President’s Message

It’s September Already!!

Where did summer go? Vacations over—or missed, the kids back in school and now it’s time to plan for AALAS. Here is what ACLAM did with its summer.

Thanks to Pat Fritz and her committee, Camp ACLAM led off the summer calendar with another very successful program. The audience ranged from those who were sitting for the exam the following week to those who are planning to do so in the future. Once again, ACLAM thanks Charles River Laboratories for hosting Camp ACLAM.

Next was the examination and I’m very happy to report that we have 17 new Diplomates. This year’s examination and the process of setting the score required to pass reflected implementation of two of the recommendations by our examination consultant. Janet Rodgers and the Examination Committee did a superb job of assembling the examination and ensuring alignment with the Role Delineation Document. Following the examination, a panel of 14 Diplomates met with the examination consultant to set the passing score. This “Standard Setting” panel had nothing to do with any of the exam development and was composed of nine “new” Diplomates boarded within the last three years, four Diplomates boarded in the last four to seven years and one, more senior Diplomate. Using methods provided by the consultant, the panel evaluated each question and determined the passing score. The College owes its thanks to the Examination Committee, the Standard Setting Panel and to Craig Wardrip and the Exam Evolution Committee for their hard work in ensuring a comprehensive and fair examination.

In late June was the annual ACLAM forum. If you weren’t there you missed a great meeting in a great venue, the Don Cesar Hotel at St. Petersburg Beach. This was the first “family” forum and there was something for everyone ranging from outstanding presentations to the marvelous beach. The Foundation auction raised almost $20,000 so you know it was a good time. I would like to thank Rusty Brady and the Forum Committee planning a terrific program, interesting speakers and stimulating discussions. I also thank Mel and Judy Balk for organizing a successful “Forum for Life” and, particularly, for all that they did to cater to everyone’s needs and treat us all like family.

The Board continues to work hard on behalf of the College and met at the Forum as well as several times by telephone. There is more going on in each of the Committees than there is space here to mention but I want to highlight a major milestone: The ACLAM Foundation has now funded more than a million dollars of research in its ten year existence. All ACLAM Diplomates can be proud of this achievement.

See you In Salt Lake!

Mike Kastello, President
**ACLAM Announcements**

**New Diplomates**

The Board of Directors voted 17 new Diplomates into the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine on July 11, 2006 after successfully completing the certification examination. The new Diplomates are: Drs: **Mary Ball Sauer**, Wallingford, CT, **Michelle Browning**, Baltimore, MD, **Ralph Callicott**, College Station, TX, **Larry Carbone**, San Francisco, CA, **Patty Chen**, Laurel, MD, **Melissa Dyson**, Ann Arbor, MI, **Alfonso Gozalo**, Rockville, MD, **Sander Hacker**, Germantown, MD, **Charlie Hsu**, Columbia, MO, **Tara, Ooms**, Covington, LA, **Laura Singer**, New York, NY, **Kem Singletary**, Iowa City, IA, **Laike Stewart**, New York, NY, **Doug Taylor**, Atlanta, GA, **Lynn Wachtman**, Waltham, MA, **Julia Whitaker**, Durham, NC and **Roman Wolf**, Edmond, OK.

**Election Results-2006**

Those candidates elected to office in ACLAM are:

- Vice President- **Steve Leary**
- Secretary/ Treasurer- **Chuck Raflo**
- Board of Directors- **Jeff Everitt**

**ACLAM Activities at the AALAS Meeting**

**Salt Lake City, UT**  
**October 15-18, 2006**

**ACLAM BOOTH # - 2012**  
Note: all ACLAM meetings are in the Hilton Hotel.

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Officers (Liaison to Committee(s))

- Dr. Michael D. Kastello  
  President (Nominating, Forum Program)
- Dr. William J. White  
  President-elect (Government &  
  Regulatory Affairs)
- Dr. James R. Swarengen  
  Vice President (Planning, Career  
  Pathways)
- Dr. Kathryn A. Bayne  
  Past President (Governance)
- Dr. Charles Raflo  
  Secretary/Treasurer (Webmaster,  
  Newsletter Editor, Publications)

Board of Directors (Year term expires,  
Liaison to Committee(s))

- Dr. Helen Diggs  
  (2006, Examination, Exam Resources,  
  Exam Review)
- Dr. Linda Toth  
  (2006, Recertification, Program)
- Dr. Rick Fish  
  (2007, Credentials,  
  Certification Oversight)
- Dr. Lynn Keller  
  (2007, Foundation, Forum for Life)
- Dr. Marcia Etheridge  
  (2008, TPOC, Mentoring)
- Dr. Tim Morris  
  (2008, Continuing Education, Camp  
  ACLAM)
Save the Date: - 2007 ACLAM Forum & 50th Anniversary Celebration

ACLAM will hold the 2007 annual Forum May 6-9 at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, AZ. Those of you who attended the 2004 Forum will remember all of the features that make the Ventana Resort one of the most popular of recent Forum venues-those of you that didn’t shouldn’t miss this second chance.

Importantly, 2007 is ACLAM’s 50th anniversary. Therefore, the 2007 Forum will also host a celebration of this important milestone. The Forum Program Committee is planning the usual outstanding educational program but is also putting together special features and events to help us celebrate 50 years of success and our contributions to biomedical research.

Additionally, the C.L. Davis Foundation will conduct a one-day “Pathology of Laboratory Animals” seminar on May 5 at Ventana Canyon Resort immediately preceding the Forum.

This is one Forum you surely won’t want to miss. Mark your calendars today and look for registration information early next year.

Bill White- President-elect
John Donovan- Program Chair

Dr. Jim Fox Named New Chair of ACLAM Publications

Dr. Gerry Van Hoosier, current Chair of ACLAM Publications is stepping down from this position after the AALAS meeting in Salt Lake City. He served the College well and productively over the past three years and we are grateful for his dedication and vision. A sub Committee appointed by President Kastello reviewed the applications of Diplomates who responded to the vacancy notice sent electronically to the College and forwarded their credentials for consideration for this position, made a recommendation and was approved by the BOD. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jim Fox will take over the leadership of this important role for ACLAM commencing on Nov 1, 2006.

