



## ICLAS News February, 2023

### ICLAS Award Nominations due March 21

ICLAS confers awards once every four years, at the General Assembly held in conjunction with a scientific meeting, during an ICLAS election year. The ICLAS General Assembly will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

There are 3 ICLAS awards that may be conferred:

-The Mühlbock-Nomura Award (formerly the Mühlbock Award) recognizes an individual whose body of work supports the value of using high quality, genetically and microbiologically-defined laboratory animals in research.

-The Bennet Cohen Award recognizes an individual who has achieved prominence in promoting and advancing the “three Rs” of reduction, refinement and replacement in the use of laboratory animals in research, teaching and testing, first described in 1959 by Russell and Burch.

-The Coates-Demers Award (previously called the Outstanding Service Award) recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding commitment to ICLAS and its programs.

At the General Assembly, the awardees are recognized during the program, and presented with a plaque. Awardees are requested to provide a presentation about their work at the international scientific meeting held after the ICLAS General Assembly. ICLAS covers costs for travel, hotel, and meeting registration for the awardees to attend the General Assembly and associated scientific meeting (this year, the 2023 National Meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science).

Nomination packets include a brief CV (no more than 3 pages) and a statement justifying the nomination. Additional support letters may be included but are not required. Criteria for judging are as follows:

Cohen Award factors: The nominee’s work

- A. -supports increased understanding of the 3Rs via educational efforts and dissemination
- B. -develops new methods or improvements in the 3R's
- C -has had significant impact on animal welfare at a national or international level

Mühlbock-Nomura Award factors: The nominee’s work

- A. -has relied on high quality, genetically and microbiologically-defined laboratory animals in research
- B. -has a respected body of original research published in peer-reviewed journals
- C. -has national or international impact in his or her field of research, in whole or part based on use of animal models

Coates-Demers factors: The nominee’s work

- A. -has contributed to ICLAS’ mission
- B. - has had an enduring effect in shaping ICLAS programs
- C. – has had international impact in improving ICLAS outreach

If you know a deserving person who has made an outstanding contribution to Laboratory Animal Science, please send a nomination no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to [info@iclas.org](mailto:info@iclas.org)

**ICLAS Governing Board elections** will be held at the **ICLAS General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA on Saturday, October 21, 2023**. A call for nominations for Governing Board members will be sent to all members in March, 2023.

The **ICLAS Europe Regional Committee** announces a call for applications for the **ICLAS Visiting Grant for Professional Development in LAS in Europe and ICLAS Grant for Training the Trainer in LAS Education in Europe**.

The **Visiting Grant** is available to individuals from European countries/areas in the process of developing modern standards of animal care and use. The objective of the grants is to acquire new knowledge and/or technical competences in the care and use of laboratory animals. This can be achieved in one of the host institutions proposed by ICLAS or in an institution proposed by the applicant. Grants can be awarded to three categories of roles, at least one award per year for each category:

- Animal technician
- Animal facility manager/animal welfare officer/veterinarian level
- Animal user scientist

**Deadline for the 2023 applications is March 1st, 2023.** Information is available [here](#).

ICLAS supports, in collaboration with FELASA, proposals of up to 2000 euros for helping those who aim to be instrumental in the establishment of courses for any of the EU functions according to the Directive 2010/63/EU (or equivalent requirements in countries out of the European Union). Preference is given to applicants from European countries with higher need to develop a well-established education and training system. The activity is designed with the mid or long-term goal of producing a training course that eventually fulfils FELASA accreditation requirements.

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The **Panama Association for Laboratory Animal Science (APCAL)** and the **Federation of Hispanic North America, Central American and Caribbean Societies for Laboratory Animal Science (FeSAHANCCCAL)** announce an International Congress “Toward Excellence in Animal Science” to be held in Panama 6-7 of December, 2023. For information contact [presidenciafesahancccal@gmail.com](mailto:presidenciafesahancccal@gmail.com)

**Aula Virtual Bioterio** has free 2023 calendars in Spanish for laboratory animal facilities, available to download. [www.aulabioterio.com](http://www.aulabioterio.com)

The **Brazilian Society for Laboratory Animal Science(SBCAL)** and the **Federation of the South American Laboratory Animal Science(FESSACAL)** announce the 17th Congress da Sociedade Brasileira de Ciência em Animais de Laboratório – SBCAL and the IV- International Congress of

the Federación de Sociedades Sudamericanas de Ciencias de Animales de Laboratorio to be held in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil 13-15 September, 2003. <https://www.sbcas.org.br>

**CELASC** announces the 1st CELASC, Central-East European Laboratory Animal Science Conference, which will take place in Cubex Centre Prague on May 30 – June 1, 2023. <https://www.celasc.org/>