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Membership:

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Web Site:

Chris Carter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

6-10 -- AALAS Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO

15 -- Submission deadline, December Newsletter

DECEMBER

1-- December Newsletter published

1-- New Officers announced

15-- Membership renewal letters sent

JANUARY

18--Registration fees for Annual meeting due

26 27--2006 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

March

29—District IV meeting in Birmingham, Al.

This Is Your Newsletter!

Please email comments and suggestions for articles to:

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Kasie Moore kmoore@dar.emory.edu



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Visit our Web Site at <http://www.seaalas.org>

SEAALAS.org is always looking for submissions, articles and ideas! If you would like to make a submission, comment or even volunteer to help out please contact Chris at webmaster@seaalas.org

A Call To Arms

SEAALAS needs you. No, really, SEAALAS needs you; a rat-in-an-Uncle Sam suit poster with creepy eyes that follow you a round the room sort of needs you. As an organization, we're at a transitional point. Much of the "Old Guard" has retired or moved on to jobs outside of SEAALAS's area while the ranks of new volunteers are too thin. There are too few new faces on the Executive Committee; it's the same old faces shuffling from position to position. If SEAALAS is to transition into a renewed and energetic organization, it must have input from all its members.

It's all so very vague, though, isn't it? What are you volunteering for, and how much time will it take, and what if you mess it up? Kinda intimidating, huh? When I first volunteered, I felt like I was being asked to take a high dive into the vasty deep, never mind the sharks and giant squids. I hoped and hoped I wouldn't do a complete belly buster. I was lucky, though, I had two experienced and active SEAALAS members with loaded spear guns watching for all the sharks and squids and reefs and jellyfish that the vasty deep could throw at me that first time I volunteered.

So, I will offer this, if you will volunteer to help SEAALAS, I'll volunteer to man the spear gun. I will either help you learn the procedures the position requires, or I will find someone else who can. Email me prudd@gwm.sc.edu or Kevin or Kim if you can help.

If you don't have the time or the inclination to fill a position, you can help by submitting articles, jokes, cartoons, puzzles, interesting problems you've encountered at your facility, or ideas for articles to the newsletter.

Please, think about it. SEAALAS is your organization, and only your input will keep it vibrant and exciting.

Please Volunteer to Help SEAALAS

Contact Kevin Cormier

kcormier@pharmcal.com

or

Kim Benjamin

kbenjam@dar.emory.edu

Greetings to All,

I look forward to seeing all of you in January at the Francis Marion hotel. The historic district of downtown Charleston is a beautiful setting and you should take advantage of all to be offered at this meeting. Drs. M. Michael Swindle and Alison Smith with the help of Dexter Wilson from MUSC have put together a wonderful program. Enjoy the meeting and all the culture of Charleston.

Some very active SEAALAS Branch members have moved on to other things this year. Our thanks go out to Linda Fulton, Sylvia Banks, and Jennifer Smith for all their contributions. Their departures have left a void that needs to be filled. Please, re-evaluate your commitment to the branch, if possible, take an active roll by volunteering to serve the branch in some capacity this next year. There are many committee positions that enable you to get your feet wet without too much work involved. It's a nice way to start to get to know the people and job skills that make the branch run. Anyone interested can contact any current director or officer of the branch.

Get involved!

Sincerely,

Kevin Cormier, SEAALAS President 2005

News from the Executive Committee

The SEAALAS Executive Committee has been hard at work revising the Constitution, By-Laws, and Committee SOP's. The Board met October 28, 2005, in Atlanta and was successful in submitting 3 changes to the Constitution. According to the Constitution, any changes must be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing by at least 5 members. The Committee must then vote on the changes and if approved, they must be presented to the general membership for a vote to adopt the changes. Please see the revised Constitution on the next page and be prepared to vote on accepting the following as you register at the Charleston Meeting:

1. Changed Executive Secretary to Executive Director
2. Changed the AALAS address to Memphis
3. Removed the word "such" from Article III, Section 6

The By-Laws are very close to being completely revised. The By-Laws do not require a vote by the membership, but just by the Executive Committee. Once they are approved, they will be placed on the web site for the membership to review. Once the By-Laws are revised, the SOP's will be revised to reflect any changes adopted by the Committee. The goal is to have all of this completed by the January meeting so all of the volunteers that are just itching to serve on committees will know what to do!!!!!!

