A Message from the President of ACLAM

It is with profound sadness that I report the loss of one of our dear ACLAM Board of Directors, Charles “Chuck” Rafio (DACLAM-74). Chuck served as Secretary-Treasurer of the College since 1999 and as a BOD member from 1996-1999. Chuck was a true friend and colleague who made significant contributions to the College and field of Laboratory Animal Medicine. His absence will be painfully felt by all who knew him. Our condolences go out to his wife and children.

Since the beginning of the year we have also lost our colleagues Albert ‘Gene’ New (DACLAM-66) who served as both Secretary-Treasurer (1972-1977) and President (1978-1979) of ACLAM and Alan Creamer (DACLAM-58) a major contributor to the development of the Association of Primate Veterinarians. These three champions of our College will be missed. (See In Memoriam in this Newsletter.)

Our ACLAM Committees are hard at work. Their efforts are truly appreciated. There are over 100 candidates scheduled to sit for the ACLAM Certifying Examination this summer. This is a record high number and the increasing interest in our specialty is encouraging. Due to the late date of the American Veterinary Medical Association Convention this year, July 31st – August 3rd, the College Board examination is scheduled for Sunday, July 25th.

The 2010 ACLAM Forum will be held in Newport, Rhode Island from May 2-5th. The Planning Committee is putting the final touches on an excellent program, titled “Can We Talk”. Led by Co-Chairs Joe Thulin and Maria Moalli, the committee members will guide us through presentations and small group discussions regarding the use of Personal Protective Equipment and available integrative Core Services. The program format provides opportunities to engage in interactive and thought-provoking discussions with colleagues. When making travel arrangements, be aware that the cutoff date for the ACLAM room rate at the Newport Marriott is March 31, 2010.

2010 has taken us by storm, literally. I hope the snow, rain and subsequent flooding has not been problematic for you or your families. I enjoy hearing from you, and value your input so continue to share ideas and suggestions that might promote the mission of our College.

See you in Newport

Helen E. Diggs
President, ACLAM
GRAC has been monitoring the following government activities and regulatory issues:

**Great Ape Protection Act of 2009**

HR 1326 (there is no Senate equivalent) would prohibit invasive research using great apes. It defines ‘invasive research’ as research that ‘may cause death, bodily injury, pain, distress, fear, injury, or trauma to great apes, including drug testing or exposure to a substance that may be detrimental to the ape’s health or psychological well-being’. It would also prohibit research that includes restraining, tranquilizing, or anesthetizing a great ape. Hence, it would prohibit all but observational research with great apes. As of February 2, 140 House delegates had signed on in support, and the concern is that once the number 100 is reached, a bill tends to gather momentum. Although the Act has little/no chance of passing in 2010, it will continue to be reintroduced. Several scientific associations and primate research centers, including ASLAP and APV, lead by the Washington Animal Research Network, have signed a letter clarifying the detrimental consequences to biomedical research if this bill passes. NABR will distribute it to Congress members to educate them on the Act’s research impact. The letter explains, for example, that the Act would eliminate the use of chimpanzees, the only model for some research, such as hepatitis C vaccine research, and halt progress on developing a vaccine. The GRAC recommended to the ACLAM BOD that ACLAM join other organizations and sign the letter in support.

**New National Veterinary Accreditation Program**

The USDA has changed the NVAP, effective Feb 1, 2010, and all veterinarians who want to maintain or obtain federal accreditation must apply under the new program. Veterinarians who do not apply will lose their accreditation status Aug. 2, 2010. The new accreditation form is available at www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap. There are now two accreditation categories. Category I allows veterinarians to perform accredited duties, such as issuing certificates of veterinary inspection, on animals such as cats and dogs, but not on food and fiber animal species, horses, birds, farm-raised aquatic animals, other livestock, or zoo animals that can transmit exotic animal diseases to livestock. Category II will allow accredited duties for all species. Category II will likely be more appropriate for most laboratory animal veterinarians. Veterinarians with Category II accreditation will be required to complete about six hours of continuing education prior to renewing their accreditation every three years. Those who participate under the more restrictive Category I need to complete about three hours of continuing education in three years. CE will be available via online modules. The USDA has requested that the laboratory animal medicine community develop lab animal specific modules for the CE program. ACLAM and ASLAP will fund module development. For more information contact the USDA at 301-743-6827 or nvap@aphis.usda.gov.

