

## ICLAS News November 2021

The **ICLAS Governing Board** came together for virtual meetings on September 30th and October 1st. The board reviewed requests for funding and proposals for activities for the coming year. The **ICLAS General Assembly** was held as a virtual meeting on Zoom on October 16, with 35 attendees. The board members presented a summary of actions from 2021 and plans for 2022. The assembly approved the proposed budget for 2022.

In all, 18 new proposals in 14 different nations were approved for ICLAS support in 2022. A brief summary is provided at the end of this newsletter. For details of the General Assembly, please see the minutes and financial reports on the ICLAS web page at [www.iclas.org](http://www.iclas.org)

### **Call for Applications:**

Call for applicants for the Veterinary Scholarship Program

ICLAS provides assistance to veterinarians to obtain training in laboratory animal science and medicine through modular, on-line classes combined with short periods of practical training in accredited programs. There are several such programs in Europe and North America. These programs are recognized by groups such as FELASA, ACLAM, and ECLAM, and provide official certificates of training, or an academic degree, upon completion. The scholarship award is for 2/3 the total costs, up to maximum of €6,000. The student or his/her employer should fund the remaining 1/3 of the costs, paying for the initial training module, to demonstrate commitment to completing the program, as well as the ability to meet the academic and language requirements.

Information may be found [here](#)

### **ICLAS Members' Suggestions Requested on Webinar Topics**

As part of ICLAS' initiative to generate and make available recorded webinars on relevant topics in Laboratory Animal Science on the ICLAS website, we need your suggestions on relevant topics that would be useful to address.

Please send comments and suggestions, including regarding format (e.g. length) to [info@iclas.org](mailto:info@iclas.org)

### **ICLAS has recently welcomed two new Scientific Members:**

The Society for Laboratory Animals of Slovenia (SLAS)

[www.slas.si](http://www.slas.si)

The Panama Association for Laboratory Animal Science (APCAL)

[www.apcal2020.wordpress.com](http://www.apcal2020.wordpress.com)

**The Finnish 3R Center** presents a webinar on 23 November, "Refining Zebrafish Research: Focus on Anaesthesia, Analgesia and Euthanasia. Registration and information may be found [here](#).

**The Federation of Hispanic Societies and Associations of North and Central America and the Caribbean for Laboratory Animal Science (FeSAHANCCCAL)** will hold a 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress, “Constructing a Culture of Care” held on a virtual platform, 1 – 3 December, 2021. Information and a form to submit abstracts may be found at [www.fesahancccal.com](http://www.fesahancccal.com)

**New activities approved for ICLAS funding in 2022:**

This list does not include activities funded for 2020 or 2021 that have been postponed due to the pandemic

Oceania:

Regional committee meeting, New Zealand

Asia:

PALAS meeting speaker support, Philippines

LASA India meeting support, India

CALAS travel support, China

SLALAS Zebrafish workshop, Sri Lanka

CALAS, PALAS, KALAS, TALAS

access to AALAS Learning Library (China, Philippines, Korea, Thailand)

Africa:

Meeting on standards of care, ethics committees, Tunisia

Meeting on animal welfare standards, Nigeria

SAALAS skills workshop on zebrafish, South Africa

IACUC conference, ACURET, Nigeria

Americas:

AVB, creation of video series, Chile

SBCAL, Journal support, Brazil

Expobioterios Virtual meeting support, Pan-Americas

Cuban association meeting support, Cuba

FESSACAL meeting support, South America

SBCAL, biological models meeting, Brazil

APCAL joint meeting with FeSSAHANCCCAL, certification exams, Panama

Europe:

Visiting grants for professional development in Europe

Train the Trainer grants in Europe

European Training Platform in LAS sponsorship

If an activity has been approved for ICLAS support but is delayed because of the pandemic, there is a three-year limit on how long funds may be held by ICLAS in anticipation that the activity will go forward. If three years elapse after the initial approval, the funds must be requested again anew.

**Mark your calendars for 2022:**

FELASA Congress, June 13-16, 2022 Marseille, France

Governing Board Meeting, June 9-11

Funding requests due in May, 2022  
General Assembly, June 13