Information about the SEAALAS Treasury:

In 2004, SEAALAS was dealt a very devastating blow. The Treasurer at the time had depleted the checking account and several checks bounced. Once discovered, the person was removed from the position and all of the books pertaining to the accounts were immediately taken to an outside auditor for review. The Treasurer did pay back a majority of the funds in a timely manner, but there is still an outstanding balance owed. The Executive Committee has taken the following action since this event:

- A letter was drafted to AALAS to suggest that this person not be granted membership in the future.
- All bank fees assessed due to this action along with the auditors' fees were added to the amount owed to SEAALAS and the person is paying this cost.
- The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer were revised such that there is no chance of this occurring in the future.
- A formal letter stating terms for the final repayment of funds was signed and agreed upon by the person.

It was decided at the last Executive Committee meeting that during the Annual Meeting in Charleston, the Board will address the membership on these events. **Currently, the financial status of SEAALAS is in very good standing.**

A financial report will be presented to the membership at the Charleston meeting. Anyone with concerns or questions should feel free to contact any SEAALAS Executive Committee

THE SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE
CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Southeastern Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science and herein will be referred to as the Branch.

Article II – Affiliation

Section 1. The Branch is affiliated with the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, Memphis, Tennessee, herein referred to as AALAS, a national non-profit educational association of persons and institutions professionally concerned with the production, care, and study of laboratory animals used in research. Supervision is through the Executive Director of the AALAS. The Branch reserves all rights and privileges granted by the AALAS to its branches.

Section 2. In the event of dissolution of the Branch, all funds and any properties of the Branch shall revert to AALAS, which is a tax-exempt organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a non-profit educational organization.

Article III - Objectives

The objectives of the Branch are to:

Section 1. Promote the purposes of the AALAS at the Branch level.

Section 2. Promote fellowship and cooperation among members interested in the objectives of the Branch.

Section 3. Cooperate with other branches for the exchange of information and coordination of efforts in the problems of animal care and in the solution of those peculiar to this geographical area.

Section 4. Hold at least one meeting annually to conduct business and for the exchange of scientific information on all phases of laboratory animal science.

Section 5. Make local arrangements for the annual meeting of the AALAS when held in this geographical area.

Section 6. Sponsor and promote professional, educational, and training programs for its members and others who are professionally engaged in the care and handling of laboratory animals.

Section 7. Disseminate information by appropriate means to its members, other branches, AALAS and others as necessary.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Branch shall be open to persons, institutions and commercial organizations concerned with the production, care and use of laboratory animals. Classes of membership and eligibility are established in the By-laws.

Article V - Officers

Section 1. There shall be a President, President-elect, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Article VI - Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee composed of the Officers and four additional elected Directors shall be the legislative and administrative body of the Branch. It shall have charge of the property and financial affairs of the Branch and shall perform all such duties as described in the By-laws.

Article VII - Amendments

Section 1. An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by five (5) members of the Executive Committee or by ten (10) or more Active members of the Branch and shall be filed in writing with the Secretary. The proposed amendment shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee. Any proposed amendment approved by the Executive Committee shall be mailed to each Active member with a mail ballot. The amendment shall be adopted if it receives an affirmative vote by a majority of the Active members voting.



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2006 ANNUAL SE/AALAS MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

Dates: Thursday, January 26 and Friday, January 27, 2006

Location: Francis Marion Hotel
Historic District, Charleston, SC
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Rooms: \$109/night. SE/AALAS Block held until December 15, 2005

Registration: Robin Kavanaugh, BS, RLATg
SEAALAS
PO Box 80336
Athens, GA 30608
robink@uga.edu
www.seaalas.org

Meeting Fee: Full meeting \$100 (All day Thursday, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Cocktail Party, Awards Banquet and Friday Morning Session and Continental Breakfast),
Awards Banquet only or extra guests \$50

Preliminary Program:

Thursday

Morning	Tech Talks
Lunch	Speaker: Ann Turner
Afternoon	Technical procedure oriented scientific sessions
Evening	Annual Awards Banquet and Cocktail Party

Friday

Morning	Scientific Session on Animal Models
Afternoon	Optional behind the scenes tour of the Charleston Aquarium (extra charge; details to be announced)

Details:

We have secured rooms at an elegant hotel in the historic district of downtown Charleston at bargain rates. This is the first time in over a decade since the meeting has been held in that area. The details of the full program and speakers will be published in the next issue of the newsletter and posted on the SE/AALAS website. The program format is slightly different, in that the meeting will start Thursday morning and end Friday at noon. However, we are arranging a behind the scenes tour at the Charleston Aquarium for a minimal fee Friday afternoon for those who wish to stay longer.

