**ICLAS News February/March 2021**

**Awardees Announced: ICLAS Veterinary Scholarship Program**

This scholarship award provides financial assistance to veterinarians to complete an on-line certificate or degree in Laboratory Animal Science or Medicine.

Congratulations to the recent awardees:

Angelina Quintero, (Panama)

Cesar Rodriguez, (Mexico)

Dalia Madrigal, (Mexico)

Daniela Montagna, (Argentina)

Peter Mark Eguia, (Philippines)

ICLAS plans to offer additional scholarship opportunities this coming June of 2021.

Please see the ICLAS web page for information and application forms [here](https://iclas.org/iclas-scholarship-program-for-veterinarians/)

**ICLAS Americas Regional Committee Travel Awards** to attend the 2021 national AALAS meeting in the US will not be offered in 2021, due to uncertainties in international travel during the pandemic. We are enthusiastically planning to resume the Travel Awards again in 2022!

The **Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS/ACSAL)** announces a virtual Annual Symposium, June 4, 7, 11, and 18, 2021. “Looking Back, Reaching Forward. Extending borders on the culture of care”. Information and a call for abstract submission may be found [here](https://calas-acsal.org/site/symposium/annual?nav=sidebar).

The **Philippine Association for Laboratory Animal Science (PALAS)** will hold its 32nd Annual Scientific Conference on April 16-17 and April 23-24, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon via Zoom. For information and registration, look [here](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CEkaterina%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CPackages%5CMicrosoft.Office.Desktop_8wekyb3d8bbwe%5CAC%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CO811P4TP%5Cbit.ly%5C2021PALAS).

**Aula Virtual Bioterio** announces on-line courses in laboratory animal science, available on demand. Courses are in Spanish language. Information and the registration portal may be found [here](https://www.labanimalstraining.com/?utm_campaign=f57fc714-9793-49cd-8203-483a9d3fc70d&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=ca795861-d29a-4f39-a761-8cfb7f75d19f).

**The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)** solicits nominations for 7 awards to be given in 2021. These include Nominations must be submitted by April 1, 2021. For information about the awards, eligibility, and the nominations process, look [here](https://www.aalas.org/get-involved/awards/submit-a-nomination).

**Congratulations** to former ICLAS Governing Board member **Dr. Qin Chuan** of the **Chinese Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS**) on her important work in establishing animal models for study of COVID19. Dr. Qin’s research on mouse and nonhuman primate models of the virus has appeared in key publications including Nature. Her work with her colleagues has had far-reaching impact on COVID19 research, and is helping scientists across the world to evaluate the pathology of the virus, and test new approaches to treatments, preventions, and cures in animal models.