**AVMA Resolutions on the use of random-source dogs and cats**

The AVMA House of Delegates passed 2 resolutions relevant to the use of
random-source dogs and cats during its regular winter session, Jan. 9, 2010. Both resolutions state that “The carefully controlled use of random-source dogs and cats contributes greatly to improving the health and welfare of both animals and human beings. Therefore, the AVMA believes there is ample justification for prudent and humane use of random-source dogs and cats in research, testing, and education, provided that: “The institution conducting such research, testing, or education has met all legal requirements and guidelines pertaining to the acquisition, care, and use of dogs and cats for these purposes; [and] The investigators have thoughtfully examined the need for such dogs and cats, appropriately justified the use of the species, and carefully determined the minimum number required to meet the needs of the protocol; …” Resolution 1, submitted by the New Jersey VMA, Virginia VMA, and Pennsylvania VMA, also states that “Class B Dealers should not be used to obtain dogs and cats”. Resolution 4, submitted by the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners states that “Class B dealers are used to obtain random-source dogs and cats only when viable alternatives do not exist. Alternative sources are explored and supported that will ultimately eliminate the need for Class B dealers as a source for random-source dogs and cats used in research, testing, and education. “ At the meeting, ASLAP representatives explained that currently, suppliers other than Class B Dealers cannot provide an adequate number and variety of needed animals, and that many states and municipalities prohibit acquisition of research animals directly from shelters. Because the most recently approved motion on any policy is the association’s official policy, Resolution 4 is currently the policy of the AVMA. More information may be found at: http://www.avma.org/online/news/javma/feb10/100215k.asp.

Reports to Congress on the use of random-source dogs and cats
The Appropriations Process and the Authorization Process are the two processes to gather information and form recommendations to present to Congress regarding this issue. The Appropriations Process request to NIH for information on the use of these animals came from the Congressional Appropriations Committee. NIH then contacted ILAR to develop its report (which may be seen here: http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12641&page=R1) The Authorization Process comes out of the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and functions to provide Congress with additional factual information and recommendations. For the Appropriations Process, the statement of task for the ILAR Committee was fairly narrow (NIH funded biomedical research), but the Authorization Process can look at additional impacts of eliminating Class B dealers, for example to academia or pharmaceutical companies. They may also further examine the success of the USDA’s recently adopted B Dealer trace back program. The Authorization Process is currently underway.

Call for Posters for the 2010 ACLAM Forum
We are inviting abstract submissions for poster presentations at the 2010 ACLAM Forum to be held in Newport, RI on May 2-5, 2010. The goal of the Forum poster session is to disseminate valuable information relating to Laboratory Animal Medicine to meeting attendees. Posters will be on display during the entire meeting (Sunday afternoon through Wednesday). A one hour session with authors present will be set aside on Tuesday night for interactions between the authors and attendees (time TBD).

Please note we are very liberal on poster acceptance! Recognizing that not all attendees are able to go to both the AALAS and Forum meetings, posters from
the AALAS meeting will be accepted for presentation. Posters that have been
presented at other meetings will be accepted pending approval by the selection
committee. If you would like to share your science but are unable to attend
the Forum we will still accept and put up your poster for you. Abstracts should
be 300 words or less and contain a concise summary of the information in the
poster. They should include a title, author(s) and author affiliation(s), but should
not contain graphs, tables or figures. Please send abstracts to Jeanne Wallace
at jeanne.wallace@vanderbilt.edu by April 9, 2010.

Camp ACLAM

The 2010 Camp ACLAM Committee is preparing for another successful workshop
as part of the Charles River Laboratories - Short Course in Laboratory Animal
Science. Camp ACLAM is a day-long workshop for veterinarians considering
or preparing for the ACLAM certification exam and is scheduled for Wednesday,
June 23, 2010. Annually, the workshop draws approximately 50-60 veterinarians
and has consistently received favorable evaluations by attendees. Members
of the 2010 Camp ACLAM Committee include Scout Chou, Doug Taylor, Julie
Stephens-DeValle, Lynn Wachtman, Ken Allen, Karen Strait, Greg Timmel and
David Kurtz.

Members of the committee present helpful hints on preparation for the exam
as well as a mock exam. Dr. Mel Balk will open the workshop with background
information on ACLAM and the benefits of Diplomate status. Sue Goodwin, chair
of the Credentials Committee, will give a presentation on the requirements for
board eligibility. The day is concluded with a roundtable session which provides
attendees the opportunity to ask pertinent questions to new and “seasoned”
Diplomates.

Newsletter Policy

The Newsletter is published 4X per year:
March: Pre Forum
June: Pre AVMA
Sep: Pre AALAS
Dec: Post AALAS and Pre Pre Forum

The readers of the ACLAM Newsletter are veterinarians board certified in
laboratory animal medicine. If the ad for a veterinary position requiring board
certification in this specialty, the Newsletter is an appropriate place to advertise.
Ad content should be submitted within the body of a plain text email or as a MS
Word attachment and formatted into the following sections:
• Job Title (short position title)
• Applications (how applicants are to apply)
• Position (100-150 word description of the position)
• Requirements (qualifications, etc.)
• Employer Information (additional information about the employer (EEO
 etc.))

