

**ICLAS International Consortium Meeting  
November 11, 2008  
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA**

A meeting of the ICLAS International Consortium was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA on November 11, 2008 in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS). The agenda for the meeting is attached. The following is a summary of the discussions held during 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	USA, ICLAS
Otto Kugelberg	Sweden, ICLAS
Denna Benn	CALAS/ASCAL, ICLAS, Canada
Joanne Zurlo	ILAR/NAS, USA
Octavio Villanueva-Sanchez	AMCAL, Mexico
Clement Gauthier	CCAC, Canada
Tsutomu Miki Kurosawa	JALAS, Japan
Ann Christine Eklof	ScandLAS, ICLAS
Elsbeth Scott	Home Office, UK
Guy DeVroey	ICLAS, Belgium
Margaret Rose	NH&MRC, Australia
Malcolm France	ANZLAA, Australia
Marilyn Brown	CRL, USA
Naoko, Kagiya	JSLAR, Japan
Montip Gettayacamin	TALAS, Thailand
Tarja Kohila	Finland, ICLAS
Patri Vergara	SECAL, Spain
Victor Fernandez	AACyTAL, Argentina
Takuya Ikeda	JALAS, Japan
Marcel Frajblat	SBCAL, Brazil
Claudia V. Rivera	AMCAL, Mexico
Cecilia Carbone	Argentina, ICLAS
William J. White	CRL, USA
Ann Turner	AALAS, USA
Ronald Charbonneau	CALAM, Canada
John McCutchen	AALAS, USA
Anna V. Perez	Taconic, USA

### 3. Harmonization of Guidelines

- a. Gilles Demers reported on activities of the ICLAS Working Group on Harmonization of Guidelines since its inception in Nantes, France in 2004. This working group has met every 18 months since then; subcommittees have addressed euthanasia and humane endpoints and their reports were published in Science in a May 5, 2006 publication. Other subcommittees have addressed the ethical review of animal use protocols and animal user training; these reports have been reviewed and accepted by the ICLAS Governing Board and an article will be submitted to a scientific journal in early 2009.
- b. The fourth meeting of the ICLAS Working Group on harmonization of guidelines was held on November 8-9, 2008 before the AALAS meeting. Half a day was spent reviewing and discussing a draft report from a subcommittee working on the care and use of genetically engineered animals; this manuscript will eventually be reviewed by the ICLAS Governing Board with publication expected within the next year or two.
- c. The second half day was devoted to discussions around a new initiative with the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS). ICLAS was represented at meetings of the CIOMS Executive Committee and General Assembly in Geneva in December 2007 and the proposal of revising the 1985 CIOMS International Guiding Principles for the Use of Animals in Biomedical Research was brought up by Gilles Demers, ICLAS President. This document has not been reviewed since its inception in 1985 and its revision was proposed as a joint project within ICLAS and CIOMS. This led to an ICLAS proposal to CIOMS, and an agreement of this joint effort was accepted by both organizations in April of 2008.
- d. The meeting on November 9, 2008 announced that a joint ICLAS/CIOMS committee of not more than 6 people to work on review and revision of the 1985 CIOMS International Guiding Principles for the Use of Animals in Biomedical Research will soon be formed. The committee will be co-chaired by J.R. Haywood and Gilles Demers, and will have its first meeting in 2009 at the World Health Organization (WHO) offices in Geneva with more meetings as required to follow. This effort will be funded through ICLAS, and some outside sources of funding have already been identified. The final product will be reviewed and approved by both ICLAS and CIOMS.

### 4. Network for the Promotion of Animal Quality in Research

- a. Cecilia Carbone reported on progress of this network which is being coordinated by Patri Vergara of Spain. The first initiative of this program is the Performance Evaluation Program for Diagnostic Laboratories (PEP). There are now 11 laboratories involved in this effort which includes laboratories in Australia, Europe, North America, South America, and Asia. The group presented a scientific seminar on November 10, 2008 at

the AALAS meeting. It has already begun preparing unknown referee samples for both serology and microbiology and sending them to participating laboratories. A meeting to be held this week will discuss the addition of genetic samples to the program. Participating laboratories will be given the correct identification of the samples and be able to self-evaluate their performance.

5. New Members

- a. Two new ICLAS members were announced. The Italian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AISAL) as a scientific member will be represented by Gemma Perretta, and Australia has been accepted as a national member represented by Dr. Clive Morris.

6. Reports from regional committees.

- a. A second ICLAS East Mediterranean meeting will be held in December 2008.
- b. The Americas Committee awarded two travel awards for Latin American laboratory animal specialists to attend the AALAS meeting. The committee is also initiating an electronic journal for Latin America to be published in Spanish and Portuguese with summaries in English.

7. The following future laboratory animal science meetings were announced.

Representatives are encouraged to send specific dates and contact information to ICLAS so this information can be placed on the ICLAS web site.

- a. ICLAS Governing Board meetings will be in Uruguay in 2009 and in Taiwan in 2010.
- b. FELASA meeting in Helsinki in 2010.
  - i. Date: 14-17 June, 2010
  - ii. Site: Marina Congress Center , Helsinki, Finland
  - iii. Title: New Paradigms in Laboratory Animal Science (a joint FELASA/Scand-LAS symposium)
  - iv. Information: [www.felasa2010.eu](http://www.felasa2010.eu)
- c. CALAS meeting in Montreal in April 2009.
  - i. Date: April 4-7, 2009
  - ii. Site: Montreal, Quebec
  - iii. CALAS/ACSAL Conference
  - iv. Information: <http://symposium.calas-ascal.org>
- d. CCAC will host the 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives in Montreal, Quebec in August 2011.
- e. AALAS meeting in Denver in 2009.
- f. Meeting in Mexico in September 2009.
  - i. Date: September 23-26, 2009
  - ii. Site: Zacatecas, Mexico
  - iii. Mexican Association for Laboratory Animal Science
  - iv. Information: [www.cicmundiales.com.mx](http://www.cicmundiales.com.mx)
- g. Meeting in Brazil on October 13-16, 2009.

- h. ACLAM Forum on May 3-6, 2009 in Tuscon, Arizona.
- i. Charles River short course in Massachusetts in June 2009.
- j. JALAS meetings in Tokyo in 2009 and in Kyoto in 2010.
- k. ScandLAS meeting in south Sweden in April 2009.
- l. Belgian CLAS on Nov 28, 2008.
- m. SECAL in Nov 2009 in southern Spain.
  - i. Date: November 17-20, 2009
  - ii. Site: Salamanca, Spain
  - iii. Information: (coming soon) [www.secal.es](http://www.secal.es)
- n. TALAS meeting in Bangkok in 2009.
  - i. Date: April 26-29, 2009
  - ii. Site: Royal Thai Navy Convention Hall, Bangkok, Thailand
  - iii. International Symposium on Laboratory Animal Science (ILAS); Ethics, Welfare, and Legislation on the Use and Care of Laboratory Animals
  - iv. Information: [www.regmaster.org/ilas2009](http://www.regmaster.org/ilas2009)

8. Announcements

- a. A recent ILAR meeting entitled Animal Research Across Borders included a number of harmonization issues and subjects. Proceedings will be published soon.
- b. The Asian Federation for Laboratory Animal Science (AFLAS) has recently added Singapore, India and Indonesia as members.

9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:02am.

Respectfully submitted,

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