Newsletter Policy

The Newsletter is published 4X per year. The publication dates are:

1. March: Pre Forum
2. June: Pre AVMA
3. September: Pre AALAS
4. December: 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, without special formatting. This content will be appropriately formatted/edited for use in

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the Newsletter and Web Site postings. 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.

A 100 word or less summary of the ad will appear in the ACLAM Newsletter referring the reader to the ACLAM website for the full text of the ad. You may submit two separate ads, an abbreviated one for the Newsletter and the complete one for the website or the Newsletter editor can excerpt a summary for Newsletter.

The cost to place an ad in the Newsletter and post it on the Web is $500 for For-profit Companies and $250 for Not-for-profits such as Universities and the Government. 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. Brief summaries of ads with links to the ACLAM website will be printed in the Newsletter.

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.

**ACLMers on the Rise**

**Dr. James G. Fox Awarded by CSU**

Dr. James G. Fox, Professor and Director of Comparative Medicine at the Whitaker College of Health and Sciences at MIT, received the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences’ College Honor Alumnus Award by Colorado State University.

Dr. Fox graduated from Colorado State in 1968 with a degree in veterinary medicine. He then worked at the Laboratory Animal Branch of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corp. in Fort Detrick before earning his master’s at Stanford University in 1973. In 1974, he joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Research Associate and was appointed head of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine as an Associate Professor in 1975.

Since then, Dr. Fox has become a professor, served as the Director of the Division of Comparative Medicine, and built an internationally respected program in graduate laboratory animal medicine training, and microbiology and pathology biomedical research. In 2004, he was elected to membership in the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

Dr. Fox serves on the ad hoc advisory committee for the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology’s NIH-supported, post-DVM, PhD trainee awards at Colorado State. In past years, he also has served as a laboratory animal medicine consultant for projects based in Colorado State Laboratory Animal Resources. Dr. Fox has been previously recognized with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Excellence in Research Award, the Merit Award for Research in Comparative Medicine from the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association Charles River Prize in laboratory animal sciences.
Patricia Brown, Acting Director of OLAW

Beginning July 24, 2006, Patricia A. Brown, V.M.D., will be temporarily assigned to the position of Acting Director, OLAW. Dr. Brown received her B.Sc. Degree in Animal Science (1974) from Pennsylvania State University and her veterinary degree (1978) from the University of Pennsylvania. She served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years and while on active duty earned a M. Sc. in Laboratory Animal Medicine from the M.S. Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, PA. She joined the U.S. Public Health Service in 1986 and has served in a variety of positions at the National Institutes of Health within the Veterinary Resources Branch, the National Cancer Institute and the Office of Animal Care and Use. Since 2001 she has been the Deputy Director in the Office of Animal Care and Use, Office of Intramural Research, Office of the Director, NIH. Dr. Brown is a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), has served on the Board of Directors of ACLAM, is a past president of the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners (ASLAP) and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of AAALAC International representing ASLAP.

ASLAP Excellence in Research Award to Swindle

M. Michael Swindle, DVM, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Comparative Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina received the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners Excellence in Research Award. The award was presented at the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association July 18. The award is presented to AVMA members who have made significant and repeated scientific contributions to the field of laboratory animal medicine. He was presented the award in recognition of his work in developing swine as preclinical animal models of human disease. Dr. Swindle gave a presentation “Swine as Models in Translational Research” as part of the meeting.

Regulatory News

GRAC Report

The Government and Regulatory Affairs Committee (GRAC) occasionally receives questions about how to become active in the legislative process. The committee members discussed if the ACLAM website should have a section that provided information on how to communicate with Congress (letters, phone, fax, e-mail, face-to-face), guidance on how to interact with members of Congress, and how to advocate for medical research. We have found that there are other organizations that do an excellent job of pulling this information together and rather than reinvent those websites, we’d like to point you to some of them. One example is the Public Affairs website published by the American Physiological Society. The portal to this site can be found at http://www.the-aps.org/pa/index.htm. Within that site is the Legislative Action Center (http://www.the-aps.org/pa/guide/new.htm) which covers the areas mentioned above. Another excellent site is the NABR Animal Law Section (http://www.nabr.org/AnimalLaw/). While it doesn’t speak to how to interact with Congress, it offers a wealth of information of current federal laws, policies and regulations. In addition, the ACLAM webpage has a link called “Links to Other Sites” which can direct you to pages for submitting e-mail messages to Congress, along with many other sites that provide information about the legislative process.
**APHIS Proposes the Use of Shift Cages for Moving Nonhuman Primates**

On April 28, USDA's APHIS announced a request for comments, due June 26, 2006, on a proposed rule that would amend Animal Welfare Act regulations requiring the use of shift cages for moving and transporting potentially dangerous animals, including nonhuman primates and other species. This proposed rule would require the use of shift cages for gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans and “other nonhuman primates”. There is concern about how this rule would affect the research community. The proposed rule is located in the Federal Register Vol. 71, No. 82, Friday, April 28, 2006, 9 CFR Part 2, APHIS Docket No. APHIS-2005-0118. To view the Federal Register announcement online go to: <www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> and enter the phrase “shift cages” into the search field.

**ACLAM Response:**

**June 26, 2006**

Regulatory Analysis & Development  
PPD, APHIS Station 3A-03.8  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
4700 River Road, Unit 118  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

**RE: Docket No.: APHIS-2005-0118**  
**(Volume 71, NOP 82 FED. REG. 25100-25102)**

Dear APHIS Staff:

This correspondence is being sent to you on behalf of The American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) which is a specialty Board of the American Veterinary Medical Association and is comprised of 800 veterinarians specializing in the care and use of laboratory animals. Among the species that our Diplomates have extensive experience with are nonhuman primates bred for and used in research.