Please also include a contact name and address for billing purposes. You will be
billed after the publication date of the Newsletter. The deadline for submission
is two weeks prior to the publication date. The ad will be posted on the ACLAM
website for approximately 90 days within a few days of submission.
The Position segment of each ad will appear in the ACLAM Newsletter referring the reader to the ACLAM website for the full text of the ad.

The cost to place an ad in the NL and post it on the ACLAM Website for 3 months will be $500 for For profit Companies and $250 for not -for profits such as Universities and the Government. There is no charge for posting ads for educational/training positions.

Position announcements will remain on the web for 3 months. If an organization wishes to extend the posting for an additional 3 months, it will be charged a second fee.

The rate for ACLAM mailing labels is:
- $1,000 for profits (a cost of $1.60 per targeted name)
- $500 for Not for Profits (the same as ASLAP’s new rate), a cost of $0.80 per targeted name.

**ACLAMers on the Rise**

**AAALAC International appoints John Bradfield Senior Director**

AAALAC International has appointed John F. Bradfield, D.V.M., Ph.D., Senior Director. In this position, Dr. Bradfield will direct AAALAC’s education and outreach programs as well as contribute significant ancillary support to AAALAC’s accreditation activities. Dr. Bradfield will start his new position on January 1, 2010.

“We are extremely pleased that Dr. Bradfield will be joining AAALAC as Senior Director,” said Christian E. Newcomer, V.M.D., Executive Director of AAALAC International. “His background in laboratory animal medicine, academia, equine and small animal veterinary practice, along with his experience as a member and leader of AAALAC’s Council on Accreditation, make him an excellent selection. Dr. Bradfield has fulfilled many roles throughout his career—practitioner, manager, teacher and researcher—and AAALAC constituents will most certainly benefit from his extensive knowledge of laboratory animal medicine and science and of the AAALAC International accreditation program.” Dr. Bradfield has been a member of AAALAC’s Council on Accreditation since 2000, and currently serves as the Council’s President.

Since 2004 Dr. Bradfield has served as the Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), as well as a Professor of Pathology in the division of Laboratory Animal Medicine. Prior to that, he chaired the Department of Comparative Medicine for the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University (ECU). He also served as Chief of ECU’s Veterinary Pathology Division in the Department of Comparative Medicine. Dr. Bradfield has also served as a resident, consultant and case pathologist for the University of Missouri, and as a veterinary associate in equine and small animal practices in Colorado.

Dr. Bradfield is an experienced educator and currently teaches courses on the responsible conduct of research and pathology for UNC graduate students. At
ECU he instructed medical students on a wide range of topics including principles of pathology, animal research methods, surgical techniques and microbiology. At the University of Missouri he taught veterinary students classes on the biology and pathology of laboratory animals.

Over the years Dr. Bradfield has authored dozens of articles, presented at scientific meetings and conferences around the world, and has received multiple grants to support his research endeavors. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine in 1994, and is active in a number of professional societies including the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS). Dr. Bradfield received his Ph.D. in Experimental Pathology from the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Ross University School of Medicine, and completed his M.S. and residency specialty training in laboratory animal medicine and pathology from the University of Missouri. Dr. Bradfield also holds a B.A. in Animal Science from Colorado State University.

**Dr. Montip Gettayacamin joins AAALAC International as Regional Director for Southeast Asia**

AAALAC International has appointed Montip Gettayacamin, D.V.M., DACLAM, as Regional Director for Southeast Asia. In this position, Dr. Gettayacamin will direct AAALAC's programs and services throughout the region. Dr. Gettayacamin is based in AAALAC International’s new Southeast Asia office located in Samutprakarn, Thailand.

Dr. Gettayacamin brings outstanding experience to the position of Regional Director, and AAALAC is pleased to have someone with her background and expertise who can provide service to Southeast Asian institutions that are interested in earning AAALAC International accreditation.

Dr. Gettayacamin received her veterinary degree from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand (1984) and is a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (2003). She is a former AAALAC International ad hoc Specialist and a former member of AAALAC International’s Council on Accreditation.

