



ICLAS: Oceania Regional Committee Meeting Agenda							
Time:	3 pm NZDST						
Date:	6 March 2023						
Venue:	Online Teams link						
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Attachments	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Openness Agreement - FINAL ltemplate with exam</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Annual Report</p> </div> </div>						
Apologies:							
Useful link:	https://iclas.org/regional-committees						

Welcome

Update

Titus Zindove, has moved to NZ from Fiji, and is now the Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University. Links with Fiji National University to continue?
TZ advised the links are continuing.

Ideas Discussed

- TZ [Archibold-Bakare](#) recommendation Fiji National University
ACTION: TZ to send JW email address/ JW to email Archibold
- TZ talk to vet students/teach/present in Fiji
- JS seek a technician representative from Australia
- PS to ask for suggestions from veterinary schools in Caribbean & Philippines
ACTION: as listed above

Refresher on the Work of ICLAS Oceania Committee

<https://media-01.imu.nl/storage/iclas.org/7405/serving-on-the-governing-board-of-the-international-council-for-laboratory-animal-science.pdf>

The work of ICLAS is carried out by GB members and ICLAS Committees and Working Groups. GB members participate on at least one committee as a member or chair. ICLAS has 5 standing Regional Committees (Asia, Africa, Americas, Europe, Oceania). Board members participate on the committee from their home region. GB appoints ad hoc committees/working groups as necessary to conduct the business of ICLAS.

The committees present reports on their activities for the GB to review at every formal business session. In these reports, the committees make recommendations to the GB for actions, including budget needs. The committee activities, actions, and budgets are presented to the General Assembly for approval. Each committee has a chair or co-chairs from the GB, appointed by the President. Committee members may be recruited from the GB, as well as volunteers from ICLAS members, or volunteers outside of ICLAS as needed.

Bennett-Cohen Award

ICLAS Oceania sent supporting letter to ANZCCART for Virginia Williams nomination for ICLAS Bennet-Cohen Award.

Australian Openness Agreement Membership

ICLAS Oceania – enquiry to join the Australian Openness Agreement - request waive annual fee of A\$250.

ACTION: JW to contact Malcolm France to advise “ICLAS Oceania Committee are in agreement to join if the annual fee is waived as this committee is not funded”.

ICLAS Funding

Regional Committees: reach out to the associations in your region to encourage funding requests for activities for 2023. Refer them to the application for support on the ICLAS web page at <https://iclas.org/regional-committees/>. Not updated yet – still showing 2022 date. The deadline for submissions was 15 May 2023?

ACTION: VB to ask Javier when the link will be updated and what the date is for 2023

Applications approved in 2022

1. SPCA, NZ
Enhancing SPCA NZ's Animal Ethics Committee nominated members contributions to the welfare of animals used in research, testing, and teaching.
Amount to be provided: €2000 – funding received November 2022
1. Understanding Animal Research, London, UK
Oceania Openness Workshops
Amount Requested: \$3000 Euros - funding received February 2023

ICLAS Oceania webpage <https://iclas.org/regional-committees/>

Antonio Casal beinndeargh@gmail.com has taken over from Javier Guillen jguillen@aaalac.org as the webmaster.

Website changes to be made

1. The link New Zealand Animal Research Resources: click [here](#)
Change to ANZCCART Resources <https://www.anzccart.org.nz/anzccart-resources> instead.
2. ANZCCART NZ – to bring an international speaker to the ANZCCART annual conference, July 2021 in Queenstown
<https://anzccart.org.nz/anzccart-conference/> - this link needs updating to [2021 ANZCCART Conference – Openness in Animal Research](#)
3. Plus replace the “Our Mission” statement:
The committee is in the process of identifying of the more suitable activities to be developed. Under discussion are the establishment of fellowship grants to allow acquisition of new knowledge and the organization of a laboratory animal workshop.
with
The committee is currently identifying the most suitable activities to develop. They are discussing the possibility of enabling educational activities in the region to assist with veterinarians taking up ICLAS Fellowship Grants and have others gain access to training.
ACTION: VB the above changes to be emailed to the webmaster - complete

Ideas to explore

Marketing – that links through to the funding application and membership Stand at conferences, e.g., ANZLAA, ANZCCART, Fiji conferences?

ACTION: JW to write to Malcolm France to advise we are keen to sign up to the OA and would like a free stand at the ANZCCART conference in Adelaide in August 2023.

