories and the group will provide a self description and scope of activities. This new program will be introduced and described at the FELASA-ICLAS Meeting in June, 2007 in Como, Italy.

7. Reciprocal Registration Update.

An ICLAS initiative for reciprocal registration was introduced about two years ago and proposed that all ICLAS scientific organizations offer registration for international meetings at member rates to members of all other ICLAS scientific organizations. This was proposed to all ICLAS scientific organizations again about a year ago and many responded in agreement. There were no organizations opposed to this proposal, and at a Governing Board meeting in August 2006 the following ICLAS Guiding Principle was adopted: ***“All ICLAS member organizations will offer registration for their scientific meetings at their membership rate to members of all other ICLAS member organizations”***. The ICLAS Secretary General will provide a list of all current ICLAS scientific organizations to meeting planners with the hope that this initiative will stimulate and encourage international attendance and participation in scientific meetings regarding laboratory animal science.

8. Harmonization of Guidelines update.

This ICLAS Initiative began during the 2004 FELASA Meeting in France, and this initiative was continued 18 months later during an AALAS meeting in St Louis in 2005. Another meeting of the ICLAS Working Group on Harmonization of Guidelines will be held just before the FELASA-ICLAS 2007 meeting in Como, Italy. The first results of this ICLAS Initiative were published in Science in May 2006 and copies were distributed at the meeting.

9. FELASA/ICLAS Meeting in Como, Italy.

A number of ICLAS meetings will be held in conjunction with the FELASA meeting scheduled for June 11-14, 2007 in Como, Italy. Among these will be meetings on Harmonization of Guidelines on June 9 and 10, ICLAS General Assembly on June 10 and 11, ICLAS International Consortium on June 12, and a meeting of the ICLAS Laboratory Network for the promotion of animal quality in research at a date to be determined.

10. Second AFLAS Meeting in Korea.

The second AFLAS Meeting was held in August 2006 on Jeju Island in South Korea and was highly successful. There were over 450 registrants representing more than ten countries and a total of over 600 people at the meeting. Countries represented in AFLAS (Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science) are China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Philippines. Other countries including Malaysia and Singapore are expected to be added in the near future. The next meeting of AFLAS is scheduled to be held in Beijing, China soon after the Olympics in the fall of 2008; a specific date will be announced soon. The fourth AFLAS Congress will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, in 2010.

11. Americas Committee update.

This ICLAS Regional has three major areas of focus and activity:

- a. The education of young scientists. This program supports and encourages people from Central and South America to attend the AALAS meeting.
- b. Facilities upgrading. Workshops are being organized and scheduled for central and South America to discuss AAALAC accreditation requirements and standards.
- c. Foster growth of laboratory animal science organizations in Latin America.

12. Other items of discussion

- a. Concern was raised regarding animal welfare in space research.

13. Announcements and future meetings.

- a. The 37th Scand-LAS Symposium will be held in Tromso, Norway on May 10-13, 2007 and will be titled ***Animals Contribution in Research and Development***. Information can be obtained at www.scandlas.org.
- b. The joint FELASA/ICLAS meeting will be held in Como, Italy on June 11-14, 2007. Information can be obtained at www.felasa-iclas2007.com.
- c. The 6th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences will be held in Tokyo, Japan from August 21-25, 2007. Information can be obtained at <http://www.knt.co.jp/ec/2007/wc6/>.
- d. The Mexican Association for Laboratory Animal Science VI National Meeting will be held on December 5-8, 2007 in Manzanillo Colima, Mexico. Information is available at www.amcalmexico.com and presidenciaamcal@yahoo.com.mx and www.grupodestinos.com.mx.

- e. The 2010 FELASA meeting will be held in Helsinki in 2010. The specific dates will be announced.

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