She has served as Assistant Chief, Research and Laboratory Animal Medicine, Department of Veterinary Medicine, United States Army Medical Component, Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (USAMC-AFRIMS), in Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Montip has 24 years of experience at AFRIMS in laboratory animal facility management and veterinary medicine. She has conducted biomedical research studies and developed various animal models for tropical diseases of military importance, including malaria, dengue hemorrhagic fever, Shigellosis, and zoonotic diseases. She has authored or coauthored 37 scientific publications.
Dr. Michael Swindle receives awards from Texas A&M and Arhus University

Dr. M. Michael Swindle has been designated as a Distinguished Graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. The honor will be bestowed at a banquet at the University on April 9th. He has also been designated as an Honorary Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology at the Institute of Experimental Clinical Research at Arhus University in Denmark for years of service in teaching and collaborative research in their graduate program.

M. Michael Swindle, D.V.M. is the Director, Division of Laboratory Animal Resources and Professor & Chairman in the Department of Comparative Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. He also holds a Professorship in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Swindle has served the following professional organizations either as a member of the board of directors, committee chairman and/or officer: American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care; American Association for Laboratory Animal Science; American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine; American Heart Association; Academy of Surgical Research; S.C. Consortium for Comparative Medicine; American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners; DHHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation; European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He is the recipient of the Smithy Research Award from the American Heart Association, the Von Recum Award from the Academy of Surgical Research, the Markowitz Award for Contributions to Experimental Surgery, the Brewer Scientific Achievement Award from the Animal Association for Laboratory Animal Science, the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners Research Award and the Comparative Medicine Scientist Award from the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine.

Foundation News

Foundation Mission

Many of our new ACLAM Diplomates do not know what the role of the ACLAM Foundation is. Briefly, the mission of the Foundation is to award high quality research grants that will increase the body of knowledge in laboratory animal science and medicine. The mission of the Foundation remains the same as at its inception. The Foundation is committed to funding the best scientific projects! To do this annually the Foundation requests proposals that relate to our field and a group of reviewers selects the best grants to fund. Support for this research comes from individuals and corporations. The mainstay of the Foundations success is the ACLAM membership as it is your donations that support these studies. The recent survey results gave us feedback on keeping you informed about the successes of our grantees. Through the newsletter and other mechanisms Dr. Kinkler and I will strive to keep you apprised of the Foundation research accomplishments. If at any time you have a question regarding the Foundation, do not hesitate to contact me gregory.boivin@wright.edu.

Grant Review

The ACLAM Foundation received 82 LOI’s in December of 2009. This exceeds our previous high by over 20 LOI’s. As a result of the review of the applications
by a very dedicated panel including the Foundation committee and adhoc members 24 applications were chosen to submit full proposals. The quality of the proposals was excellent and paring down the LOI’s to this level was very difficult. Please be assured though that from this pool we will have several outstanding research proposals to fund. Review of the full proposals will be performed by subcommittees during March and April. At the Forum a final decision will be made on funding based on the subcommittee recommendations. The number that we can support is dependent on your contributions. Please continue to support research that directly affects the care and use of laboratory animals.

Fund Raising Update

Funds raised this year from individual donors will allow us to only fund between two and four grants next year. Start the year off right and make a donation to help fund more grants in 2010. The Foundation generally benefits from institutional donations but given the economic climate we cannot be assured that these much-appreciated gifts will be forthcoming in 2010. Your contributions will ensure the Foundation is able to fund as many meritorious grants as possible. Please send your donation to our Development Officer, Jack Kinkler at:

ACLAM Foundation
20 MacKinnon Place
East Lyme, CT 06333

Should you have any questions regarding donations email Jack at jkinkler@gmail.com.

Scientific Update – The Year in Review

I would like to keep everyone updated on the studies we have funded over the last few years and their accomplishments. For historical information you can go to the ACLAM website and see the publications and presentations resulting from our grant recipients since the Foundation inception: http://aclam.org/foundation/awarded.html

Several grants have finished during the year, and final reports have been submitted. The latest reports can be found at: http://aclam.org/print/fndn_grant_rpt2006.pdf

At the writing of this Newsletter we have 1 grant still open from 2006, 2 from 2007, 5 from 2008, and all 6 grants from 2009. This is fairly typical for the last few years in that we have grants that are taking longer than 1 year to be completed. In the last year there were 3 publications in peer reviewed journals and 7 presentations at national meetings (not including the Forum presentations) resulting from grants awarded:

3. **PUBLISHED** Fontenot MB, Musso MW, McFatter RM, Anderson GM. Dose-finding study of fluoxetine and venlafaxine for the treatment of self-


5. PRESENTED Macy JD, Paturzo FX, Compton SR. Mouse parvovirus infection in BALB/c, C57BL/6 and Swiss Webster mice. National AALAS 2009.