As an organization, ACLAM wishes to comment on the proposed changes to the Animal Welfare Act Regulations regarding the use of shift cages for handling certain species. ACLAM strongly supports APHIS’s efforts to mitigate the risk of injuries to people and animals as well as to ensure safe transport of potential dangerous animals. However, the proposed rule appears to be written primarily with exhibitors and performing animals in mind and does not take into account the characteristics of the controlled research environment which will make application of the proposed rule to research facilities unnecessary restrictive and unduly burdensome. We maintain that animal and human safety is being safeguarded under current practices at research and nonhuman primate breeding facilities. Accordingly, we urge that research facilities and those that supply nonhuman primates for research be explicitly exempted from the requirements of this proposed rule.
In the hundreds of research and breeding facilities at which our Diplomates provide veterinary care and oversight, animal movement is performed by trained animal care staff or research personnel within secure animal facilities and does not involve significant risk to the animals or the public. A large number of these facilities maintain non-human primates in numbers that far exceed zoos, exhibitors, or performing animal acts. Specific procedures for animal handling and movement are governed at the institutional level with expert veterinary involvement, by standard operating procedures (SOPs), protocol-specific procedures reviewed by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and institutional policy. These procedures are monitored through semi-annual IACUC facility and program reviews, continuing review of protocols, and by other internal mechanisms. In addition, many institutions participate in voluntary oversight programs such as the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC). This level of oversight provides safeguards not available to zoos, exhibitors, and animal performing acts.

Shift cages are utilized in many research facilities to move nonhuman primates (NHPs) for some routine husbandry and transport purposes. However, their use is animal-, situation-, and research-dependent. For this reason a variety of methods are used to transfer animals between cages or to study environments. Other methods that may be used include direct cage-to-cage transfer by coupling cages, chemical immobilization, operant conditioning and pole and collar systems. For research protocols that require anesthesia, animals may be anesthetized while still in their home cage and transported under anesthesia to and from an operating room or other study area. The proposed rule would require that all nonhuman primate movement in research facilities be performed using shift cages. Exception to this requirement would require prior written request and written approval from the Animal Care Regional Office for each alternative method employed before implementation. It is unclear whether this approval would be granted on an animal, group or institutional basis and would only add to the paperwork burden and unnecessary delays from other factors impeding research progress. It is also clear that inconsistencies would likely exist between institutions requesting exceptions. Moreover, based upon institutional records and safety analyses, we do not feel that in the research environment failure to use shift cages in every transfer poses any significant risk and we have not been presented any data by APHIS to substantiate the level of risk warranting the imposition of this rule in a research environment.

We feel that conversion to a shift-cage-only policy would entail significant capital expenditure and potential disruption of research as well as substantial paperwork burden. Furthermore, we believe that the cost estimates used in the Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis have ignored the facility impact of full conversion to shift cages in the nonhuman primate research and breeder settings and have seriously underestimated the paperwork and recording keeping burden associated with seeking and obtaining prior APHIS permission to continuing using professionally accepted alternative transfer methods.

In summary, while acknowledging the need to ensure animal and public safety during transfer of nonhuman primates in all settings, ACLAM believes that the proposed rule regarding the use of shift cages, or written APHIS approval for each specific alternative method use, is unnecessary and unduly burdensome.
in the research environment. For the reasons stated above, we urge APHIS to explicitly exempt research and nonhuman primate breeder facilities from the requirement of this proposed rule.

We would be glad to provide APHIS additional information on this subject should they require it.

Sincerely,

William J. White, V.M.D., M.S., DACLAM, DECLAM
President-Elect
American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine

International News

FELASA / ICLAS / AISAL Meeting

The Italian laboratory animal science association, AISAL, will host an international meeting at Lake Como, Italy, June 11 - 14, 2007. The meeting will include the 10th symposium of the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FELASA) and XIV General Assembly and Conference of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS). Information is available at the meeting website http://www.felasa-iclas2007.com/. The deadline for abstract submission is November 30, 2006.

Hot Topics

Balancing Biosecurity with Global Migration of Murine Models

Not so long ago, a big challenge for managers of rodent colonies was to minimize the risks of infectious disease and the impacts on research and the animal's health and well being. This was difficult enough for a number of reasons but most institutions put prudent measures in place to ensure biosecurity of their rodent colonies. We are now being asked to ensure biosecurity AND to accomplish this with minimal impact on the research programs.

Numerous center grants, glue grants, program projects and other inter-institutional funding mechanisms result in even more exchange of rodents between institutions. A balance between ease of “global migration” of murine models for timely testing, breeding, characterization, experimental use, etc of these multi-center entities must be balanced with the needs for biosecurity. Quarantine often takes weeks and is a relatively expensive operation. The length of time the animals are in quarantine will sometimes preclude the use of the animals for the proposed research. For example, if the quarantine is 8 weeks this may be longer than the optimum age necessary for evaluation or the disease or condition may progress rapidly so that the animals won’t survive the length of the quarantine. Recent requests for funding applications (RFA’s) have specifically required this issue to be addressed. Creative solutions will be essential to accomplish this effectively.

Some creative solutions to ensure biosecurity and decrease the time in quarantine necessary to characterize the health status of the animals are: 1. Elimination of quarantine by establishing a complete segregation of the work from other rodent colonies, including separate building, equipment and personnel and transport...
to this area using special biosecure transport carts. This may not be possible if expensive or specialized equipment and testing procedures are required. The health status should still be characterized so that the impact of any health problems, if present, on the research could be evaluated but the testing would not delay research. 2. If the animals are immunocompetent direct sampling of the animals within a short period after arrival, rather than using sentinel animals with exposure protocols, would shorten the quarantine period considerably. This would not be useful with immunocompromised animals as they would not mount a response to serological tests nor would it be likely to identify health problems contracted during shipping. 3. Establishing rigid decontamination protocols and comprehensive training for work with “animals of unknown health status” may be possible if the experimental work is relatively simple and easily contained. This would not be ideal for complex or complicated testing procedures that would not lend themselves well to decontamination. 4. A combination of the above examples to meet the specific needs.

The pressure to move this direction is here and we will all be pressed to adopt some or all of these measures at our institutions for specific projects. Quarantine with appropriate treatment and/or testing and rederivation if necessary, testing and control of murine products (tissue, cell lines, sera, etc.) and management practices such as segregating animals by health status, type of research, immune status, etc. are well established techniques that have been proven effective in maximizing biosecurity of our colonies.