HOLD THE DATES AND MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION EARLY!!!!

SE/AALAS Block held until December 15, 2005

Program Committee:

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
SEAALS ANNUAL MEETING
AND
AWARDS BANQUET
CHARLESTON, SC
January 26-27, 2006

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 9:00 a.m. Tech Talks
- 11:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
Lunch for all Meeting participants
Speaker- Ann Turner, AALAS
- 1:00 p.m. New Directions of the Animal Rights Movement
Mary F. Hanley, NABR
- 2:00 p.m. Cesarean Rederivation Techniques in Rodents
Kathy Laber, D.V.M.
- 2:30 p.m. Gene Targeting & Embryo Transfer Techniques
Demetri Spyropoulos, Ph.D.
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. ABSL 2 & 3 Safety Procedures in Animal Facilities
Lisa Steed, Ph.D.
- 4:00 p.m. Xenopus Husbandry and Care
Ann Ramsdell, Ph.D.
- 4:30 p.m. Tissue and Organ Preservation
Kelvin Brockbank, Ph.D.
- 5:00 p.m. Exhibits
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Party in Exhibit Area
- 7:30 p.m. Awards Banquet

Friday

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 8:30 a.m. GI Models
Robert H. Hawes, M.D., Ph.D.
- 9:00 a.m. Orthopedic Models
Yuehuei An, M.D./M.S.
- 9:30 a.m. Stem Cell Research
Mandy LaRue, Ph.D.
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Renal Models
Wayne Fitzgibbon, Ph.D.
- 11:00 a.m. Intervention Radiology Models
Renan Uflacker, M.D.
- 11:30 a.m. Stroke Models
Mark Kindy, Ph.D.
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 1:00 p.m. Behind the Scenes Tour of the
Charleston Aquarium (*optional*)

SE/AALAS Program Speakers

Charleston, SC

January 26-27, 2006

Speakers

Mary F. Hanley
National Association for Biomedical Research
(NABR)
Executive Vice President

Kathy Laber, D.V.M.
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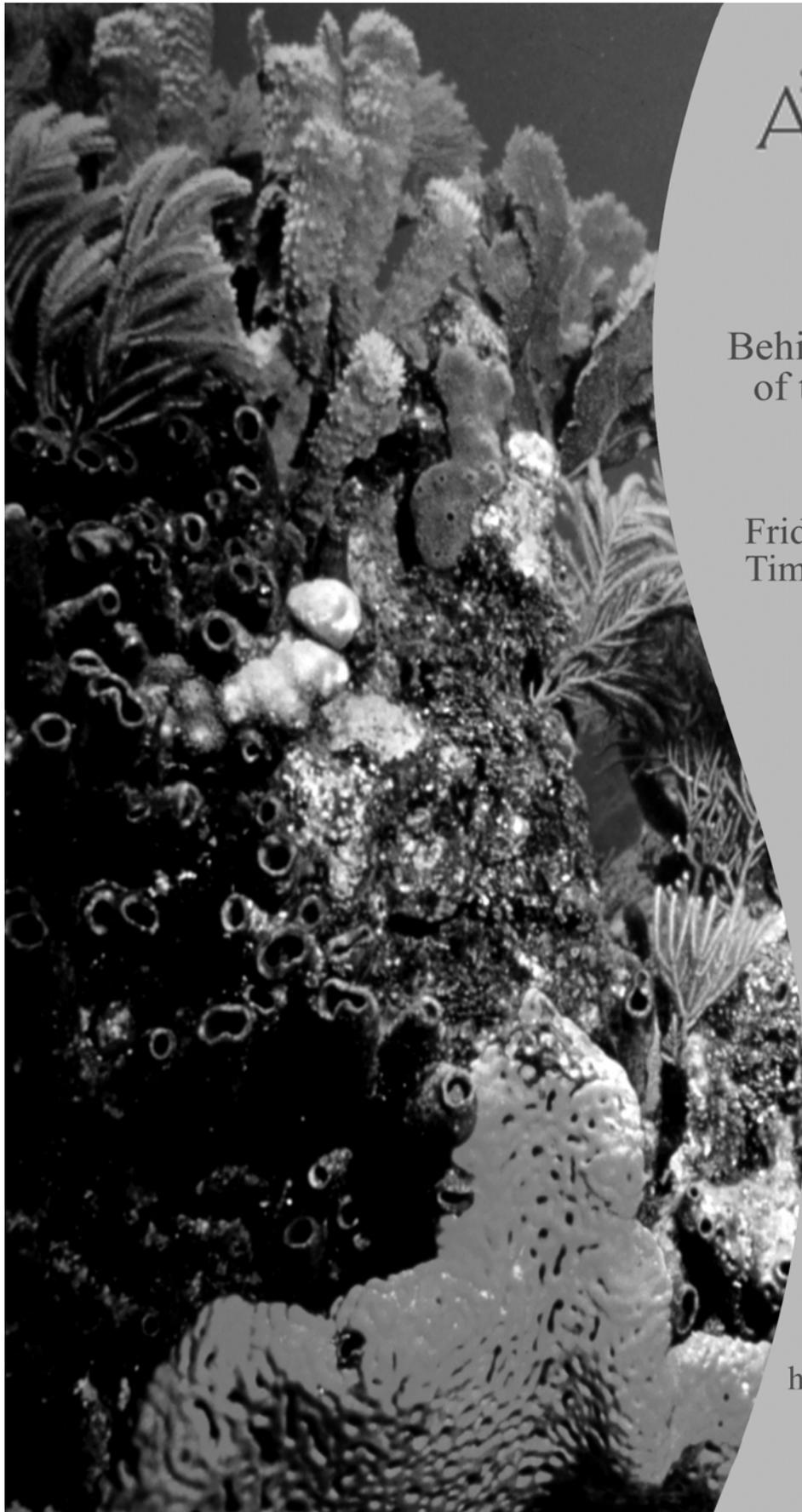
Dr. Ann Tourigny Turner
AALAS Executive Director