Greg Boivin
Chair & Scientific Director
ACLAM Foundation

**Hot Topics**

**One Health Commission**

The One Health Commission (OHC) is a non-profit organization founded by a collaboration of animal and human health interests including the American Medical Association (AMA), American Public Health Association (APHA), American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). The premise behind the organization is the interconnectivity of people, domestic animals, wildlife, and the environment; and its mission the “establishment of closer professional interactions, collaborations, and educational opportunities across the health sciences professions, together with their related disciplines, to improve the health of people, animals, and our environment.” ACLAM Diplomate Dr. Jim Fox is a member of the OHC Board of Directors.

The One Health Commission’s inaugural summit (One Health: Improving Health in an Interconnected World People-Animals-Environment) was held in conjunction with the National Academies on November 17, 2009 in Washington, DC. Dr. Steven Leary represented ACLAM at the meeting.

Deputy Executive Officer of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Clyde Behney announced a major collaborative study involving OHC, IOM, and the National
Research Council to “shape the One Health vision at the national and international levels.” Speakers from the USDA, College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University, the CDC’s National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases, the FDA, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources addressed the need for collaboration and communication across disciplines and outlined various recommendations for accomplishing that goal.

Further information regarding OHC can be found at www.onehealthcommission.org.

**Educational Opportunities**

**Residency Program in Primate Medicine**

*Oregon National Primate Research Center, Beaverton, OR*

The Division of Animal Resources at the Oregon National Primate Research Center is seeking a candidate for a two-year residency position for a veterinarian interested in a career in nonhuman primate clinical medicine. The resident in this program will work primarily in the Clinical Medicine Unit which has a large and diverse caseload of ranging from animals presented to the clinic from outdoor or sheltered group housing, to indoor housed animals assigned to research projects. Beyond the clinical medicine experience, the resident will participate in rotations in the Pathology Unit, the Surgical Services Unit, and the Behavioral Science Unit.

The didactic portion of the program will include lectures on NHP clinical medicine, animal welfare regulations, ethics, Good Laboratory Practices, and animal care and use guidelines among other topics. Training provided by this NIH/NCRR-funded program can be used towards eligibility for certification by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine.

**Open Positions**

**Associate Director CM and Global Science & Technology**

*Job Number 83348*

*Pfizer Inc. La Jolla, CA*

Founded in 1849, Pfizer is the world’s premier biopharmaceutical company taking new approaches to better health. We discover, develop, manufacture and deliver quality, safe and effective prescription medicines to treat and help prevent disease for both people and animals.

**Position Purpose:**

- To lead in a Global Science and Technology role within WWCM/La Jolla by acting as the strategic customer interface with the Business Units, Research Units, Centers of Emphasis and partner lines.
- To leverage WWCM in vivo skills for maximizing animal care and welfare while contributing to the advancement of Research and Development partners’ portfolios.
- To embrace the globalization, harmonization, and standardization philosophy and achieve increased efficiencies in WWCM’s development, application, and delivery of in vivo technologies and models.
- To continually develop leadership and scientific excellence within WWCM

For a complete description of the following positions and application information, please go to the Open Positions page of the ACLAM website at [http://www.aclam.org/gen_openings.html](http://www.aclam.org/gen_openings.html). NOTE: Ads are listed chronologically by posting date, most recent first, and will appear for approximately 90 days.

Contact Nanette Kleinman at 216-368-2573 or nkh@po.cwru.edu for additional information.
through provision of mentorship and career development opportunities.
- To provide insight into departmental and global strategic planning and execute
  the direction locally and globally.

**Attending Veterinarian, Job Number 83349**

*Pfizer Inc. La Jolla, CA*

Founded in 1849, Pfizer is the world’s premier biopharmaceutical company
taking new approaches to better health. We discover, develop, manufacture
and deliver quality, safe and effective prescription medicines to treat and help
prevent disease for both people and animals.

**Position Purpose:**
- To maintain and monitor an adequate program of veterinary care in
  compliance with the requirements and expectations of USDA, AAALACi and
  local agencies.
- To assist and advise customers in humane and proper experimental design
  and conduct as it relates to animal welfare and veterinary issues.
- To embrace the WWCM globalization, harmonization, and standardization
  philosophy as it relates to animal care and welfare and veterinary issues.
- To continually develop leadership, scientific and regulatory excellence
  within WWCM through provision of mentorship and career development
  opportunities.
- To provide insight into departmental and global strategic planning and execute
  the direction locally and globally.

**Senior Biocontainment Veterinarian**

*Job# 20455*  

*University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX*

As a recognized leader in biocontainment research, The University of Texas
Medical Branch is accepting applications and nominations for the position of
Senior Biocontainment Veterinarian to collaborate in the oversight of an AAALAC
accredited animal care and use program. As the Lead Veterinarian responsibilities
will include direction of the Animal Resources Center (ARC) veterinary services
support team, training of ARC personnel in biocontainment activities, participation
in the management of the ARC, development and implementation of preventative
medicine and health surveillance programs, monitoring and assuring compliance
with federal regulations and guidelines.