Not so long ago, the majority of experimental rodents were well-characterized inbred, congenic or mutant strains of mice that were maintained by Jackson Laboratory and a number of other experienced rodent vendors. These animals were relatively inexpensive, easily available and replaceable therefore breeding animals, with the resultant large numbers of animals, was not essential. If there were problems, one could depopulate and start over. Today the typical experimental rodent is a genetically engineered mouse that took many months to make, breed and characterize. Many of these genetically engineered mice involve some manipulation of the immune system with the goal in mind of determining the function of that particular perturbation. In the past, the classically immunodeficient mice were segregated from the immunocompetent mice to prevent them from becoming clinically ill due to chronic infection by endemic or opportunistic pathogens and/or serving as a source of pathogens that they were not able to clear. It is not easy to predict how the different genetically engineered strains will respond if a pathogen enters the colony; they may clear the disease or remain chronically infected and a source of infection for other animals.

In summary these valuable rodents do not respond predictably to infections like the characterized inbred strains of the past and may be more susceptible to infection, and/or less able to clear infection due to partial, unsuspected immunodeficiencies. This coupled with the increased density of mice due to breeding and the transfer and exchange of murine models between institutions results in a relatively high biosecurity risk to our rodent programs. Quarantine, testing of murine products, and rederivation has been effective in minimizing outbreaks. These should still be the default program to ensure disease free
colonies but there will be pressure to develop creative solutions to balance biosecurity and research needs of migrating mouse models.

Beth Ford, ACLAM Diplomate

“Resource Book for the Design of Animal Exercise Protocols”

A new book covering animal exercise protocols is directed at researchers, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, and anyone involved in research oversight. The Resource Book for the Design of Animal Exercise Protocols, written by a committee comprising exercise physiologists and laboratory animal veterinarians including ACLAM Diplomates Linda Toth and Christine Parks, covers how to design, review, and implement experimental animal exercise protocols. The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) sponsored the book’s development, which was published by the American Physiological Society. Contact: OLAW@od.nih.gov. Link: http://www.the-aps.org/pa/action/exercise/book.pdf.

ACLAM Foundation Research Grant News

Results

Foundation Scientific Director, Greg Boivin, has summarized the first decade of ACLAM supported research grants. The Foundation has invested slightly over $1 million in 57 research studies. Investigative teams from 33 institutions have received awards. Of the 57 projects, thirty-eight (38) grants were awarded to institutions with ACLAM training programs and most of the projects had an ACLAM boarded veterinarian working on the team or serving as the PI.

What does ACLAM have to show for all of this work? A lot! While many of the projects are still active or in process of publication, the following results are complete. ACLAM grantees have 38 poster presentations, 23 oral presentations, and 39 publications in peer reviewed journals. Several more publications are in press or being prepared for submission, so these numbers are steadily increasing. In addition, five (5) NIH funded grants that have been awarded to grantees using the ACLAM Foundation studies as the preliminary data for their NIH funding.

The Foundation Committee members credit all our donors and grantees for their generosity and research expertise. ACLAM members have put their own dollars to work to make this success possible.

2006 Research Grants

Twelve (12) proposals were received in response to the Special RFP for rodent housing density. The grant award, funded by GlaxoSmithKline, was made to:

Joy Mench, PhD, University of California, Davis  $34,313

“Effects of cage size and enrichment on three strains of laboratory mice”.

The goal is to provide data that can be used for successfully defining cage density and the effects of enrichment on mouse well being.

During the normal grant review cycle, ACLAM received 52 preliminary applications
(Letters of Intent) for funding. Following a highly competitive review, twenty (20) PI's were invited to submit full research proposals. These five were funded:

1) **Peter Smith**, DVM, Yale University  $25,000  
   “*Mouse Parvovirus: Effects of immune status and pregnancy on duration and potential reactivation of viral shedding*”  
   The goals of the study are to compare the duration of MPV infection in immunocompetent and immunodeficient mice and to examine the effect of pregnancy on the duration and transmission of MPV.

2) **Henry and Lois Foster Grant** went to:  
   **Susan Compton**, PhD, Yale University  $24,998  
   “*Murine norovirus pathogenesis and transmissibility*”  
   The goals are to examine the pathogenesis of and transmission of norovirus in immunocompetent and immunodeficient mice.

3) Grant made with assistance of **AALAS, & AAALAC International**  
   **Mark Kristal**, PhD, State University of New York at Buffalo  $22,340  
   “*Developing a metric for comparing analgesic efficacy in algesiometric testing with postsurgical pain relief*”  
   The goal of the study is to assess the minimum amount of buprenorphine necessary to normalize acute postsurgical pain in rats.

4) **Grant made with assistance of GlaxoSmithKline**  
   **James Macy**, DVM, Yale University  $25,000  
   “*Strategies for MPV screening*”  
   The goals are to develop a large-scale PCR-based strategy for detection of MPV in mouse colonies and to define potential fomites in cages.

5) **ER Griffin Research Foundation Grant** went to:  
   **Fiona Clair Hankenson**, DVM, University of Michigan  $24,069  
   “*Survey of vaccination programs and tuberculosis screening for personnel in laboratory animal research facilities*”  
   The project will measure objective differences in process and outcomes of hazard identification and risk assessments used in laboratory animal workplace environments for naturally occurring zoonotic and experimentally infectious agents.

**2007 Grant Cycle – Your ACLAM Assignment!**

It is not too early to prepare your grant application or make a call today to encourage at least one investigator to apply. A simple two-page “letter of intent” will be due the first week of February 2007. Consider strengthening your application with some pilot data! For more information about ACLAM Foundation grants, please contact Greg Boivin at boivingp@ucmail.uc.edu. Check the ACLAM web site (www.aclam.org) for instructions on how to apply.

**Foundation News**

**Alumni Competition**

Foundation Chairman, Marty Morin (and Auburn Team Captain – WAR EAGLE!), reported the post Forum results. Mid-year leaders are listed below. Contact your team captain to see how you can help move your team move above archrival

#1 Auburn for Average Gift/Pledges per donor (followed by Ontario, Ohio State, NC State, and Georgia). Five (5) alumni teams with avg. gift/pledges per donor
of over $3,000.

#1 Georgia for Average Gift/donor (followed closely by Auburn and Cornell).

#1 Ohio State & Pennsylvania are tied at 11 members in the President’s Circle.

