

**Minutes of the
ICLAS International Consortium Meeting
June 12, 2007
Cernobbio, Italy**

A meeting of the ICLAS International Consortium was held in conjunction with the FELASA-ICLAS-AISAL meeting on June 12, 2007. Please find in attachment the Agenda of the meeting. The following Minutes are the summary of the discussions held during this meeting.

1. Gilles Demers, ICLAS President, opened the meeting at 10:45am 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	CCAC, ICLAS
Gemma Perretta	FELASA
Harry Rozmiarek	United States, ICLAS/ILAR
Patri Vergara	SECAL, ICLAS
Melvin Dennis	AALAS, ICLAS
Otto Kugelberg	Sweden, Scand-LAS
Ann Turner	AALAS
Denna Benn	CALAS, ICLAS
Joanne Zurlo	ILAR
Cecilia Carbone	Argentina, ICLAS
Clement Gauthier	Canada
David Bayvel	OIE
Tsutomu Miki Kurosawa	JALAS
Bernard Gotti	AFSTAL
Judy MacArthur Clark	IACLAM
Silvia Ortiz	Brazil
Katerina Marinou	SABLAS, ESLAV
Ekaterina Rivera	Brazil
Nikos Kostomitsopoulos	Greece, ICLAS
Caroline Johner	ESLAV, Germany
Rony Kalman	ESLAV, Israel
David Smith	LASA
Kate Pritchett	CRL-Europe
Elsbeth Scott	Home Office, UK
Ana Maria A. Guaraldo	Brazil, FESSACAL
Guy De Vroey	BCLAS, Belgium
John Schofield	ANZCCART

Others

3. ICLAS Governing Board

Gilles Demers was very pleased to announce the new officers and the new Governing Board members (2007-2011) elected during the ICLAS General Assembly held on June 12, 2007.

President:	Gilles Demers - Canada
Vice President:	Norikazu Tamaoki - Japan
Secretary General:	Cecilia Carbone - Argentina
Treasurer:	Guy De Vroey – Belgium
National Members:	Norikazu Tamaoki – Japan Gemma Perretta – Italy Harry Rozmiarek – USA Nikolaos Kostomitsopoulos – Greece Ouajdi Souilem – Tunisia
Scientific/Union Members:	Denna Benn – CALAS Melvin Dennis – AALAS J. R. Haywood – IUPHAR (Union) Ann Christine Eklof – SCAND-LAS Naoko Kagiyama – JSLAR Parntep Ratanakorn – TALAS

4. Update of ICLAS Activities and Programs

a. Harmonization of Guidelines

The ICLAS Working Party on Harmonization of Guidelines and its activities were summarized by Gilles Demers.

i. Euthanasia and End Points

The two ICLAS Ad Hoc Committees working on these two issues have completed their work, and respective articles on each have already been published in Science on May 5, 2006..

ii. Training and Protocol Review

The two ICLAS Ad Hoc Committees addressing these subjects have been working over the last 18 months to prepare draft documents. The two documents were reviewed by the Working Party in Como. It is hoped that final draft documents be completed in the next few months.

iii. Genetically Modified Animals

An ICLAS Ad Hoc committee has been implemented and several Guidelines and Reference documents will be evaluated.

- iv. The next meeting of the ICLAS Working Party on Harmonization of Guidelines will be held just before the AALAS meeting in 2008. Future meetings are planned to be held every 18 months in conjunction with AALAS (USA) and FELASA (Europe) meetings.

b. Network for the Promotion of Animal Quality in Research

- i. Patri Vergara summarized the activities of the ICLAS Network for the Promotion of Animal Quality in Research. The previous ICLAS Program on Reference and Monitoring Centers has been discontinued. A new program has been initiated under the leadership of Patri Vergara and combines programs of communication, collaboration between laboratories, and self evaluation utilizing reference samples. This new ICLAS Program has been implemented during the FELASA-ICLAS meeting in Como and a scientific session on that topic was presented. Additional information to join this program will be provided in the next few months. This information will be available on the ICLAS web site (iclas.org). Dr. Vergara will continue to be involve as coordinator of this program.

c. Reciprocal Registration

- i. ICLAS has been promoting a policy for all ICLAS scientific member organizations to provide registration at the member rate for all members of other ICLAS scientific member organizations and associations. The ICLAS Governing Board adopted the following policy at their meeting in 2006:

"All ICLAS member organizations will offer registration for their scientific meetings at their membership rate to members of all other ICLAS member organizations"- ICLAS Governing Board, Korea, August 2006

5. Funding for Research on animal care and use issues.

- a. There are a number of programs which provide funding for research on animal care and use issues. Some of these are as follows. Interested individuals and organizations are invited to contact them for more information.
 - i. American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM)
 - ii. European Society for Laboratory Animal Science/European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ESLAV/ECLAM)
 - iii. Charles River Foundation
 - iv. American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)

- v. Association for the Assessment and Accreditation for Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC Int')
 - vi. Others as listed on the ILAR web site (ILAR.org)
6. World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- a. The OIE and ICLAS have been working together over the last few years and are in the process to sign an agreement of collaboration to assure additional and continuing cooperation between both organizations. Dr. David Bayvel summarized the activities of the OIE.
 - i. The OIE is made up of a network of 169 participating countries which includes over 200 reference laboratories and 20 collaborating centers. The OIE is recognized by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and, while primarily focusing on animal health and food safety, have recently added animal welfare as one of its major activities. The first International Working Group on Animal Welfare sponsored by the OIE was held in 2004, and a second International Conference is planned for 2008 in Cairo. The OIE welcomes active collaboration with ICLAS in promoting animal welfare worldwide.
7. Announcements
- a. The next ICLAS General Assembly will be held in Brazil in 2011 in conjunction with the COBEA meeting.
 - b. The national AALAS meeting will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA on October 14-18, 2007.
 - c. The 6th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences will be held August 21-25 in Tokyo, Japan.
 - d. The next Scand-LAS meeting will be held in Tartu, Estonia on May 8-11, 2008.
 - e. The next FELASA meeting will be held in conjunction with the Scand-LAS and Fin-LAS meetings in Helsinki, Finland in 2010.
 - f. All are invited to visit the ICLAS web site for information and additional details on these and other laboratory animal science and medicine meetings and conferences.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45pm