Branding of pens- Alibaba

As an academic in laboratory animal veterinary science, I understand that transitioning from normal veterinary practice to veterinary practice for animal use in research requires upskilling and retraining. To assist veterinarians in making this transition, I would design a two-week intensive course covering the following topics:

Week 1: Introduction to laboratory animal science and its role in research, Regulatory frameworks, and compliance requirements for laboratory animal research in Australasia, Veterinary medicine and care of laboratory animals, Common diseases and treatments in laboratory animals, Anesthesia and analgesia in laboratory animals, Surgery in laboratory animals

Week 2: Principles of animal welfare and ethics in laboratory animal research, Behavior and environmental enrichment in laboratory animals, Occupational health and safety for laboratory animal professionals, Infection control and biosecurity in laboratory animal facilities, Laboratory techniques and procedures commonly used in animal research, Emerging technologies, and advances in laboratory animal science. To ensure the course is relevant for veterinarians in Australasia, guest speakers from the region would be invited to present on local practices and regulations. The course would also include practical components, such as hands-on training in laboratory animal care and surgery, as well as case-based discussions to facilitate learning and application of concepts.

Overall, the aim of the course would be to equip veterinarians with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively practice laboratory animal medicine and contribute to high-quality research.

ACTION: MK completed the 2-week course outline above and the recommended reading below:

Here are some resource materials that could be used for the course I designed, using real academic sources:

1. Laboratory Animal Medicine and Science, 3rd edition by Jann Hau and Steven Schapiro (book)
2. The Principles of Laboratory Animal Management for Veterinarians, 2nd edition by Jerald Silverman and Rod A. W. Rosychuk (book)
3. The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th edition, published by the National Academies Press (guideline)
4. Animal Welfare in Animal Research: Reporting In Vivo Experiments (ARRIVE) guidelines, published by the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement & Reduction of Animals in Research (guideline)
5. American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals, 2020 edition (guideline)
6. "Laboratory Animal Anaesthesia: An Introduction for Research Workers and Technicians" by Paul Flecknell, published in Laboratory Animals (journal article)
7. "The 3Rs in research: a contemporary approach to replacement, reduction, and refinement in animal experimentation" by Fiona Sewell et al., published in Altex (journal article)
8. "Occupational Health and Safety in the Care and Use of Research Animals" by Anne Marie Weber and Scott Merz, published in ILAR Journal (journal article)
9. "Non-Invasive Imaging Techniques in Animal Research" by Hani Al-Sukhni et al., published in ILAR Journal (journal article)
10. "Surgery in Laboratory Animals: Principles and Techniques" by Ravi Tolwani et al., published in Veterinary Clinics of North America: Exotic Animal Practice (journal article)
11. These resources provide in-depth information on various topics related to laboratory animal veterinary medicine and research, and are authored by experts in their respective fields. They would be useful for both the lecturers and attendees of the course to expand their knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.

Committee actions for Lab animal work/people in the following areas:

Purpose - see if any interest in anything that ICLAS has to offer relating lab animal science and to extend invite for membership to our committee		
Action	For	Update
No ethics committees in New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa that we know of.	-	
USP have a campus in Samoa & in Fiji	TZ	https://www.usp.ac.fj/research/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/12/animal_ethics_handbook.pdf https://www.usp.ac.fj/research/pg-affairs/post-graduate-resources/research-ethics/
Archibold-Bakare from Fiji National University FNU · College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry PhD	JW	JW to email Archibold (TZ to provide email address)

Vet Scholarship – to be mentioned at ANZLAA Vet SIG Journal club, and MMLA Journal club, gauge interest. Charles River Short Course? Some other options to follow up	JS & PS	On hold
Technician representative from Australia	JS	
Suggestions from veterinary schools in Caribbean & Philippines	PS	

General Business

Governing Board meeting 11pm – 1 am 18/19 March via Zoom – JW to attend.

General Assembly, 16 June 2022 (online meeting) after FELASA, which JW attended online.

90th WOAHA General Assembly, 21 - 25 May 2023, Paris (France)/International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS), JW to attend.

AAALAC- JW asked to stay on Town Hall Planning Committee for 2023

Future meetings

Goal of quarterly meetings is to include one in person meeting:

Idea put forward for Christchurch in 2024 to coincide with the ANZCCART conference.

Next meeting date arranged for: **9 - 10 am, 16 June 2023 via TEAMS** (calendar invite sent)

Meeting closed at 4.35pm