**Forum Fund Raising**

During the 4 days of the meeting, the Foundation received seven (7) new President’s Circle members bringing PC membership to 101 [PC = a pledge of $500/yr for 10 years]. Put another way - one in eight members of ACLAM has now joined the President’s Circle.

Big Thank You to the new members – Auburn – Ron Banks; Illinios - Mike Kastello Jeff Oswald; Ohio State - Hal Stills; Pennsylvania - Pierre Conti, Mary Grant; Texas A&M - Vincent Gresham, Vicky Haines; Washington State - Greg Boivin. Teams Pennsylvania and Ohio State are now tied for 1st place at 11 members each.

At the 2005 Forum, the Foundation had a gift ($500) to match first time donors during the meeting. It took about 20 minutes and those new donors appeared. So this year, we found $2,000 to match for first time donors. Net result was $2,800 in new gifts plus the $2K match.

Kathy Murray and her team put on another fun - high energy auction, with the help of Tom Nolan. The live auction produced $14,000. During the auction, the 2006 raffle winners ($750 - Jeff Oswald, $500 - Marc Huliin, & $250 - Jim Taylor) all gave their winnings to the Foundation. Grand total when live auction plus silent plus raffle sales and prizes returned - $18,800. Big thank you to Kathy and her workers!

Counting the auction/raffle, with pledges of $21,000, and donations of $11,000 at the meeting and another $5,000 waiting at the Post Office - the Foundation has the funds for 3 grants in 2007. Thank you to the donors and to all who worked to make those gifts possible!

**President’s Circle for Sustained Giving**

Many know that Marty’s grandson’s name is Grant – yes, named after our yearly awards. Anyway, three year old Grant starts many a sentence with “Actually”! He might say something like “Actually, you can help the Foundation the most by joining the President’s Circle!” Start them out young!

Remember – no money down – membership in the President’s Circle only requires a pledge ($500/year over 10 years).
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.htm. NOTE: Ads are listed chronologically by posting date, most recent first, and will appear for approximately 90 days.

Open Positions

Clinical Veterinarian

The University of Pittsburgh Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR) is seeking a full-time clinical laboratory animal veterinarian. The diverse, rapidly expanding AAALAC accredited program here currently ranks seventh in NIH funding and includes within multiple facilities – an active transgenic rodent center, rodent behavioral testing cores, multiple nonhuman primate colonies and world-renown transplantation, resuscitation, AIDS, neuroscience and cancer research programs.

Primary responsibilities will include coordination and oversight of rodent colonies and rodent health programs in addition to sharing general clinical, administrative and regulatory duties within the program. ACLAM board certification or immediate eligibility is highly desirable.

Staff Veterinarian

The American Cardiovascular Research Institute (ACRI), a division of Saint Joseph’s Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, conducts preclinical and clinical studies related to heart and vascular disease as we try to gain a clearer understanding of disease processes. We are seeking a highly motivated, team-oriented Staff Veterinarian. The AAALAC-accredited animal care and use program at ACRI provides oversight for research animals involved in an active cardiovascular research program. The Staff Veterinarian will provide medical and surgical care, anesthesia and surgical support of research procedures, investigator consultation, program development, IACUC protocol reviews and training of research and animal care personnel. The candidate will participate in ongoing GLP research studies.

Senior Research Veterinarian

Company: Schering-Plough
Location: Kenilworth, NJ

The individual in this position will be responsible for assisting with the animal care and use program. Ensures the provision of veterinary medical and surgical care for traditional laboratory species in a GLP environment. Will have responsibility for the sentinel and quarantine programs. Will ensure compliance with federal (USDA, FDA/GLP), state and local laws and regulations/policies and oversight...
(AAALAC) organizations. Directly supervises three veterinary technologists. Responsible for the nonhuman primate environmental enrichment program. Provide regulatory and technical training for the technical staff and research investigator personnel. Works with the research staff and interacts with the IACUC on protocol execution and development.

**Research Veterinarian, Laboratory Animal Science Programs**

The Research Veterinarian represents the Laboratory Animal Science Programs at **Boston University** to insure a high quality of animal care and use. Responsibilities include performing regular clinical rounds, implementing the health surveillance and quarantine programs, and overseeing surgical and biohazard projects. The successful applicant actively participates in the University's Research Compliance program as it relates to the Animal Care and Use Program, ensuring the LASP is in compliance with USDA, PHS and OLAW regulations, and AAALAC guidelines. The incumbent assists investigators in developing protocols for IACUC submission, reviews protocols for submission, and participates in IACUC inspections of the animal facilities. An important component of this position is training of research and LASP staff. Opportunities for independent or collaborative research at the technical and professional level are available and encouraged. The Research Veterinarian reports to the Associate Director of the LASP.

**Veterinary Services Director**

**Medtronic, Minneapolis, MN.** Represents Medtronic as the prime internal and external spokesperson on operations, regulations, or contracts related to the humane care and responsible use of laboratory animals. Directs all aspects of PRL's Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Surgery, and Comparative Pathology services as well as the Clinical and Histology Laboratories. Responsibilities encompass: establishing policies for optimal care of research animals, liaising with key opinion leaders, setting departmental visions and fiscal objectives, managing cost center budgets, directing workflow and supervising personnel, implementing process improvements, developing new scientific methods, consulting with investigators, overseeing compliance with regulatory requirements, participating in IACUC.

**Clinical Veterinarian**

**Req# H13135:** The **University of Southern California**'s Department of Animal Resources in Los Angeles, CA seeks an excellent Clinical Veterinarian to assist the Director of the department in supporting research programs involving a diverse animal population including both small and large laboratory animals. Duties will include: providing clinical, diagnostic, and surgical care to animals; managing preventive medical programs including rodent health surveillance, quarantine, and diagnostic laboratory activities; participating in IACUC activities including investigator interactions, protocol review, inspections, and post-approval monitoring; and participating in resident training in an ACLAM-approved training program.
**Veterinarian #20060827**

**University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio:** This position is responsible for providing veterinary medical support, and research management for the Laboratory Animal Medicine program.

