

LAB ANIMAL SPECIALIST AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT
ICLAS-ARC 2010 TRAVEL AWARD
AALAS meeting – November 7-11, 2010

The Americas Regional Committee (ARC) of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS) announces three traveling fellowship awards sponsored by PMI Nutrition International, LLC-Lab Diets, Charles River's Commitment to Humane Animal Research Through Excellence and Responsibility (CHARTER) Program, and Lab Products, Inc. One award is available to an individual from member countries of the Associations of Central America, Caribbean and Mexico Laboratory Animal Science (ACCMAL). These are Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Trinidad y Tobago, El Salvador and Honduras. One award is available to an individual from member countries of Federation of South American Societies and Associations of Laboratory Animal Science Specialists (FESSACAL). These are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, and Venezuela. One award will select the best remaining candidate from all applications regardless of their country. Each award will sponsor an individual to travel to and participate in the national meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) to be held on November 7-11, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

The AALAS meeting is the largest laboratory animal science meeting in the world. It includes seminars, workshops, special topic lectures, platform sessions, and poster sessions on laboratory animal diseases, biology, experimental techniques, and animal models. The learning resources / technology center includes a variety of videos and computer based programs. Each year there is an extensive commercial exhibit which contains the latest in equipment and ancillary items for the care and use of laboratory animals.

The recipient should be a biomedical scientist, facility manager or veterinarian involved with experimental animals who is a member of their local or regional laboratory animal science organization. The individual should be a person with the potential to make significant contributions to the teaching, research, or organizational aspects of laboratory animal science in his/her country. Preference is given to individuals who otherwise would not have funding for international travel to a scientific meeting of this kind.

Each award consists of a monetary award (up to a maximum of \$2,000) to be used for costs of air travel, housing, and meeting registration associated with the annual AALAS meeting. In addition, a \$500 honorarium will be provided for each recipient to cover costs of meals, local travel, incidentals and any other expenses. The awards will be presented at the 2010 AALAS meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Nominations or applications should be written in English and consist of:

- A cover letter, which should include the candidate's career goals and a statement with detailed information on the reasons why the candidate is interested in attending the AALAS Annual Meeting. This statement should indicate what he/she is hoping to gain, how he/she would use the knowledge and experience to be acquired, how that knowledge would be disseminated, where and to whom, and what benefits will be derived.
- A *curriculum vitae*, maximum of 10 pages in length, with emphasis on laboratory animal science training and experience.
- Proof of proficiency in the English language.
- A letter of recommendation from the employer.
- At least one letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the qualifications and professional interests and activities of the candidate.
- A letter from the applicant's local or regional association assuring their current membership.

Complete nominations or applications should be submitted by mail, E-mail or FAX to:

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Deadline for submission of applications is April 15, 2010. The decision of the committee will be communicated before June 1, 2010.

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