The Senior Biocontainment Veterinarian will also perform daily clinical rounds to
monitor the health of UTMB animals and collaborate and consult with investigators
regarding protocol development and surgical assistance as needed. In addition,
the Senior Biocontainment Veterinarian will serve as a liaison between the ARC
and the investigators on biocontainment related issues.

**Senior Clinical Laboratory Animal Veterinarian**

*Animal Resources Center Job# 20437*  

*University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX*

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston is accepting applications
and nominations for the position of Senior Clinical Laboratory Animal Veterinarian
to participate in oversight of an AAALAC accredited animal care and use
program. Surgical and clinical experience with large animal species is required for consideration for this position. Responsibilities include provision of medical/surgical care to a wide variety of species, participation in development and implementation of preventive medicine and health surveillance programs and participation in training of and consultation with animal research personnel to assure compliance with federal regulations and guidelines.

**Director, Comparative Bioscience Center**  
**The Rockefeller University, New York, NY**

The Rockefeller University seeks an exceptional, interactive and creative academically orientated laboratory animal veterinarian at the position of Director, Comparative Bioscience Center. The Director reports to the Associate Vice President, CBC and is responsible for oversight and support of a growing program of animal care consisting of approximately 100 individuals. This individual will augment strong partnerships with Rockefeller investigators and will assist in implementing and managing programs to motivate, invest in and optimize internal staff performance. Responsibilities also include providing advice on animal models and research design, facilitating research programs utilizing a new 32,000 sq ft mouse behavior facility along with a new imaging core, clinical care to research animal colonies, participating in IACUC and regulatory activities and teaching postdoctoral fellows in laboratory animal medicine and pathology. This is an excellent opportunity for an academically oriented individual to visibly contribute to the success of the research programs at the university.

**Faculty Position in Comparative Medicine**  
**Department of Comparative Medicine**  
**Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA**

The Department of Comparative Medicine seeks to fill two faculty positions for veterinary clinicians at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in the Stanford School of Medicine’s Medical Center Line. The major criteria for a faculty appointment in the Medical Center Line include excellence in clinical care, teaching, and scholarly activity that advances human or veterinary medicine. Candidates must have a D.V.M. or V.M.D. from an AVMA accredited institution. Veterinary specialty board certification or eligibility is required (ACLAM, ACVS, ACVIM, ACVP, or other), and preference will be given to candidates with an advanced degree (PhD, MPH, or other). Applicants should demonstrate interest in independent and collaborative research evidenced by publications in peer reviewed journals. Experience in translational medicine is highly desirable.

The Department of Comparative Medicine is a clinical department within the School of Medicine. In addition to its academic functions, it also provides the clinical care and management for a large, modern, AAALAC-accredited animal program which has an ACLAM recognized residency training program.

**Clinical Veterinarian**  
**Office of Animal Resources (PK06) #57633**  
**University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA**

The University of Iowa, Office of Animal Resources invites applications for the position of Clinical Veterinarian. This position reports to the Director of the Office of Animal Resources. The Office of Animal Resources is responsible
for the husbandry and veterinary care of all animals at the University of Iowa. Primary position responsibilities include: 1) Manage the professional health care of various animal species including rodents, non-human primates, farm animals and aquatic species. 2) Manage preventive medicine programs including rodent sentinel, vendor surveillance and quarantine programs. 3) Manage programs for pre- and postoperative care, anesthesia, analgesia, and euthanasia. 4) Provide guidance of protocol development for compliance with regulatory requirements. 5) Perform veterinary review, including grant comparison, of protocols submitted to the IACUC. 6) Participate in IACUC facility/programmatic evaluations. 7) Provide training to research and caretaker staff.

**Director of LASC and Attending Veterinarian.**  
*Lab Animal Science Center*  
*Boston University, Boston, MA*

The Director, LASC will manage clinical veterinarians and LASC operations and serve as attending veterinarian for both the Laboratory Animal Science Center (LASC) and the Laboratory Animal Care Facility (LACF). The Director will coordinate uniform procedures and policies between the two BU campuses. This position reports to the Associate Vice-President for Research Compliance and is responsible for managing two mouse barrier facilities, the Transgenic Core Animal Facility, a small ABSL-3 facility, conventional multispecies facilities including large animal surgery and the animal core within a national biocontainment laboratory currently under commissioning. The Director will advise and counsel investigators on animal health and research problems, examine, diagnose, and treat laboratory animals, and promote compliance with regulations governing their humane and ethical treatment. The Director will provide strong and creative leadership in the care and resolution of complex research projects and initiatives to ensure best practices in staff management, training of staff and researchers, quarantine and bio-surveillance programs, participation in IACUC activities, strategic facility planning and budget strategies within LASC.