**Job Duties**
- Provide clinical, surgical, and diagnostic services for all laboratory animals housed within UTHSCSA facilities.
- Ensure compliance with federal regulations and guidelines, institutional policies and AAALAC accreditation guidelines to ensure humane care and use of research animals.
- Consult and collaborate with Investigators on animal model selection and development, protocol development and selection of appropriate anesthetic and analgesic regimens.
- Represent the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources and the Health Science Center on various committees including the IACUC with appropriate protocol review.
- Support and instruct training activities to include Investigator and technical staff training, AALAS certification courses.

**Director, Laboratory Animal Sciences**

**RTI International** is an independent organization dedicated to conducting innovative, multidisciplinary research that improves the human condition. With a worldwide staff of more than 2,500 people, RTI offers innovative research and development and a full spectrum of multidisciplinary services in health and pharmaceuticals, advanced technology, survey and statistics, education and training, economic and social development, and the environment. Universities in **North Carolina** founded RTI in 1958 as the first scientific organization in and centerpiece of the Research Triangle Park.

**Veterinarian (Clinical) #05566**

Located in **Ithaca, N.Y.**, the Cornell Center for Animal Resources and Education (CARE) has openings for two team-oriented clinical veterinarians to join a dynamic team of five service-minded veterinarians, eight experienced veterinary technicians, and an associate director. CARE is a service and a resource to the Cornell research and teaching community. The clinical veterinarians are responsible for routine rounds, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of sick animals (laboratory animals, dogs, cats, cows, pigs, sheep, poultry, horses, birds, reptile, amphibian and fish); instruction of animal caretakers and research staff regarding care and treatment; and health monitoring procedures. They assist in teaching/mentoring of trainees in the Laboratory Animal Medicine Residency training program and veterinary student externs, advise on research involving animals, assist with IACUC-mandated training programs, and review IACUC protocols.

**Director, Office of Veterinary Resources**

**New York University’s Washington Square campus** invites applications from qualified individuals for the position of Director of Veterinary Resources.
Reporting to the Senior Vice Provost for Research, the successful candidate will: be the Attending Veterinarian for the Washington Square campus; supervise administrative and veterinary technical staff; provide clinical and surgical oversight of research animals (including USDA covered species and transgenic rodent breeding colony); oversee training and educational programs for animal care and research staff; and provide research support and consultation for researchers.

**Animal Care Services Officer (Director)**

**SM512569**

The Division of Laboratory Animal Resources, **University of Kentucky** (UK), Lexington, KY, requests nominations and applications for Director (Animal Care Services Officer), Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR) to lead and manage an active centralized laboratory animal research and resources program. This full-time administrative and professional position reports directly to the Executive Vice President for Research (EVPR) and has primary responsibility for the management, operation and development of this essential Core Research Facility. In addition, the Director works with the IACUC, Office of Research Integrity and other UK administrators, faculty and staff to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and policies related to humane care and use of animals for research, teaching and testing activities, and to maintain full AAALAC International accreditation of its animal care and use program.

**Faculty Position in Comparative Medicine, Veterinary Clinician**

**Stanford University School of Medicine:** The Department of Comparative Medicine has a faculty opening for a veterinary clinician as Assistant Professor or Associate Professor of Comparative Medicine in the Medical Center Line. The major criteria for appointment for faculty in the Medical Center Line shall be excellence in the overall mix of clinical care, clinical teaching, and scholarly activity that advances clinical medicine, and institutional service appropriate to the programmatic need the individual is expected to fulfill. Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in collaborative research as evidenced by publications in peer reviewed journals. The Department of Comparative Medicine is a clinical department within the School of Medicine. Collaborative research opportunities at Stanford include organ transplantation, immunology, genetics, infectious diseases, molecular biology, non-invasive nuclear and magnetic imaging, cancer, anesthesia, primate behavior, and studies using induced mutations in mice among others.

**Clinical Laboratory Animal Veterinarian Position**

The **University of Colorado at Denver** and the Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC) is currently recruiting for a Clinical Laboratory Animal Veterinarian. Responsibilities will include participation in the provision of veterinary care services to a variety of research species, assisting with implementation and oversight of animal care programs, evaluating compliance with federal and state regulations and guidelines, assisting in research and animal care staff training, and reviewing animal research and teaching proposals.
**Senior Veterinarian**

**UC Irvine** is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Senior Veterinarian. The successful candidate will assist the Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources (ULAR) in implementing the animal care and use program. Responsibilities include providing surgical and clinical care to a diverse group of research animals, establishing and maintaining appropriate programs of disease prevention and control, providing training and education to animal care and research personnel, reviewing of animal use protocols for the IACUC, supervision of veterinary technical staff and insuring the University’s continued compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies relating to the humane care and use of laboratory animals.

**Director, Animal Resource Center and Campus Veterinarian**

The University of California at Santa Barbara invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Animal Resource Center/Campus Veterinarian. The Director/Campus Veterinarian is responsible for developing and implementing programs across campus for the provision of comprehensive veterinary care; is a voting member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); advises the Committee on issues affecting animal care, housing, and use; and shares responsibility with the Committee for developing, implementing, and monitoring programs designed to insure regulatory compliance. As department head, the Director oversees two modern laboratory animal facilities that encompass 15,000 sq. ft and house a wide variety of species as well as satellite animal facilities. Experience working with a variety of species (birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, as well as more traditional laboratory species) under both laboratory and field conditions is desirable.

**Senior Principal Scientist**

**Pfizer St. Louis:** This is a leadership role that involves setting objectives, goals, and timelines for projects and direct reports. In this role, individual is responsible for supervision and development of veterinary technical colleagues.
- Provide strategic input as a member of St. Louis WWCM Leadership Team to achieve business goals.
- Actively participate in Global WWCM team decision-making and projects.
- Be part of and eventually lead a global team (e.g. Communications, Facility Utilization, Learning and Development, Informatics, etc).
- Engage in St. Louis departmental and site activities to contribute to corporate initiatives and as career development.
- Responsible for the veterinary (clinical/medical/surgical) program for St. Louis WWCM (Worldwide Comparative Medicine). Serve as member of WWCM Research Partnership Team (RPT), a global team committed to leading edge in-vivo science.