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The Siege of Darley Oaks Farm

By Adam Warner: BBC Money Programme

The Halls were hit by a systematic campaign of intimidation. For five years, animal rights activists have been waging a guerrilla war against one business to shut it down. Their target - Darley Oaks Farm in Newchurch, Staffordshire, where guinea pigs are bred for scientific research. The farm's owners, workers, and any business in the area which has had contact with them have all come under attack from animal rights activists. The local pub, the fuel supplier and even the farm's domestic cleaner have been targeted by violent extremists. Worst of all, the remains of the owner's mother-in-law have been dug up from her grave.

It all started back in 1999, when John Hall and his brother Christopher's farm was raided by the Animal Liberation Front. They claimed that the guinea pigs bred there were kept in appalling conditions - a claim denied by the Halls. Protesters also objected to the animals' use in laboratory experiments. A campaign was set up, called Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs, to force the Halls to close down their business.

Mr Hall says he is prepared to work with "civilised" activists in parallel with regular demonstrations outside the farm, ALF activists began a systematic campaign of intimidation. First, threats were made against the Hall family and farm property was attacked. When they refused to capitulate, activists then targeted their employees. And when that failed, a further escalation saw the farm's suppliers under attack, in an all-out effort to force the farm's closure. Living in fear what ensued was a violent campaign of intimidation that has seen people besieged at night inside their own homes. Protestors have used graffiti to get their message across they have had bricks thrown through their windows, their cars paint-stripped and buildings have been arson attacked. Smear campaigns alleging paedophilia, death threats, even threats against young children have left people traumatised and living in fear. One victim told the programme, "I'd class them as terrorists. When we can't sleep in our bed at night without fear of somebody coming and doing something to the house, what makes them any different?" But it's not just the business and those connected with it that have been targeted. Roads and beauty spots nearby have been daubed with abusive graffiti, local pubs have been attacked and explosives let off at night have left local residents sleepless. Over 450 separate incidents in the last two years alone have left an entire community under siege. Body snatchers in October last year, the campaign culminated in the desecration of a country churchyard and the theft of human remains.

News of the grave-robbing was carried nationwide the grave of Gladys Hammond, the mother-in-law of Christopher Hall, was dug up and her remains stolen, an incident that shocked the nation and made the farm front-page news. Staffordshire Police launched an investigation to track down the body snatchers. But the grave-robbing had an unexpected outcome. A local businessman, Peter Clamp, decided to take action to put an end to the campaign. He took legal action against the activists, aiming to limit protests outside the farm and protect the local community. Peter Clamp applied to the High Court in London for an injunction. If granted, protests would be restricted to once a week, and a 27 square mile exclusion zone would be imposed around the farm. Any activist caught inside it would be committing a criminal offence and could face imprisonment.

