

**ICLAS International Consortium Meeting
October 16, 2007
Charlotte, North Carolina, USA**

A meeting of the ICLAS International Consortium was held in Charlotte, North Carolina on October 16, 2007 in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS). 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	USA, ICLAS
Melvin Dennis	AALAS, ICLAS, USA
Otto Kugelberg	Sweden, ICLAS
Silvia Ortiz	Brazil, ICLAS
Ann Turner	AALAS, USA
Denna Benn	CALAS, ICLAS, Canada
John Miller	AAALAC International, USA
Joanne Zurlo	ILAR, USA
Octavio Villanueva-Sanchez	AMCAL, Mexico
Clement Gauthier	CCAC, Canada
Tsutomu Miki Kurosawa	JALAS, Japan
Maria Eugenia Aguilar N	AMCAL, Mexico
Christian Newcomer	AALAS, USA
Ann Christine Eklof	ScandLAS, ICLAS
Elsbeth Scott	Home Office, UK
Neil Watt	Home Office, UK
Rony Kalman	ESLAV, Israel
Kathryn Bayne	AAALAC, IACLAM, USA
Pat Turner	IACLAM, CALAM, Canada
Wei Qiang	CALAS, China
U. Kristina Stephens	USA
Lee Krulisch	USA
N. Kostomitsopoulos	Greece, ICLAS
K. B. Patel	India

3. New ICLAS Governing Board (2007-20011)
 - a. Gilles Demers introduced the members of the ICLAS Governing Board which was elected at the General Assembly in Como, Italy in June 2007. The newly elected members were as follows:
 - i. President – Gilles Demers – Canada
 - ii. Vice President – Norikazu Tamaoki – Japan
 - iii. Secretary General – Cecilia Carbone – Argentina
 - iv. Treasurer – Guy De Vroey – Belgium
 - v. National Members
 1. Gemma Perretta – Italy
 2. Nikolaos Kostomitsopoulos – Greece
 3. Norikazu Tamaoki – Japan
 4. Harry Rozmiarek – USA
 5. Ouajdi Souilem – Tunisia
 - vi. Scientific/Union Member
 1. Denna Benn (CALAS) – Canada
 2. Mel Dennis (AALAS) – USA
 3. Ann Christine Eklof (ScandLAS) – Sweden
 4. J. R. Haywood (IUPHAR) – USA
 5. Naoko Kagiya (JSLAR) – Japan
 6. Parntep Ratanakorn (TALAS) – Thailand
4. Harmonization of Guidelines update.
 - a. Protocol Review Guidelines and Animal User Training Programs
 - i. The reports from these two ICLAS ad hoc committees are currently in draft form. It is expected that final reports will be completed for final revision early 2008 and approved by the ICLAS Governing Board in May 2008.
 - b. Genetically Modified Animals
 - i. This ad hoc committee is formed and functioning. Work will continue with the goal of recommendations to be revised during the 4th ICLAS Meeting on Harmonization of Guidelines in 2008.
5. Reciprocal Registration
 - a. The program of reciprocal registration between all ICLAS scientific organizations initiated about three years ago is being followed by organizers of major laboratory animal science meetings. It provides that ***“All ICLAS member organizations will offer registration for their scientific meetings at their membership rate to members of all other ICLAS member organizations.”***
6. ICLAS Network for the Promotion of Animal Quality in Research update
 - a. The former ICLAS Monitoring Center Program has been discontinued. A meeting of the key players in this network met at the AALAS meeting in St. Louis in 2005, and included representatives from the Monitoring Center laboratories as well as representatives from key new major

laboratories. It was unanimously recommended at this meeting to establish a new effort called the ICLAS Network for Promotion of Animal Quality in Research. This recommendation was presented to the ICLAS Governing Board held in 2006 and approved, and a decision to close the old Monitoring and Reference Center Program was made by the ICLAS Governing Board at that meeting. Objectives of the new network were as follows:

- i. Create a network of laboratories to promote quality in health and genetic monitoring
 - ii. Conditions of membership for network laboratories in the network
 1. become an ICLAS scientific member
 2. assist others with reference substances
 3. participate in reciprocal education and training
- b. The creation of the ICLAS Network for the Promotion of Animal Quality in Research was announced at the FELASA meeting in 2007. Network participants outlined the new program as part of the scientific session program at the meeting, and also made presentations about animal quality as part of the scientific session. A summary of the organization is as follows:
- i. The first two network laboratories were the RADIL Laboratory at the University of Missouri (Dr. Lela Riley) and the Charles River Diagnostic Laboratory (Dr. William Scheck). Other laboratories are invited to join, with special invitation to the former members of the ICLAS Monitoring Center group.
 - ii. Specimens will be provided and sent to all participating laboratories in the program. They will include serum specimens and infectious specimens. Accuracy of the specimen contents will be verified and cross checked between network laboratories before sending to assure accuracy.
 - iii. Any interested laboratory may subscribe to the program and will receive specimens. There will be four serum specimens and four infectious specimens per distribution and distribution will be made three times per year. Subscription cost will be \$1500 per year for serum specimens and \$1500 per year for infectious specimens and participation may be for only serum specimens, only infectious specimens, or both infectious and serum specimens. The subscription cost will cover shipping, administrative, and all other costs of specimen preparation and handling.
 - iv. Results of organisms in the specimens will be reported to each participating laboratory about 2-3 weeks after specimen shipment. Correspondence is invited and welcome between laboratories at any time, but no central record or reporting of diagnostic accuracy will be maintained by ICLAS. The program is based upon self reporting and record keeping.
 - v. A certificate of participation will be provided to each participating laboratory by ICLAS. Individual laboratories may record and

publicize their participation and accuracy determinations in any way that they wish.

- vi. Laboratories can be added at any time as either network laboratories or participating laboratories. It is expected that future expansion will include parasitology and pathology specimens as well as other species (pigs, simian species, etc.).
 - c. The ICLAS web site is prepared to accept applications from any interested participating laboratories. To date there have been four applications from participating laboratories. The first set of samples will be sent only to the four network laboratories and will be used to streamline and perfect distribution and shipping issues. If no major distribution and shipping difficulties are encountered, the first set of samples is expected to be sent to participating laboratories in December 2007.
 - d. The network will make presentations as part of the scientific sessions at the AALAS meeting in November of 2008.
7. Americas Committee update
- a. This regional committee has three major areas of focus and activity
 - i. Education of young scientists. This program provides travel funds for one young scientist from South America and one from Central America to attend the AAALAS meeting. In addition, one poster winner from the COBEA meeting in Brazil was supported to attend the AALAS meeting and one from the Argentina meeting will be supported next year
 - ii. Facilities construction and management. Seminars focusing on animal research operations and AAALAC accreditation standards were held at meetings in Mexico, Brazil and Argentina over the past year.
 - iii. The establishment of an electronic laboratory animal science journal for Latin America is being planned for the near future.
8. ILAR Update of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
- a. The decision to update the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals has been confirmed, and the process will begin in early 2008. It is expected to take about two years, and will begin with workshops to invite public comment from all interested parties. There will be a 2 ½-3 day international workshop on science based guidelines held in the Washington DC area in May-June 2008 as well as open meetings held in three major locations in the United States. International input to the update committee is invited, and the committee is expected to include 1-2 non Americans.
9. Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC) update. Three major new areas of activity were described.
- a. A new education and outreach program has been established under the leadership of Senior Associate Director Jim Swearingen. This will

include presentations, written material, and webinars and other electronic communication.

- b. A newly formed Special Projects Committee will review and can fund projects which address and improve animal care and use programs. Funds are available to veterinary students, the agricultural community, as well as the laboratory animal science community. The first project to be funded by this committee is a major contribution to support the updating of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
- c. International Technician Fellowship. This fellowship is made available through funding from Priority One Associates, and provides funds for one member of the ITA in the UK to spend a week in the United States followed by attendance at the AALAS meeting each year and one AALAS member to spend a week in the UK followed by attendance at the ITA meeting. This fellowship is expected to continue in the future.

10. Announcements and Future Meetings

- a. The 8th World Congress on Alternatives will be hosted by Montreal, Canada on the first or second week of August 2011 and will focus on replacement and reduction.
- b. The International Relations Advisory Council (IRAC) of AALAS has established a speakers' bureau and invites anyone interested to volunteer. Details are available on the www.aalas.org web site and they provide speakers for laboratory animal science meetings as required and in different languages. It also invites participation in their *International Laboratory Animal Technician Week* to be held January 22-February 2, 2008. There were comments that other countries may be holding similar technician recognition and appreciation events at different times during the year.
- c. The Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS) will be held in Toronto in June 2008.
- d. The Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science (AFLAS) meeting will be held on September 27-29, 2008 in Beijing, China. Details can be found on the web site www.aflas2008.org
- e. The International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine (IACLAM) now includes colleges in America, Europe, Japan, and Korea. The IACLAM has relationships with the World Veterinary Association and the OIE and now represents over 1000 Board Certified Laboratory Animal Medicine veterinarians. Their web site is www.iaclam.org
- f. The 38th Annual Symposium and Educational Days of Scand-LAS will be held on May 8-11, 2008 in Tartu, Estonia. Their web site is www.scandlas.org

11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05am.