

Research Resources

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."....Immanuel Kant

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Research Resources will be sent out to Active Project Directors, but I encourage you to share this will all your staff, and, if any want to be included in the mailing, have them send a request to stacy.wells@louisville.edu. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, you may send your items to the same address.

Tech Appreciation Week January 28th – February 3rd

I would like to issue a special "Thank You!" to Dr. Whittemore and his group for providing pizza for our Technicians last month. It was really thoughtful of you. I would also like to thank everyone else who acknowledged their technicians. It's always nice when one recognizes the value of another's work.

AAALAC Site Visit

Representatives from the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC) will be here for a site visit to determine our accreditation status the week of March 19th. Please be aware that they will be visiting all animal spaces and some laboratories on the 19th and 20th. I hope you will make them feel welcome and see what a wonderful program we have at the University of Louisville.

Level II Training

The following is the list of dates and times that Level II training will be offered:

2007

Thursday, March 1st at 1:30 PM
Monday, April 2nd at 10:00 AM
Thursday, May 3rd at 1:30 PM
Monday, June 4th at 10:00 AM
Thursday, July 5th at 1:30 PM
Monday, August 6th at 10:00 AM
Thursday, September 6th at 1:30 PM
Monday, October 1st at 10:00 AM
Thursday, November 1st at 1:30 PM
Monday, December 3rd at 10:00 AM

Training sessions are held in the Baxter I Auditorium and last approximately 1.5 hours. Registration is not required, but participants must sign in.

DEHS Required Training

DEHS has monthly training on Lab Safety/Hazardous Waste (LS/HW) and Bloodborne Pathogens (BP). LS/HW is from 9:00-10:00AM and BP is from 10:00-11:00AM. Both sessions are held in the **Dental School-Room 105** on the following dates:

March 14, 2007

April 4, 2007

May 9, 2007

June 13, 2007

Bring your employee ID number to sign in. Contact erin.foley@louisville.edu to reserve your spot.

NIH Publishes New Budget Table

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has published a table of estimated funding for various diseases, conditions, and research areas based on actual grants, contracts, and research conducted at NIH, and other mechanisms of support in FY 2003 through FY 2006. The FY 2007 and FY 2008 figures are estimates, and are based on the FY 2006 levels, the FY2007 current rate level, and the FY 2008 Budget. This can be found at the following website:

<http://www.nih.gov/news/fundingresearchreas.htm>

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New NIH Policy on Allowable Costs for Grant Activities

The NIH has released a policy regarding "Allowable Costs for Grant Activities Involving Animals when Terms and Conditions are not Upheld." The announcement (NOT-OD-07-044) is to clarify that no costs for activities with live vertebrate animals may be charged to NIH if there is not a valid Animal Welfare Assurance and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval. This notice is applicable to grants and cooperative agreements involving activities with live vertebrate animals. The Office of Management and Budget Cost Principles and the NIH Grant Policy Statement (NIHGPS) do not permit charges to grant awards for the conduct of animal activities during periods of time that the terms and conditions of the NIHGPS are not upheld. Charges are not permissible under the following specific situations:

- The conduct of animal activities in the absence of a valid Assurance on file with OLAW.
- The conduct of animal activities in the absence of valid IACUC approval. Absence of IACUC approval includes failure to obtain IACUC approval, expiration, or suspension of IACUC approval.

Institutions are required to report such situations to the Institute/Center (IC) supporting the award. NIH expects grantees to continue to maintain and care for animals during the periods described above. Funding components may allow

expenditures of NIH grant funds for maintenance and care of animals on a case-by-case basis.

A PDF copy of the policy can be found by copying and pasting this link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-044.html>

HSUS Becomes Strong Political Force in Washington

According to *Washington Post* columnist Jeffrey Birnbaum, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) "is becoming a tiger among Washington's interest groups" with a budget of \$120 million and about 10 million donors. During his more than two and a half years as president of HSUS, Wayne Pacelle has strengthened the organization by merging with the Doris Day Animal League (DDAL) and the Fund for Animals. Pacelle also established a political affiliate, the Humane Society Legislative Fund, which spent \$500,000 on key races in the 2006 elections in addition to his own political committee, Humane USA, which provided \$300,000 to pro-animal candidates. In an interview with the new Capitol Hill publication, *Politico*, Pacelle took credit for protecting animals, but made no mention of HSUS' failed efforts to defeat passage of the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, signed in to law by the President in November.

February 2007 Comparative Medicine

The following are the titles of the publications in the January issue of AALAS's journal Comparative Medicine (CM):

- [A Reproducible Scoring System for Quantification of Histologic Lesions of Inflammatory Disease in Mouse Gastric Epithelium](#)
- [Animal Models for HIV AIDS: A Comparative Review](#)
- [Changes in the Titer of Anti-B Virus Antibody in Captive Macaques \(*Macaca fuscata*, *M. mulatta*, *M. fascicularis*\)](#)
- [Detection of Mouse Parvovirus in Mus musculus Gametes, Embryos, and Ovarian Tissues by Polymerase Chain Reaction Assay](#)

- **Gender Influences Infectivity in C57BL/6 Mice Exposed to Mouse Minute Virus**
- **Induction of Pro- and Anti-inflammatory Molecules in a Mouse Model of Pneumococcal Pneumonia after Influenza**
- **Mammalian Model Hosts of Cryptococcal Infection**
- **Murine Gammaherpesvirus 68: A Model for the Study of Epstein-Barr Virus Infections and Related Diseases**
- **Naturally Occurring Tyzzer's Disease in Cotton-top Tamarins (*Saguinus oedipus*)**
- **Newly Identified Mycobacterium Species in a *Xenopus laevis* Colony**
- **Pathobiology and Management of Laboratory Rodents Administered CDC Category A Agents**
- **Reliability of Soiled Bedding Transfer for Detection of Mouse Parvovirus and Mouse Hepatitis Virus**
- **Seroprevalence of West Nile Virus in Nonhuman Primates as Related to Mosquito Abundance at Two National Primate Research Centers**
- **Spontaneous and Induced Diseases of Laboratory Animals**
- **Temporal Transmission Studies of Mouse Parvovirus 1 in BALB/c and C.B-17/Icr-Prkdescid Mice**
- **Transmission Dynamics of Simian T-lymphotropic Virus Type 1 (STLV1) in a Baboon Breeding Colony: Predominance of Female-to-female Transmission**

If you would like to view copies of these articles, please contact the RRF office @ x5268 or one of the husbandry supervisors. Or visit the AALAS website at this site: <http://www.aalas.org/publications>. (You must be an AALAS member.)