Peter Clamp's appeal failed, however. Although the judge condemned violent attacks on the farm as a campaign of terrorism and imposed some restrictions on protests, he did not allow the large exclusion zone. Since January of this year, two more employees have resigned from the farm. But John Hall and his family are determined to carry on with their business. "If the animal-rights people worked within the rules and regulations of peaceful protesting I don't think we would have a problem with them," he says. "But they go beyond those legal limits and cause criminal damage and intimidation which quite frankly in a civilised society is unacceptable." It is now nine months since the grave desecration. The campaign to close the farm continues, and the remains of Gladys Hammond have still not been recovered.

Congratulations to Robin Kavanaugh for being the 2005 Purina Mills Laboratory Animal Technician Award Winner

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Nominees are considered on the basis of experience, animal care activities and contributions to the advancement of all aspects of the animal technician field. The selection committee is comprised of the three most recent award winners.

Way to go Robin!!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SEAALAS currently has 266 members. The annual renewal letters will be going out the beginning of December. Please look for your membership form and make any corrections before signing and returning it. **Please return the preprinted application with your 2006 dues, even if you are an Institutional member.** The membership forms need to be returned to make corrections in the data base. For Institutional Memberships, if you send a list of renewing members, please include the preprinted forms and fill out a blank form for any new members you are adding. This makes data entry and verification so much easier than reviewing each person's information individually!

AWARD COMMITTEE

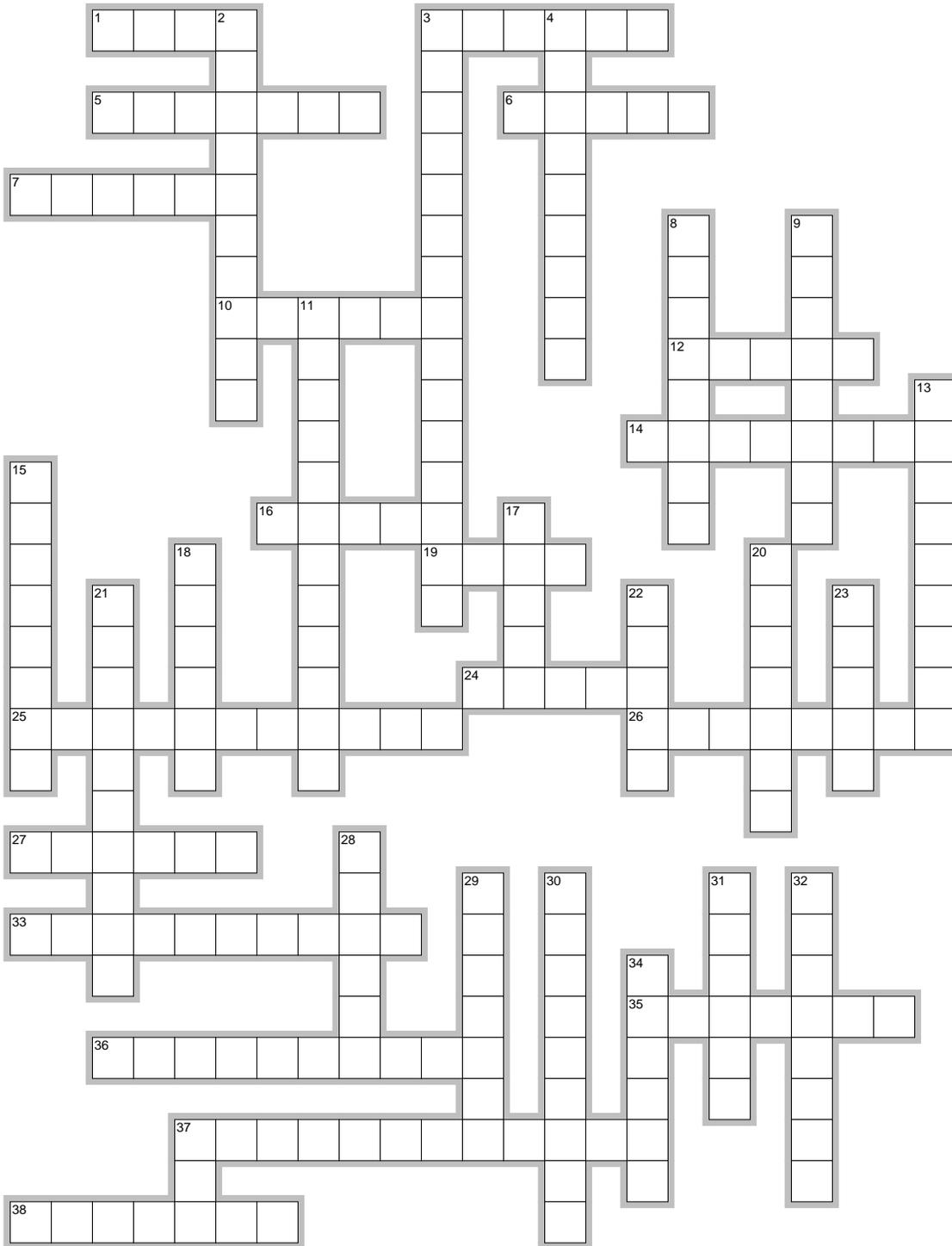
Linda Hazel has done a great job getting the award nominations in by the deadline this year! Her committee received nominations for all of the awards this year and I am sure you will all be on the edge of your seat to see who wins!! Thank you to all who nominated technicians, each of them are very deserving of the awards and it is one of the best ways to reward your technicians. Please start planning ahead for 2006 and begin the process of nominating someone you know who deserves to be recognized. Each year Seaalas presents the following awards:

- Technician of the Year
- Sally Papp Member Participation Award
- Purina ProLab Award
- Clinton S. Smith Scholarship Award
- Best Technician Tip Presentation Award

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Across

1. Part of the first and second maxillae
3. Forms the exoskeleton on insects and crustaceans.
5. Mange mite that is considered part of the normal cutaneous flora.
6. May be examined for the eggs of intestinal parasites
7. A very fine fiber
10. A tapeworm
12. Fine cytoplasmic extensions of an animal cell, which move in a regular rhythm.
14. Disease that exists in an area, but only occurs sporadically
16. Immature stage in the life cycle of a parasite
19. Immature stage of development of an insect that occurs between the larva and the imago
24. The liquid portion of the blood which separates when the blood clots
25. To spread or swarm in or over in large numbers
26. Severe itchiness
27. An animal, usually an arthropod, that transmits the causative organisms of a disease.
33. Protozoan with whiplike appendages; some are pathogens of humans and other animals.
35. A tapeworm
36. Roundworms
37. Parasites found on the hair and skin
38. Common name for several species of mites whose bites are irritating, pruritic, and form maculopapular eruptions.

Down

2. A segment of the adult tapeworm.
3. Used to detect pinworm eggs
4. A fluke; a parasitic flatworm
8. Class that includes spiders, ticks, and mites.
9. Spindle-shaped
11. Any of various parasites that live in the internal organs of animals
13. Disease caused by a mite or tick.
15. A pinworm of mice and rats
17. Reproductive cell of lower organisms
18. Compound of methylene blue-eosin and methylene blue used for differential staining of blood smears.
20. A coccidia common in laboratory animals
21. Layer of white blood cells between the red blood cells and the clear plasma formed by centrifuging a whole blood sample
22. Immature form of mites and insects resembling the adult but lacking sexual organs.
23. Cystic form of organisms like Toxoplasma
28. Common name for Gasterophilus larvae
29. A genus of parasitic flagellates that parasitize the small intestine of many mammals, including most domestic animals and humans.
30. A method of concentrating parasite eggs by mixing the feces with a solution that has a greater specific gravity than the eggs.
31. The fluid portion of the blood in which the particulate components are suspended.
32. A roundworm of dogs and cats
34. The head region and point of attachment of the tapeworm
37. Female reproductive cell

