



## ELECTION TO ICLAS' GOVERNING BODY

ICLAS is pleased to present the following candidates for positions in its Governing Body.

Elections will take place at the ICLAS General Assembly to be held on October 21, 2023. The General Assembly will be held at 9:00 a.m. (15:00 UTC), and will be a hybrid meeting, with virtual participation possible. Details will be sent closer to the date of the meeting. Elections are for 4 year terms.

Please find the statements from all candidates. We will kindly ask to treat this as personal information. Please direct all enquiries to [info@iclas.org](mailto:info@iclas.org).

CANDIDATE	MEMBERSHIP	SUPPORTING ASSOCIATION	APPLYING TO
Benmouloud, Abdelouafi	Scientific	AASEA (Algeria)	Governing Board
Brayton, Corey	Scientific	ACLAM (USA)	Governing Board
Fakoya, Francis	Scientific	ACURET (Nigeria)	President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Governing Board
Frajblat, Marcel	Scientific	SBCAL (Brazil)	Secretary General
Guillen, Javier	Scientific	SECAL (Spain)	Governing Board
Hayashimoto, Nobuhito	Institutional	CIEA (Japan)	Governing Board
Helppi, Jussi	Scientific	GV-SOLAS (Germany)	Governing Board, Treasurer, President
Huneke, Rick	Scientific	AALAS (USA)	Governing Board
Ingle, Arvind	Institutional	ACTREC (India)	Governing Board, Secretary General, Treasurer, President
Iriki, Atsushi	National	SCJ (Japan)	Governing Board
Linlin, Bao	Scientific	CALAS (China)	Governing Board
Reed, Barney	Scientific	LASA (U.K.)	Governing Board
Ricca, Micaela	Scientific	ASOCHITAL (Chile)	Governing Board
Rosner, Amir	Scientific	ILAF (Israel)	Governing Board
Santos, Ana Isabel	Scientific	SPCAL (Portugal)	Governing Board
Souilem, Ouajdi	National	ENMV (Tunisia)	Governing Board
Verreault, Pierre	National	CCAC (Canada)	Governing Board
Voipio, Hanna-Marja	Scientific	FinLAS (Finland)	Governing Board, Treasurer
Webster, Jim	National	ANZCCART (New Zealand)	Governing Board
Wilbertz, Johannes	National	SRC (Sweden)	Governing Board

## **Benmouloud, Abdelouafi**

My name is Abdelouafi BENMOULOUD. I am running as candidate for the position of ICLAS Governing Board member for the 2023 Election. I want to play an active role in the ongoing improvement of ICLAS organization. After previous work experience at AASEA, working as Secretary General, I want to contribute to promote and coordinate the development of Laboratory Animal Science. If elected I would make it my goal to get ICLAS the acknowledged advocate for the advancement of laboratory animal science in my country and in developing countries and particularly in Africa regions; I'll serve as important source of laboratory animal science guidelines and standards. I would appreciate your vote for me, Abdelouafi BENMOULOUD, to serve on the ICLAS Governing Board

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## **Brayton, Corey**

I am a veterinary pathologist and scientist, a diplomate of ACLAM and of ACVP. I served as 2014 ACVP president. Since 1986 I have been involved in research and teaching as a collaborator, scientist, pathologist, clinical veterinarian, attending veterinarian, IACUC member, facility and laboratory director in academia. I have served on the ACLAM examination committee, in CL Davis, ECVP ESLAV ECLAM and other international educational activities since 2001. I served on ILAR council 2012-2023, and was US national representative to ICLAS 2015-2023, elected to GB in 2019. I have a longstanding commitment to humane, relevant and ethical research. I participated in ICLAS' 2022 strategic planning, and am strongly committed to furthering ICLAS multinational synergies, and educational and QA initiatives that advance human and animal health and well-being by promoting the ethical care and use of animals in research worldwide. I am honored to be nominated again and will remain the member's representative for the next 4 years.

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Fakoya, Francis

*Since 2011, [ACURET.ORG](http://ACURET.ORG) has been in the fore front of promoting humane animal care and use for scientific purposes through trainings geared towards generating interest in humane and conventional use of animals in scientific studies, and, thus, encouraging attitudinal change from the perception of laboratory animals as "just rats or mice" in the laboratory setting, and with a view to giving consideration to their welfare in order to gain value in their humane use in the interest of, and benefit to, man and animals alike. This has been my main motivation in guiding and directing growth pathways for sustainable, humane, and conventional use of animals in scientific studies in developing countries in Africa. It is my wish to join the Governing Board to contribute my experience and acquired skills in laboratory animal use and handling, as well as involvement in global harmonization in lab animal welfare, with especial reference to adoption of globally acceptable animal care and experimentation, including necessary and acceptable adaptations, in developing countries.*

## Frajlat, Marcel

ICLAS is a global network that connects the animal science community, promoting the exchange of knowledge and practices. One of ICLAS's main goals is to bridge the gap in laboratory animal use around the world. To succeed, it is essential to have a strong communication channel with its members. Having served on the Governing board for four years, I aspire to further contribute as Secretary General on the next Executive Board.

