



Hello ICLAS Members and Friends,

The ICLAS Governing Board met on October 30 and 31, 2017 in Stellenbosch, South Africa, just prior to the successful congress of the South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science. An ICLAS General Assembly was held the afternoon of October 31 at which the 2018 budget was approved. We are pleased to announce that ICLAS is offering financial support to a record number of educational initiatives around the globe this coming year. For details, please see the minutes of the General Assembly at

<http://iclas.org/governing-board/general-assembly-minutes>

The ICLAS web page news section highlights some of the recent achievements of our members, accomplished with the use of ICLAS support.

<http://iclas.org/>

2018 ICLAS Veterinary Scholarship applications: deadline December 15, 2017.

ICLAS veterinary scholarships are awarded to pay up to two-thirds of the total funds needed for a veterinarian to participate in an approved program of training in laboratory animal science and medicine. Scholarships may be used to cover tuition, travel, housing, and daily expenses up to a maximum of €6,000 per applicant. For information and application materials click here: <http://iclas.org/committees/education-and-training-committee/iclas-scholarship-program-for-veterinarians-in-laboratory-animal-science-and-medicine>

Call for ICLAS funding requests for 2019, due May 1, 2018. The ICLAS Governing Board will consider funding requests from members for initiatives to begin in 2019. Each ICLAS regional committee will present recommendations for funding to be voted on by the Governing Board. The amount of funding awarded is generally up to €2000 for initiatives with local impact. Requests for larger amounts of funding may be considered for initiatives that have regional or global impact. **The deadline for submission is early this coming year,** as the Governing Board will meet June 16-17, 2018 in Brazil. A funding request form and instructions may be found here:

<http://iclas.org/committees/regional-programs-funding>

The ICLAS General Assembly will be held on June 17 in Goiania, Goiás, Brazil.

Following will be a scientific meeting hosted by the Brazilian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SBCAL), with the Federation of South American Associations for Laboratory Animal Science (FESSACAL), and ICLAS, June 17-20, with pre-congress workshops on June 16.

With sorrow, we report that **Stian Erichsen, ICLAS Past President and Secretary General, passed away on November 22** in Oslo, at age 96. Dr. Erichsen, a veterinarian, was an ICLAS Governing Board member, representing Norway, starting in 1965. He served several terms as ICLAS Secretary General beginning in 1969, and later

as President for two terms beginning in 1988. Together with Dr. C. Hopla, he authored a history of ICLAS. He is fondly remembered by friends and colleagues. The Erichsen family invites colleagues to post remembrances at the following memorial site:
https://wang.vareminnesider.no/memorial_page/memorial_page_personal_info.php?order_id=3332675&set_site_id=12&sign=55712eb36e2c659ef7a50f8b9d7a6742 (note that the site may be read in several languages).

The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) Grants for Laboratory Animal Science (GLAS) program is open for 2018 applications. GLAS provides competitive one-year research grants to improve the health and welfare of laboratory animals:

Standard Grant for up to \$50,000

Small Grant for up to \$7,500

Examples of research interest are environmental conditions, housing and enrichment, pain and distress, health and welfare, euthanasia, and advancements in animal care and use. Applicants may be any AALAS member experienced with the care and use of laboratory animals. Collaboration with the broader scientific community is encouraged, and co-investigators are exempt from the AALAS membership requirement. Details, application instructions, and an application tutorial may be viewed at <http://www.aalas.org/glas>.

The application deadline is February 1, 2018, 11:59 PM Central Time (USA).

Applications are submitted online at <https://www.aalas.org/glas/application>.

May 15: Awardees notified, June 15: GLAS awards disbursed.

The AALAS Learning Library (ALL) an on-line educational resource for laboratory animal science offering over 240 courses, is now fully translatable to 100+ languages.

<https://www.aalaslearninglibrary.org/>

The ALL includes many free courses, though a subscription is necessary to access most of the offerings. A user can fully navigate the ALL and view any course in the language desired. Once logged on to the ALL:

- 1) Click the widget at the bottom left of the browser window and change the language.
- 2) If the widget (bottom left) is not seen upon log in, clear the browser's cache and reopen the ALL.
- 3) Most everything - navigation, buttons, messages, courses, quizzes, tests, user profiles and transcripts - is translated instantly. (Exception: certificates of completion are still in English.)

The ICLAS Laboratory Animal Quality Network Performance Evaluation Program (PEP) and Genetic Reference Monitoring Program (GENRef) are still open for

applications. This program assists laboratories in confirming the quality of their diagnostic assays for disease detection and for rodent genetic assurance. Specimens will be shipped mid January 2018. Information about PEP can be found at:

<http://iclas.org/animal-quality-network/performance-evaluation-program-for-diagnostic-laboratories-pep>

and for GENRef at: <http://iclas.org/animal-quality-network/iclas-genetic-monitoring-reference-program>

Best regards

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