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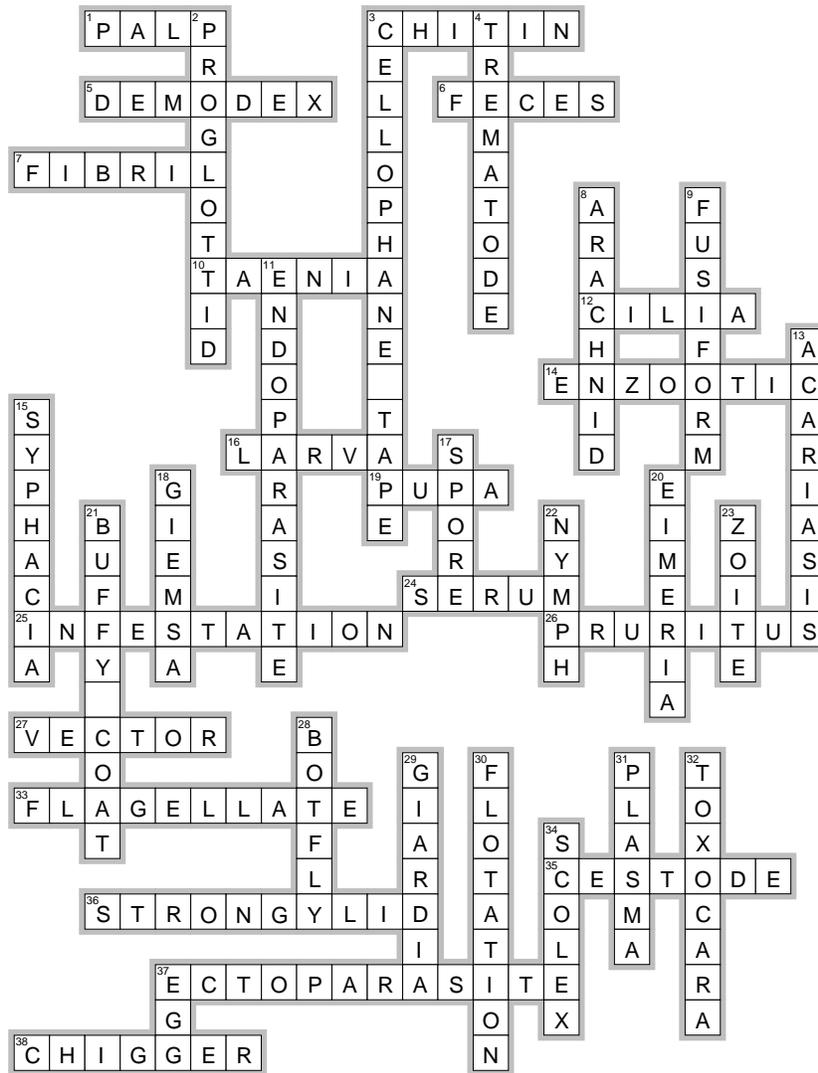
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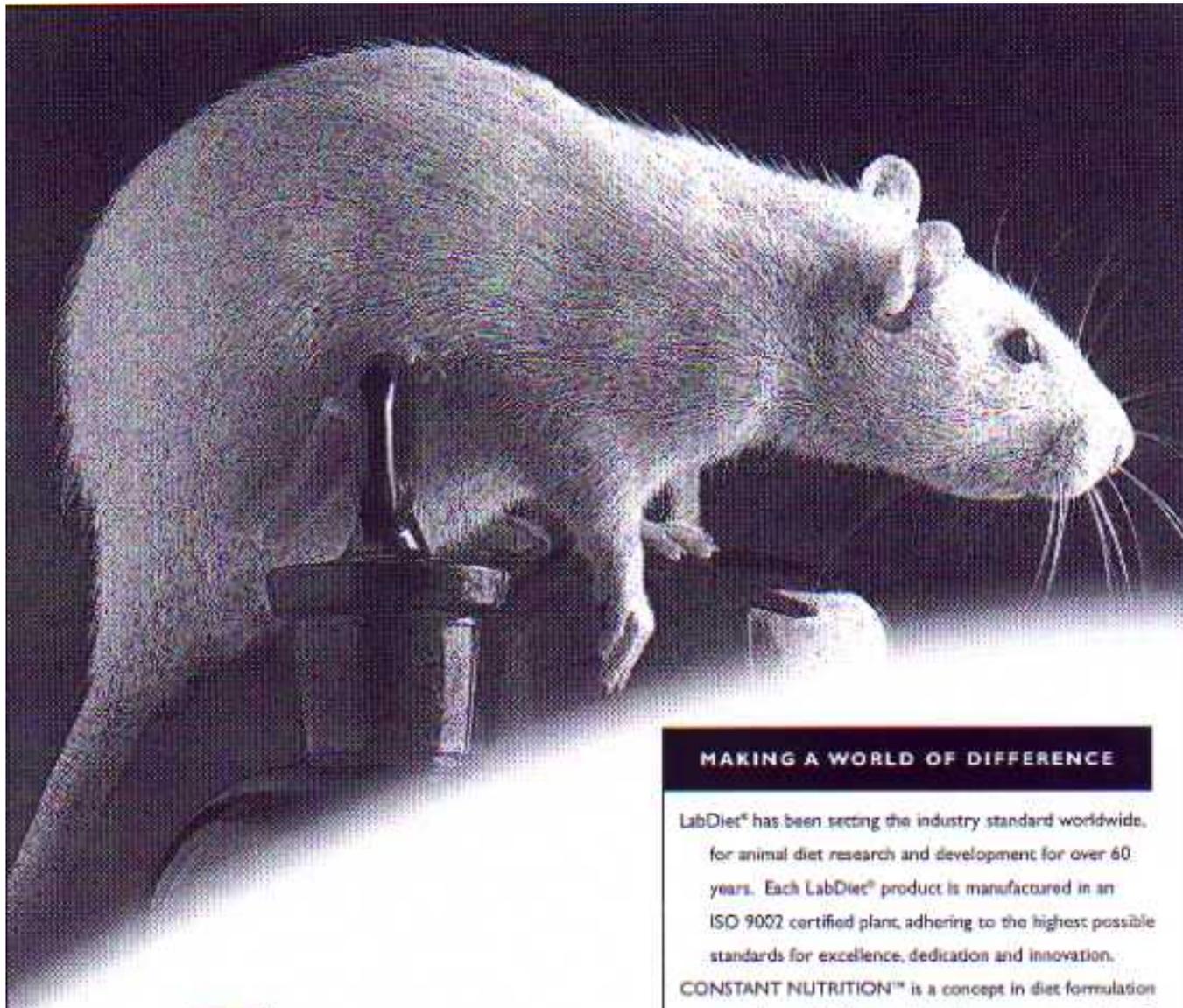
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- 10) Company of...
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Hello to all from the Medical University of South Carolina. It has been a long hot summer for us here in Charleston, and we are awaiting the cool breezes that come with fall.