As the leading international organization, it is crucial for ICLAS to regain worldwide recognition. To accomplish this, we must work to include as many as possible all laboratory animal associations as members. Furthermore, we should encourage the participation of more laboratories and companies in ICLAS's activities.

My goal is to build upon the accomplishments of the previous executive board and enhance ICLAS's global impact. To accomplish these goals, I will prioritize establishing connections and increasing engagement. We intend to do that with better communication, using social media, newsletter, producing videos about our history and telling the story of people who received support from ICLAS. ICLAS needs to connect the Global LAS community using the power of communication. By strengthening relationships and expanding our membership, I believe that ICLAS can attain even greater accomplishments worldwide.

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## Guillen, Javier

I was a member of the ICLAS Governing Board for 8 years (2011-2019). After leaving the Board in 2019 I have kept my collaboration with ICLAS, managing the website and being a member of the European Regional Committee where we manage a success full fellowship program. I think I can contribute again to the development of the organization as a Board member, helping in the transition to a new leadership. I think that ICLAS has evolved in a very positive way in recent years but there is still a lot of room for improvement, and my international experience can be useful to achieve new goals.

Hayashimoto, Nobuhito

Our institute is a public interest foundation for the purpose of developing novel laboratory animals and improving genetic and microbiological quality of laboratory animals. Since I joined in the institute, I have consistently engaged in the quality control and related research like as elucidation of the pathogenicity of various microorganisms and development of testing methods for pathogens over 20 years.

If re-elected to the Governing Board of ICLAS, my goal is to continue my commitment to promoting high standards of quality control in laboratory animals. As a current Governing Board of ICLAS and a member of the Laboratory Animal Quality Network, I will use my experience as a Governing Board of the Japanese Association for Laboratory Animal Sciences to strengthen ICLAS initiatives. Together with my colleagues, I will continue my role as an advocate for the importance of animal quality and focus on further expanding ICLAS' global network

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Helppi, Jussi.

The importance of internationality in laboratory animal science (LAS) has been a passion of mine since the beginning of my career. I studied in Finland in the early 90s and moved to EMBL in Heidelberg, Germany in 1996. In 1999, I was recruited by the MPI-CBG to help set up a brand new institute in Dresden. I have been involved in numerous LAS associations, first with FinLAS, ScanLAS and AALAS, and more recently with GV-SOLAS, LAL, AAALAC International and ICLAS (treasurer). I have held a variety of different roles in different associations (working group leader, programme organiser, conference organiser, committee member and chair, board member). I have lived and worked outside my home country for most of my professional life and feel particularly comfortable in an international scientific environment. I feel that I can wholeheartedly contribute to the goals of ICLAS and I would love to serve ICLAS.

**Huneke, Rick**

My career is dedicated to education in laboratory animal science, and I hope to extend education and training opportunities to areas of the world where there are few. I am experienced in conducting site visits and presenting at Congresses in the Caribbean and South America and have professional working fluency in Portuguese and some Spanish. My service on the Boards of State and National biomedical research societies helped to develop outreach and education for the public to understand the importance of animal-based research and to encourage openness and pride in our profession. As an AAALAC Council member, I worked to achieve international harmonization of standards and have conducted site visits to over 150 institutions in 18 years. I believe ICLAS is uniquely positioned to enhance the care of laboratory animals worldwide through education and harmonization, and I am eager to utilize my skills and background through service on the Governing Board.

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**Ingle, Arvind**

I am founder member of LASA India since 2004. I have served as President, LASA India for 2015-18 and 2019-22. I was elected in 2019 on Governing Board, ICLAS and also serving as Chairman, Education Committee, ICLAS. From 2012-15, served as Member on 'Education and Training Committee', ICLAS.

During my tenure as Chairman, Education Committee of ICLAS, I have coordinated to screen the applications of Veterinary scholarship and also participated in laying down the strategic plan of Education and Training.

With my efforts as President, AFLAS, I successfully conducted the 8<sup>th</sup> AFLAS Congress in Nov. 2018 in Bangalore, India.

In my tenure as President, LASA India, we have established Indian College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ICLAM) and few trainees are already registered and undergoing training for taking up the examination.

Since I have been closely associated with the ICLAS, I wish contribute to the development of ICLAS, especially for Asia Region.