**Staff Clinical Veterinarian**

The University of Pittsburgh, McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine-Preclinical Studies Center invites applicants for the position of Staff Clinical
Veterinarian. Specific skill sets of the incumbent include large animal surgery, anesthesia and post-operative (ICU care). Extensive experience with ruminants is necessary. Background in cardiovascular physiology, surgical and interventional radiology skills are desired, as well as familiarity with FDA and GLP guidelines. Applicants must have a DVM/VMD degree and licensed in the US. Applications accepted on-line only: www.hr.pitt.edu/employment. Please reference job # 0114495. We value and support workforce diversity. AA/EOE

Associate Director, Veterinary Services

Taconic, Albany, NY: Essential Job functions include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Provides Veterinary Services direction/oversight to operations in Taconic sites and provides corporate interpretation and oversight on regulatory issues. Acts as a member of IACUC committees for Taconic operations in New York and Cambridge City and alternate for Oxnard, CA.
- Oversees veterinary aspects of MAB, RAS, and surgery to assure the health and welfare of the animals. Serves as Primary Veterinary contact for site requirements (such as health monitoring programs, operational changes that affect bio-security, animal welfare, etc.) for the Albany, Rockville, and Cambridge City sites. Provides backup veterinary duty for other sites as required.
- Responds to customer inquiries concerning veterinary aspects of the Albany facility and general questions concerning Taconic animals.
- Writes peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed technical papers. Presents material at professional meetings and customer presentations.
- Supervises Veterinary Technical Staff. Assists with training technicians and area technical representatives.
- Responsible for New York Taconic’s Controlled Substance program.

Veterinary Pathologist

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio: This position will provide pathology services and related support to a broadly based biomedical research program in AAALAC accredited University of South Texas Health Science Center Special areas of research effort include molecular genetics, cancer and cancer biology, diabetes, toxicology, aging, cardiovascular physiology, and biomaterials related programs.

Job Duties

- Provide clinical, pathology, necropsy and diagnostic services
- Ensure compliance with federal regulations and guidelines, institutional policies and AAALAC accreditation guidelines
- Consult and collaborate with Investigators on animal model selection and development, protocol development
- Represent the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources and the Health Science Center on various committees including the IACUC with appropriate protocol review.
- Support and instruct training activities to include Investigator and technical staff training, AALAS certification courses.
Head of Veterinary and Research Services

“Champions of Innovation.” That’s Pfizer Global Research and Development (PGRD).

- This is a leadership role that involves setting objectives, goals, and timelines for projects and direct reports. In this role, individual is responsible for supervision and development of veterinary technical colleagues.
- Provide strategic input as a member of St. Louis WWCM Leadership Team.
- Actively participate in Global WWCM team decision-making and projects, eventually leading a global team.
- Engage in St. Louis departmental and site activities to contribute to corporate initiatives and as career development.
- Responsible for the veterinary (clinical/medical/surgical) program for St. Louis WWCM (Worldwide Comparative Medicine).

Clinical Veterinarian, Division of Veterinary Resources

National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland: The successful candidate would be part of a large team of professionals in a service oriented, central laboratory animal care program at the National Institutes of Health in suburban Bethesda Maryland. Other members of the team include other laboratory animal medicine veterinarians in various clinical, surgical, and administrative roles, a pharmacist, a nutritionist, and an animal behavior group. Members of the program are responsible for the care of approximately one-third of the research animals at NIH and utilize about one-half of the animal care space at the NIH. Opportunities for collegial interactions among professionals within the program and across the NIH campus make for a rich workplace experience. Local continuing education and lectures or seminars on job-related topics are frequent and attendance is encouraged.

Chief Campus Veterinarian

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Research Animal Resources Center (RARC) invites applicants for the position of Chief Campus Veterinarian. This full-time, non-tenure track position provides leadership to the University of Wisconsin-Madison animal care and use program by serving as the Attending Veterinarian for regulatory compliance purposes. Responsibilities include providing direct and delegated oversight of veterinary care to research animal species for the campus through supervision and management of the campus veterinary unit within RARC and serving as the veterinary representative for the campus animal program. The primary duty is oversight of clinical service for research animals to the Medical School, Graduate School (including the Regional Primate Center), the School of Veterinary Medicine, Letters & Science and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Veterinarian / Manager

At GlaxoSmithKline, scientists in Research and Development are committed to capturing this moment.
Details:
• Provides day-to-day clinical care to the research animal colonies and manages preventative veterinary care programs in a large pharmaceutical company
• Provides primary or backup veterinary support, research consultation and/or consultation on animal model development to investigators (~350,000 sq. ft.)
• Ensures regulatory compliance
• Manages/assists in managing veterinary care staff (up to 4 headcount)

Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience working with old world nonhuman primates, preferred
• Experience working in the pharmaceutical industry, preferred
• Specialty board eligibility or certification (e.g ACLAM), preferred
• Knowledge of cardiovascular, respiratory and/or infectious disease animal models, preferred
• Experience in animal model development (esp. surgical expertise), preferred
• State veterinary accreditation preferred

Director, Comparative Biology & Medicine – King of Prussia, PA

GlaxoSmithKline - An opportunity currently exists for a Director to lead the Comparative Biology & Medicine (CBM) group. This is a multidisciplinary team or veterinarians, veterinary technologists and scientific staff within the Lab Animal Sciences organization in King of Prussia, PA. This group is responsible for the program of veterinary care within the PA sites and provides strategic direction for the scientific interfaces between LAS study support and research partners in drug discovery and drug development.

The selected individual will have an advanced degree in biological science with extensive in vivo study experience. Candidate will have more than ten years experience in animal model development and possess excellent knowledge of drug discovery and development. The candidate must have proven leadership and managerial experience with experience in matrix working across multiple interfaces.

Laboratory Animal Specialist

The Research Animal Resource Center (RARC), serving both the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, is seeking a laboratory animal specialist. Responsibilities include administrative supervision of the veterinary technical staff and the provision of clinical care to laboratory animals at specific RARC facilities; overseeing animal health monitoring, quarantine, importation and surgical programs; IACUC membership and associated activities; and participating with other RARC senior management in programmatic development initiatives, education programs and postdoctoral training in laboratory animal medicine and pathology. Collaborative and/or independent research is supported.
Department of Animal And Avian Sciences
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Maryland, College Park

This is a key departmental staff position with approximately 50% of time spent supervising departmental animal care programs and 50% of time as instructor associated with instruction and advising students within the department’s undergraduate option in Laboratory Animal Care. The appointee is expected to coordinate and serve as a working manager of animal care in the department’s research and teaching programs. This includes supervision of 3.5 animal care staff personnel and hourly student employees. Animal species of interest within the department are diverse including laboratory animals, aquatic and agricultural species. The appointee will teach undergraduate courses in anatomy and laboratory animal care, as well as develop and supervise the undergraduate internship program in laboratory the Department’s animal care program animal management. In addition, the appointee is expected to take a leadership role in ensuring that the Department’s animal care program meets standards that support the campus’ anticipated pursuit of MALAC accreditation.

