IACUC Administrators’ Best Practices Meeting Agenda

Date: May 29-30, 2013
Time: Wednesday, 7:30AM – 5:00PM & Thursday, 8:30AM – 3:30PM
Place: University of Denver in Denver, CO

* Wednesday, May 29, 2013

7:30 – 8:15  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30  Welcome, Opening Remarks
8:30 – 9:00  Program Deficiencies, Non-Compliance; The common issues found by AAALAC/reported to OLAW
9:00 – 10:00 IACUC Membership; Biomedical, Agricultural, and Wildlife Studies - “Cover all you Bases”
10:00 – 10:15  Break
10:15 – 10:45 Are the Challenges of Smaller Institution Different than those of Larger Ones?
10:45 – 12:00 Talk with the USDA about “Emergency Disaster/Contingency Plans”
12:00 – 1:00  Networking Lunch
1:00 – 2:30  IACUC Review and Oversight of Wildlife Studies
2:30 – 2:45  Break
2:45 – 3:30  Pain Categories; what criteria do you use for classifying procedures as a Cat C, D, or E
4:00 – 4:45  Euthanasia and the “New” AVMA Guidelines
4:45 – 5:00  Summary, Program Evaluation and Wrap-up

* Thursday, May 30, 2013

7:30 – 8:00  Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:15  Opening Remarks and Introductions
8:15 - 9:15  Office Structures, Reporting Lines and Who Does What?
9:15 – 10:15 Post Approval Monitoring; what are the trends?
10:15 – 10:30  Break
10:30 – 12:00 Semi-annual inspections and IACUC Oversight of Satellite Housing and Procedure Area
12:00 – 1:00  Lunch
1:00 – 2:30  Departures from the Guide, a Word with OLAW (OLAW FAQ C-7 update)
2:30 – 2:45  Break
2:45 – 3:15  Components of the Training Program made effortless
3:15 – 3:30  Summary, Program Evaluation and Wrap-up

* Changes may be made to the meeting agenda.

Guest Facilitators:

John Bradfield, DVM, Ph.D. is Senior Director, Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International). He has served as Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Attending Veterinarian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and as the Chair of the Department of Comparative Medicine, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University. Prior to graduate studies in laboratory animal medicine, he was a large animal practitioner. He has had many years of experience directing animal programs and as an animal care and use committee member. Dr. Bradfield has scholarly publications in various areas of laboratory animal medicine, wound healing, vascular biology and platelet biology. He has given national and international presentations on topics in laboratory animal medicine and platelet function. He is a member of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science is a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine and has Ph.D. in experimental pathology. Dr. Bradfield has 10 years of service as Council member of AAALAC International and as Council President.

Robert S. Sikes, M.S., Ph.D. is a professor of Biology, and the IACUC Chair at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Sikes’s academic training is in behavioral and evolutionary ecology of mammals. He has had extensive involvement with animal care committees for the Animal Behavior Society and the American Society of Mammalogists. He served as a panelist at a symposium on the use of wild animals in research at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in 2004, and was co-convener of the 2011 conference on IACUC oversight of wildlife research in Albuquerque, NM. He regularly serves as a faculty member at PRIM&R and SCAW conferences on wildlife topics. Sikes was an author on the 2007 revision of the Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the use of Wild Mammals in Research, and senior author of the current (2011) edition. He chairs the Animal Care and Use Committee of the American Society of Mammalogists, is a member of the AAALAC international Board of Trustees, and an ad hoc specialist for that organization.
Ms. Susan Silk, M.S. is the Director of the Division of Policy and Education in the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) where she oversees the development and interpretation of policy regarding the use of laboratory animals in research, testing and training at PHS-Assured institutions and oversees educational programs tailored for animal care & use programs. Ms. Silk previously worked at the National Cancer Institute Office of the Director in many roles, including Educational Program Developer, Special Communication Project Developer, Senior Scientific Writer, and Speechwriter. Prior to joining the NCI OD, she served the NCI Intramural Program as the Senior Animal Policy Advisor and Director of the Office of Mice Advice. Susan directed transgenic mouse core laboratories at both NIH and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has an M.S. degree in Genetics from the University of Maryland, a B.S. degree in Biomedical Illustration from the University of Maryland, and a B.F.A. in Design and Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art. Susan brings 29 years of experience in biomedical research and scientific communication to OLAW.

Tracy Thompson, DVM received her DVM degree from Washington State University in 1997. She practiced in Centerville, UT in a small animal/exotic practice for 1 year and was the veterinarian for Utah’s Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City, UT for 3 years. While at the zoo, Dr. Thompson was asked to serve on the Veteran’s Administration (VA) Salt Lake City Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) as a Community (non-affiliated) member in 1999-2001. She became a consultant veterinarian and a research associate at the VA-SLC in 2001 and was involved in pre-review of Animal Welfare Act (AWA) covered animal protocols for other principal investigators (PI). In 2001, Dr. Thompson was hired by Utah Career College as the Attending Veterinarian and an instructor for the Veterinary Technology teaching program. She established the IACUC at this facility and acted as the Chair and the AV for the committee. She joined USDA, APHIS, Animal Care (AC) in March 2004 and is the Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) for Colorado, Eastern Wyoming, and Southeastern Montana. Animal Care ensures compliance with the AWA, including review of IACUC functions and their oversight of research activities. Dr. Thompson has represented AC regarding AWA oversight of research facilities at several conferences including PRIM&R, AALAS, IACUC 101/201 workshops, and the recent Wildlife Research Conference in Albuquerque, NM, October 26-27, 2011.

**Location:**

When: May 29-30, 2013  
Where: University of Denver, Denver, CO  
Support: The University of Denver, the IACUC Administrators’ Association, and OLAW

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