I nominate myself as Institutional Member and if elected I shall remain ACTREC representative for next term as a 'Institutional Member'.

## Iriki, Atsushi

I have been involved in the management of ICLAS in the past as a governing board member, and later as a vice president, as a national member representing Japan. I am a cognitive neuroscientist, mostly using non-human primates, to study mechanisms of how human cultures and civilizations have developed, based on the evolutionary biology of primate brains. My central role as ICLAS vice president has been to liaise Laboratory Animal Science community with varieties of animal users' science communities worldwide. I have also focused my administrative effort on fostering ethics and welfare of primates as experimental animals for the studies of higher cognitive functions in social and naturalistic environmental laboratory and husbandry settings and their managements. I believe that service as ICLAS governing board member would be essential in order to continue and further develop these activities among international Laboratory Animal Science community.

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## Linlin, Bao

Over the past two decades, I have developed a series of animal models for infectious diseases and conducted comparative medical studies. As an ICLAS member, I am committed to promoting the advancement of laboratory animal science, advocating for the value of animal models in human disease research, increasing awareness and integration with ICLAS among researchers, and fostering international cooperation within the field of laboratory animals.

I would like to apply for the Governing Board on behalf of Chinese Association for Laboratory Animal Sciences(CALAS). I will bring the experience of laboratory animal science in China to ICLAS. What's more, I will spare every effort to promote the humane use of animals in research through recognition of ethical principles and scientific responsibilities. Hope that I will have the chance to work with the Governing Board of ICLAS to create a promising future together.

**Reed, Barney**

For more than twenty years Barney has worked with those involved in the regulation, use and care of laboratory animals around the world to support good standards of science and animal welfare, effective ethical oversight and the fullest implementation of the 3Rs. Barney has been involved in the delivery of international, regional, national and institutional training events, and guidelines development, on issues such as housing, handling and care; humane killing; refining experimental procedures; protocol review; and promoting a good 'culture of care'. The work is highly collaborative, with activities tailored to the local situation and practical needs. This approach fits exceptionally well with ICLAS's remit aimed at sharing knowledge amongst the global laboratory animal science community to promote the ethical care and use of animals. Barney would value making this contribution to the valuable work of ICLAS to promote programs and opportunities that improve laboratory animal science and animal welfare.



**Ricca, Micaela**

I am honored to express my desire to be a part of the Governing Board of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS). As a candidate, I am deeply committed to advancing the field of laboratory animal science and promoting the highest standards of animal welfare in research.

Having dedicated my career to the scientific community, I have extensive experience in laboratory animal models, ethics, teaching, communication, and regulatory compliance. Also, I have served in various leadership roles in the field. I strongly believe that my expertise, combined with a deep understanding of the global scientific landscape, positions me to contribute to the strategic direction and governance of ICLAS.

If given the opportunity, I will work diligently to foster collaboration among diverse stakeholders, drive innovation in laboratory animal science, and promote the responsible and ethical use of animals in research worldwide. Throughout my tenure, I will actively engage with the diverse membership of ICLAS, listening attentively to their needs, suggestions, and feedback. I will work tirelessly to ensure that their voices are heard, and their perspectives are incorporated into the decision-making processes of the Governing Board. I will advocate for initiatives that promote collaboration, knowledge sharing, and professional development within the laboratory animal science community.

I am honored to accept the responsibility of serving as the member's representative on the Governing Board of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS) for the next four years. I am committed to representing the interests and concerns of the members with dedication, transparency, and integrity.

Together, we will advance the field of laboratory animal science, uphold the highest standards of animal welfare, and strengthen the global impact of ICLAS.

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**Rosner, Amir**

Since 2000 I have been active in promoting issues related to research with laboratory animals. In the national field, I am the chairman of ILAF since 2012. I have organized many conferences on laboratory animals in Israel including the conference held in Jerusalem in 2008 in collaboration with ICLAS . I initiated and organized the establishment of the laboratory animal technician course in Israel it is a collaboration with ILAF, the School of Veterinary Medicine of the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute . Since 2012 I represent ILAF in the board of FELASA and a member of the FELASA Working Group on Equine Species in research. I think that joining the board of ICLAS will allow me to contribute to the organization on the one hand and to contribute to the promotion of the issue in Israel on the other hand.

I really hope I can fit into the role

**Santos, Ana Isabel**

After being a neurobiology researcher using animal models for 10 years I was an Animal Facility Manager. LAS Education and Training has been on my diary since 1994 and I have had the privilege to teach, audit courses and work on LAS training accreditation. Communication in LAS, openness and transparency are more recent topics that I have dedicate some of my time.