MUSC has received full accreditation from AAALAC for the 7th time in a row effective June 29, 2005. All of the technicians are very proud of this accomplishment. MUSC has several new rodent facilities coming online in the fall. These new facilities will increase our animal square footage by 30% and provide us with state of the art housing for transgenic/ knockout rodents.

Our staff has been multiplying over the past few months. We have Shannon Pate who has been assigned to the Children's Research Institute. Jakera Mims has gone to the Quarantine facility, Selena Sumner was placed in the Strom Thurmond Building, and finally Lisa Pilger rounds off the list being placed in the Hollings Cancer Center. We welcome all of these ladies to our department. We also welcome aboard Mark Lynch, who has become the department's new Compliance Supervisor.

Sadly, we bid farewell to Bobby Crowe who is leaving us for a relaxing retirement. We all wish him the best of luck.

As our department as a whole continues to push for excellence, our technicians have been striving toward their own personal goals by taking the continuing education classes through AALAS. Jennifer Dixon and Katherine Sanders have both successfully passed the ALAT exam. Jessica Smith has now passed the LAT exam. Great job ladies! Best of luck to those who are studying for the various levels.

Each month a technician is recognized for their outstanding performance. Jennifer Dixon received March, Tad Driggers was applauded in April, May went to Charles Cutler for all of his hard work and in June Alfred Miller stole the spotlight, and Deidre Wright took it away in July. Continue the good work guys!

Until next time, have a safe and Happy holiday season.

Submitted by: Deidre Wright

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ALERT

NABR ALERT - Class B Dealers Amendment by Akaka to Agriculture Appropriations Bill

September 16, 2005 Vol. XXVI, No. 10
URGENT ----- MEMBER ACTION NEEDED!!!!!!

Senate Must Hear Opposition from Research Community on Akaka Amendment:

Senator Akaka yesterday submitted an amendment to H.R.2744, the Senate Agriculture Appropriations bill. This amendment is based upon the false assumption that dogs and cats are routinely stolen and sold to research facilities. If adopted, research facilities that purchase animals from a dealer that holds a Class B license under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) would have the federal funding received through the Department of Agriculture terminated.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

SA 1729. Mr. Akaka submitted an amendment to H.R. 2744, the Agriculture Appropriations bill for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 173, after line 24, insert the following: SEC. 7III. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide funding to a research facility that purchases animals from a dealer that holds a Class B license under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.).

On October 26 NABR reported that **Senator Akaka's Class B Dealer amendment** was voted down and removed from the Agriculture Appropriations bill in conference yesterday. This is a victory for biomedical research. Thank you for all your extra efforts in placing calls and sending letters to Capital Hill about the amendment.

This attempt to amend the appropriations bill shows that animal activists are looking at all legislative vehicles to advance their agenda through the legislative process. NABR respectfully request that you remain vigilant and active as we continue to work together to protect biomedical research.

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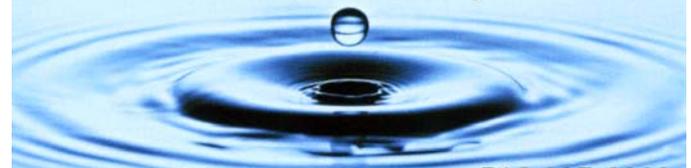


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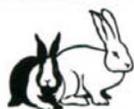
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