



ICLAS News September 2023

The ICLAS General Assembly and 2023 ICLAS Governing Board Election will be held on **October 21** starting at **9:00 a.m.** (15:00 Universal Coordinated Time). The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Hotel, Park City Room, in Salt Lake City, USA. The General Assembly will be a hybrid meeting, with in-person and virtual attendance possible via Zoom. All interested parties are welcome to attend the General Assembly, however voting at this event is limited to the named representatives of ICLAS members in good standing (with membership dues paid) from National or Scientific/Union, or Institutional Members.

Named member representatives who will attend virtually (on line via Zoom) must confirm in advance with the ICLAS Secretary General to be able to vote on-line during the meeting. Designated Member Representatives who will attend in person do not need to register in advance. The Zoom link will be sent just prior to the meeting. To confirm to vote virtually (via Zoom) during the General Assembly in **advance of October 21**, send the following information to info@iclas.org

Name of ICLAS Member

Membership Category: National, Scientific/Union, or Institutional

Name of Designated Member Representative

Email address of Designated Member Representative

Proxy Votes: If a designated member representative is not able to attend in person or on-line, proxy votes are possible as well. Only a designated member representative may hold a proxy for another designated member, and must be from the same membership category. A maximum of one proxy vote may be held by any one designated member representative. Proxy votes must be arranged in advance with the ICLAS Secretary General. Please contact info@iclas.org with the following proxy vote information:

Name of ICLAS Member

Membership Category: National, Scientific/Union, or Institutional

Name of Designated Member Representative who will cast the proxy vote

Name of ICLAS Member that will hold the proxy vote

Email address of Designated Member Representative who will cast the proxy vote

ICLAS Governing Board candidates are the named representatives of a National, Scientific/Union or Institutional member and are elected to a 4-year term ending in 2027. Information about the nineteen candidates may be found on the ICLAS web-page at [Candidates' Information](#)

Information with the agenda and voting instructions will be sent to ICLAS members closer to the meeting date in October.

Date to Receive Funding Requests Extended until October 8, 2023

Financial support is available from ICLAS for meetings, workshops, classes, and development of educational materials or initiatives. **Submit funding applications for 2024 educational initiatives via the ICLAS Regional Committees.** Applications for funding of activities for 2024 will be reviewed and voted on by the board. Information about the regional committee funding and an application may be found [here](#). **Deadline for receipt of applications is extended to October 8th, 2023. NOTE: Funding decisions will not be known until late in the year. The Board members to be newly elected in October of 2023 will make these funding decisions late in 2023.**

ICLAS Awards Presentations and Talks by Awardees at the AALAS Meeting

Sunday, October 22 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake City Convention Center in room 250A. Please join us to hear brief presentations from our Awardees. ICLAS Awards are given once every 4 years.

Please congratulate the 2023 Awardees:

-**Dr. Michael Festing** (from the UK), recipient of the ICLAS Muhlbock-Nomura Award to recognize achievements in promoting the value of quality definition (genetics, microbiology) of laboratory animals.

-**Dr. Neal Ward** (from New Zealand), recipient of the ICLAS Cohen Award to recognize promotion of the 3 Rs.

-**Dr. Patri Vergara** (from Spain), recipient of the ICLAS Coates-Demers Award to recognize services to ICLAS.

Other ICLAS events at the AALAS meeting:

The ICLAS Laboratory Animal Quality Network (LAQN) will meet **10:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 23 in Convention Center room 251B**. This committee coordinates ICLAS' program to assist with quality definition of laboratory rodent genetics and disease status.

The **ICLAS Americas Regional Committee** will meet **1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23 in Convention Center room 257B**. All AALAS attendees with interests in laboratory animal science in the Americas (South, Central, North) and the Caribbean are invited to come share their activities and plan how we may synergize our efforts.

ICLAS and the Association for Primate Veterinarians (APV) are collaborating on a seminar **“International Perspectives and Considerations for Housing of Non-Human Primates”** presented on **Tuesday, October 24 in the Convention Center at 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.** Researchers and veterinarians will present perspectives from Japan, the Netherlands, China, Kenya, and Thailand.

The **AAALAC International Luncheon** will be held at noon on **Wednesday, October 25 at the Hyatt Hotel, in the Salt Lake Room A&B**. All international attendees at the AALAS meeting are invited. ICLAS will honor the Americas Regional Committee Travel Award winners at the luncheon.

The **ICLAS Americas Regional Committee** has selected 3 laboratory animal scientists from the Americas for the **2023 Travel Award**, to attend the 2023 American Association for Laboratory Animal Science National Meeting. Please congratulate

Alanna Madrid, from Panama

Gabriel Fernandez, from Uruguay

Victoria Zaikoski, from Argentina

ICLAS thanks the generous sponsors of the award: Charles River CHARTER Program, Avidity Science, and Purina LabDiet. AALAS has waived meeting registration costs for the awardees, and AAALAC International will honor them at the International Banquet to be held Wednesday at noon during the AALAS meeting.

The ICLAS Veterinary Scholarship Program announces the most recent scholarship recipient: from South Africa, Dr. Tapiwa Makwavarara. The award provides financial support for up to 2/3 the cost to attend a certificate or degree program in Laboratory Animal Science. The sponsors for this award include AAALAC International, Charles River CHARTER Program, the Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science

(CALAS), the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) and the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM). ICLAS additionally provides a portion of the funding.

Other Meetings and News:

In Tunisia, October 13, 2023, ICLAS will help to sponsor a day of Laboratory Animal Science training at the **Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire (ENMV) Sidi Thabet**, including an Animal Welfare Work Shop, as part of the Third Congress of the ENMV. For information contact ouajdi.souilem@biotechpole.tn

The Chinese Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS) will hold an *Advanced Training Workshop for Laboratory Animal Resource Managers* **on September 21-22, 2023 in Beijing, China**. For information contact zhenghuiting@cnilas.org

The Federation of Hispanic Societies and Associations for Laboratory Animal Science of North and Central America and the Caribbean (FeSAHANCCCAL) will offer a free virtual presentation on “Paradigms of Laboratory Animals in Pharmacology” presented by José Rodrigo Vargas Rosales on September 21, 2023 at 1700 (Central American Time). Information available at fesahancccal@gmail.com

The **European Animal Research Association (EARA)** announces that 500 members have joined national transparency initiatives. Information may be found [here](#).