Along my professional pathway of volunteer work in LAS organizations I have accessed great learning opportunities, international networking and have enriched of my skills. I believe that working with shared responsibilities and respecting personal, institutional and cultural differences is key for ICLAS future development.

I am very focused and organized and I believe that my long experience in executive and coordination positions, have given me adequate competences to contribute to the ICLAS Governing Board.

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**Souilem, Ouajdi**

I am writing to state my intent of running for the ICLAS Governing Board position as a National representative.

It's an honor to me to present my candidature to be part of the ICLAS Governing Board at the occasion of the election on October 2023 at the General Assembly to be held Salte Lake City.

I had served ICLAS since 1997 as a National representative of Tunisia under the patronage of prestigious Presidents: Seven Pakes, Jean René Maisin, Gilles Demers, Patri Vergara and Cynthia Pekow recently. Also, I had the opportunity to be a member of the ICLAS Board at three times:

2007- 2011, 2011- 2015, 2019-2023. I had the privilege to disseminate LAS and ethics in French speaking Africa in a first time and in the continent in a second time with a close collaboration with all African colleagues.

For that, I wish, with the contribution of all ICLAS African team, to consolidate the ICLAS strategy in the continent and to raise the bar by engaging concretes actions

**Verreault, Pierre**

For several years, the Canadian Council of Animal Care (CCAC) has contributed to the work of ICLAS in various capacities. Acknowledging the importance of ICLAS' role and mission, I would like, as the CCAC's Executive Director, to contribute firsthand to ICLAS. The CCAC has the dual role of developing standards for the ethical use and care of animals in science in Canada and assessing and certifying institutions using animals in science. Contrary to most countries, Canada does not have a regulatory system for the use of animals in science; it has a peer review system.

The CCAC is now modernizing its program. The CCAC is currently revising its ethics principles. In addition to the Three Rs and ethical use and care of animals in science, the new ethics principles will stress the importance of respect for the animal. The CCAC has developed or is developing three new standards to articulate the new ethics principles. The first standards document is the Categories of Welfare Impact (CoWI) to replace the Categories of Invasiveness. The CoWI standards shift the focus from procedures on the animal to the cumulative life experience of the animal. The End of Study standards document now calls for ethical and deontological endpoints for studies in addition to scientific endpoints to ensure that the animal's life experience is ethically acceptable. The third standards document, Animal Welfare Assessment, was revisited to support the CoWI and the End of Study. Recognizing that animal welfare science evolves and that oversight of animal use in science must keep pace, the CCAC supports ICLAS' mission as "an international scientific organization dedicated to advancing human and animal health and well-being by promoting the ethical care and use of laboratory animals in research worldwide."

Toxicology testing is also a fast-evolving evidence-based science area of interest. In Canada, the government is now adopting legislation to stop the use of animal testing. While such legislations have been in place for several years in other jurisdictions, collaboration is needed to ensure that Canada's policies are harmonized.

I am also interested in using my experience with several national and international organizations to contribute to and promote the objectives of ICLAS.

Voipo, Hanna-Marja

LAS associations have a major impact on developing the welfare of laboratory animals and improving the quality of science. For this reason, I have been involved in the work of national and international associations and have come to understand how this work promotes the use of animals based on the 3Rs principle.

Working on the ICLAS Governing Board has opened a broad and interesting global view to LAS. During the four-year term of ICLAS I have chaired the European Regional Committee and, together with my colleagues, planned activities and developed European grant programs. In the autumn of 2023, a seminar will be held in Georgia on my initiative, with the aim of promoting the activities and legislation of laboratory animals in Georgia. I hope that this project will continue, and I could be one of those who will further develop this program and other activities on the ICLAS Governing Board.

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Webster, Jim

I wish to continue to serve on the governing board as I consider over my previous term we have made great progress promoting ICLAS in the region and wish to continue this and represent ANZCCART (NZ). I also regard the role on the board as an important supplement to my other roles on related boards and organisation which add leverage and knowledge to my capacity. I believe that ICLAS promotes responsible use of animals in research which is central to my professional career

Wilbertz, Johannes

Herewith I apply as a member of the ICLAS Governing Board.

Having more than 30 years of experience in the life sciences with a focus on laboratory animal science and ethics, my expertise and background will help to develop ICLAS to play an even more significant role than it has right now.

Not only due to the problems of the corona pandemic, ICLAS has not been as present as it deserves. As a global network with a unique source of expertise, ICLAS should be a natural resource as a partner for academic and governmental institutions and as a counsellor for laboratory animal sciences questions, including course, legal and ethical aspects. Furthermore, ICLAS should use the expertise of their members to participate actively in fostering and helping to set the 3R values locally and globally.

If elected, I will set in all my efforts to promote and develop the goals and values of ICLAS, locally and globally.