**Director, Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine**  
*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC*

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is searching for a Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DLAM). The Director serves as University Attending Veterinarian, manages the University program for laboratory animal care and housing, serves as a member of the IACUC and participates in educational and research program activities.

UNC-Chapel Hill receives more than $200 million each year for research involving the use of laboratory animals. DLAM operates 15 laboratory animal facilities on campus and in nearby off-campus locations. Collectively these facilities total more than 277,000 square feet. The daily animal census is in excess of 100,000. More than 95 percent of the laboratory animals are mice, but many other species are also represented. DLAM has 139 permanent employees in three divisions: veterinary, husbandry, and administrative services. The University animal care and use program is fully AAALAC accredited.
On January 4, 2010 we lost a significant pioneer and innovator in the field of laboratory animal science and medicine. Dr. Alan Austin Creamer died of complications from malignant melanoma on that date. He is survived by his wife Lorna Griffith Creamer, his son Alan A. Creamer Jr., daughter Patricia Madden, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Dr. Creamer received his veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1948 and did post doctoral studies at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. After a short time in private practice he joined the research division of Merck in West Point, Pa in 1950 where he retired in 1987 as Director of the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources. He authored more than 20 scientific publications and book chapters relating to nonhuman primate medicine and husbandry. Dr. Creamer played a seminal role in formulating many advances in both laboratory animal medicine and specifically in nonhuman primate medicine. He attained Diplomate status in the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine early in the formation of that organization.

During his earlier years at Merck, laboratory animal medicine and particularly nonhuman primate medicine were in their infant stages of development. Following the deaths of a primate handler and a tissue culture technician at Merck from Herpes B Virus infection, Dr. Creamer was charged with the task of reducing the risk to humans from nonhuman primates. At that time large numbers of rhesus macaques were being imported into the US for use in manufacture of polio vaccine. In addition to the B virus threat, major morbidity and mortality from tuberculosis, diarrhea and other diseases was occurring in the imported shipments. He addressed these two major issues through three initiatives that have had a lasting effect on nonhuman primate medicine and management to this day.

Dr. Creamer developed a system of primate housing, modified from poultry layer cage systems that revolutionized the method of housing primates of all sizes and shapes by providing individualized squeeze-back cage housing. The result was that it enabled more institutions to be able to use nonhuman primates in research because they now had a method of housing that was economical, reduced injuries and disease transmission between animals, and reduced injuries and disease transmission to caretaker personnel. His resume lists ten letters of commendation from major drug company and academic institution representatives citing his efforts in this area.

Secondly he established major source and supply operations in India, Africa, and South America that enabled primate users in the US, to obtain a continuous supply of various primate species (Rhesus from India and later Pakistan, African Greens and later Chimpanzees from Africa, and Squirrel and later Marmosets and Tamarins from South America) that arrived at their destination in a continuously improved state of health.

Finally, Dr. Creamer recognized the need for conservation of primate resources and worked at an international level to secure and protect these resources. By working with the governments of source countries (India, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Columbia, Brazil, Peru), he established standards of primate trapping and transportation. He recommended the formation of and served as Chairman of the Committee on Procurement, Holding, Compounding, and Transportation of Primates for the ILAR. He was also Co-Chairman of the Committee of Experts of the World Health Organization and was a member of the Committee on Primate Procurement of the International Union of the Conservation of Nature.

Dr. Creamer was a major contributor to the development of a focus group that became known later as the Association of Primate Veterinarians. He was there at the beginning when there were no text books on nonhuman primate medicine and struggling clinicians sought out information from each other in an informal setting. Today the association, a.k.a “Monkey Doctors”, is an international organization of over 400 member veterinarians who continue to benefit from the significant work of Dr. Creamer.

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In Memoriam

Albert “Gene” New
DVM, DACLAM 66

Dr. Albert Eugene “Gene” New, 74, veterinarian and laboratory animal science pioneer, trusted colleague and mentor, died February 7 at his home in Rockville, MD. Cause of death was a fatal heart attack, following an entire day of assisting neighbors in digging out their homes during the Blizzard of 2010.