Director, Office of Animal Welfare

Vanderbilt University (VU) is seeking a motivated laboratory animal veterinarian with excellent interpersonal and writing skills to serve as the Director of the Office of Animal Welfare Assurance. The Director will lead the Office in its efforts to support the VU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and ensure institutional compliance with applicable rules, regulations, and guidelines that govern the use of animals in teaching and research. He/she will work closely with the IACUC Chair and the Attending Veterinarian to build upon the existing program designed to ensure the appropriate conduct of animal research.
President Mike Kastello called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:**
At its meeting, The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the two teleconferences held on February 21 and April 18, 2006. The minutes of the November 8, 2005 St. Louis AALAS General Business Meeting were printed in the Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the General Business Meeting Minutes from St. Louis.

Financially, ACLAM is well within its budget with sufficient funds in the bank to cover the Forum expenses. As of the close of business on June 23, 2006, ACLAM investments are worth $646,955 while the Foundation is worth $338,076. The Foundation has approximately $23,000 that has not been committed to fund grants for 2007. There has been one gift of stock to the Foundation. This gift was evaluated by ACLAM’s financial advisor and it is decided to add this stock to the holding in the portfolio. Anticipated income for 2006 from ACLAM’s investments is estimated to be $20,670 while the Foundation should earn $14,577.

**Executive Director’s Report:**
The College now consists of 800 Diplomates, 668 active, 119 retired and 13 honorary members. Eleven Diplomates have requested to be placed on the retired roll and two were dropped for non-payment of dues. Twenty-six Diplomates have not yet paid their 2006 dues. Reminder letters will be sent after the Forum. ACLAM has received a letter from the ABVS informing the organization that it has been recognized as a specialty organization. The nominations slate has been approved by the Board and ballots will be mailed in early August. Those approved by the Board were Steve Leary and Christine Parks for Vice President, Chuck Raflo for Secretary Treasurer, and Jeff Everitt, Karl Field, Hilton Klein and Sue Vandewoude for two Board positions. Fifty-nine candidates sat for the certifying examination in Bethesda, MD on June 18, 2006. The Forum has 160 registrants plus 30 spouses and those attending the Forum for Life and 35 children. Sponsors for the Forum contributed about $42,000. The 2007 Forum will be held in Tucson, AZ on May 6 - 9 at the Loew’s Ventana Canyon Resort. It will be ACLAM’s 50th anniversary year. On the preceding Saturday, Chuck Montgomery and the C. L. Davis Foundation will hold a pathology seminar. The 2008 Forum will be held in Myrtle Beach, NC on April 14 -17.

**Board of Directors’ Actions and Committee Reports:**

**2006 Forum Committee:**
Rusty Brady and his committee of Cynthia Gillett, Darrell Hoskins, Letty Medina, Steve Neimi, Ann Schiavetta, Peggy Tinkey, Gerry Van Hoosier and Wanda West were recognized.

**Examination Changes:**
Craig Wardrip explained the changes that have been made in the examination, its alignment with the RDD and how the scientifically defensible pass point will be set utilizing a panel of 14 Diplomates and a testing consultant. Also recognized were Janet Rogers of the Exam Committee, Veronica Jennings of the Examination Resources subcommittee, Lucy Senter of the Certification Oversight Committee and Andy Wilkinson of the Examination Review Committee.
Camp ACLAM:
Francis Sun reported on the results of a very successful Camp ACLAM. Fifty – five campers attended. Some changes had been made from the first one based on surveys conducted after the first Camp ACLAM. Charles River Laboratories was thanked for their support.

Mentoring:
Scott Mischler reported that the Committee is recruiting and training mentors to help those primarily from the experience route and new Diplomates that may need some help. The Committee is putting together a guide for mentors. Volunteers are needed to become mentors.

Curriculum for Colleges of Veterinary Medicine:
Pat Turner and her committee have developed a curriculum for veterinary medicine colleges in North America to introduce laboratory animal medicine to veterinary students. The plan is to forward the curriculum to the AAVMC later this summer then to the AVMA and the deans of the vet schools for implementation.

Foundation:
Marty Morin reported that as of the Forum, only $23,000.00 was available for the 2007 grant cycle. An appeal for funds and proposals was made to the membership. Over its 10 year existence, the Foundation has raised approximately two million dollars raised in gifts and pledges while awarding almost one million dollars in grants. Greg Boivin, the Foundation scientific director, requested that Diplomates and others submit more scientifically valid proposals. A silent and live auction and a raffle will be held at the Forum with all proceeds going to the Foundation.

International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine (IACLAM):
Kathryn Bayne reported that the organization will consist of representatives from ACLAM, ECLAM and JACLAM. It will represent laboratory animal medicine on the international level. It will become a member of the World Veterinary Association. Three ACLAM members, Pat Turner, Bill White and Kathryn Bayne will represent ACLAM. The organization has adopted a constitution and bylaws.

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee:
Kathryn Bayne is the chair of this AVMA committee. It will draft principles for the AVMA applicable to the entire veterinary profession after receiving input about animal welfare issues from all AVMA organizations.

Publications Committee:
Mike Kastello announced that Gerry Van Hoosier is retiring as the chair of the Publications Committee. Names of volunteers and nominations for the position are being solicited. Previous editing experience is desired. The vacancy will be advertised in the Newsletter.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Mike Kastello introduced Ed Greenstein who is acting as the official photographer for the meeting. He also introduced Hans Hedrich, an honorary ACLAM Diplomate and the President of ECLAM.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kastello at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Raflo, D.V.M., M.S.
Secretary-Treasurer