Dr. New was born, 1935, in Kenneth, Kansas and raised on the family dairy farm until he attended Kansas State University. It was there that he received a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. Upon graduation in 1960 he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Medical Corp and served at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. In 1962, Dr. New was among the first six veterinarians to enter the Laboratory Animal Medicine Program at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB in San Antonio and ultimately obtained a Master’s degree in laboratory animal medicine from Texas A&M. His distinguished military career included establishing the first research veterinary activity in the Navy and serving as the veterinarian for Miss Baker, the first monkey to survive space flight at the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Institute in Pensacola, FL. He then served a 3-year tour in Taipei, Taiwan at the Naval Medical Research Unit-2 (NAMRU-2) during the Vietnam conflict, which involved an assignment into Da Nang for collecting research data used in studying disease prevention for our soldiers.

In 1973 he transferred from the Air Force taking a position in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps at the National Institute of Health (NIH) as head of the primate quarantine unit. In 1976 Dr. New became the head of the National Cancer Institute’s laboratory animal medicine program. Dr. New played key roles in establishing the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) policy on animal care and use, which strongly influenced the NIH-wide intramural policy on centralized animal care facilities on the NIH campus.

Dr. New received numerous honors and awards during his many years serving as a veterinarian in the U.S. Air Force and Public Health Service and held a long list of organizational positions. Among them a past-president of the National Capital Area Branch of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science (NCAB/AALAS), past-president and a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM).

Following retirement in 1986 from the Public Health Service, Dr. New became the executive director of the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC). He retired from AAALAC in 1996 and continued to serve in his field as a consultant in laboratory animal science to numerous research organizations including the Federal Drug Administration, the Red Cross and the Biomedical Research Institute.

In the prime of his retirement years and enjoying life, Gene loved the outdoor life of wood-cutting and grooming trees, that he often referred to as “playing with his big boy toys” at their rural property in Jefferson, MD. When at their Lake House, Gene could not wait to entertain everyone with jet ski rides, boat trips, cookouts, and bonfires. Never to forget the annual 4th of July gatherings where he would amaze everyone with the largest display of fireworks he could find for hours of entertainment. He was always on the go and full of hours of advice, but most of all he was truly happy and loved his family and friends.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Deena, his three loving children, Shelly Rance of Laytonsville, MD; Cheryl New of Frederick, MD and Jeff New of Gaithersburg, MD; his son-in-law, Don Paul Rance and daughter-in-law, Annie New; his brother James Rex New of Oklahoma; six remarkable grandchildren Brian Taylor, Geoffrey and Lindsay Rance, Michelle New, Kevin Wallace and David New.

May his positive outlook on life and his happy smile be our inspiration and memory.
Dr. Charles 'Chuck' Raflo died March 1, 2010 after a lengthy illness. He had recently retired from Baylor College of Medicine where he was Associate Director and Attending Veterinarian in the Center for Comparative Medicine.

Chuck was born on June 14, 1942 and grew up in Ohio. He attended The Ohio State University where he received his Bachelor’s of Science in Agriculture/Animal Science. He received a Master’s of Science in Laboratory Animal Medicine and his DVM from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Raflo entered military service as a veterinarian in 1967 where he served in various positions of increasing responsibility at numerous Army, Navy, and Department of Defense facilities in the United States, Korea, and Germany. He rose from the rank of Captain to Colonel in the United States Army Veterinary Corps. During his military career, he received several Meritorious Service awards. He retired from military service in 1991 and then served as Director of Animal Care Operations at the University of Houston. Following that, he joined Baylor College of Medicine in September, 2004 where he served as Associate Director of the Center for Comparative Medicine until his retirement in February, 2010. During his career, he held academic appointments at the University of California, San Diego, Essex Community College, and the University of Houston. In addition to his work in the military and academia, he served as a veterinary consultant with various organizations including the University of California at San Diego, the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, The Catholic University of America, Atlantic Resources Corporation, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, and Ophidia Products.

He was Diplomate, American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) and served this organization in several capacities, including editor of the Newsletter and the policies and procedures manual and chair of a Director search committee in 1995. He served on the Board of Directors from 1996 – 1999 and served as Secretary/Treasurer of ACLAM from 1999 until his death. Other society memberships include the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS), American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners, Texas Branch of AALAS, Alpha Psi Veterinary Fraternity, and Phi Zeta Honorary Veterinary Fraternity.

Chuck will be remembered for his infectious laugh, sense of humor, and his love of travel. He is survived by his wife Rikki, a son David, a daughter Kelly Dalseide and her husband Cliff and their two children Sam and Rebecca, and his brother Norman Raflo, DVM. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jan, in 2001. He will be greatly missed.

Military burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, April 21, 2010 at 9:00AM.

Memorial donations may be made to the ACLAM Foundation in care of Dr. Mel Balk, Executive Director, ACLAM; 96 Chester St, Chester, NH 03036. Please make checks out to ACLAM in memory of Dr. Chuck Raflo.

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