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1. Proceedings of ILAR Workshop on Research Animal Pain and Distress Now Available

The Institute for Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR) recently published proceedings from its June 2000 workshop entitled, "Definition of Pain and Distress and Reporting Requirements for Laboratory Animals." The goal of the workshop, which was co-hosted by the National Institutes of Health, was to provide feedback from scientists to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) pertaining to the lack of a working definition of *distress*, in addition to the effectiveness of the current method of reporting pain and distress. Those who spoke at the workshop are experts in various fields including scientific research, animal protection, and protocol review. Dr. Andrew Rowan, Senior Vice President for Research, Education, and International Issues at The HSUS, gave a presentation pertaining to The HSUS' *Pain and Distress Initiative*. The proceedings are available for \$15 when ordered directly from ILAR, which is part of the National Academy of Sciences. To order, go to: www4.nationalacademies.org/ilarhome.nsf.

Source: *ILAR*

2. 2nd Edition of the OLAW/ARENA IACUC Guidebook Becomes Available

March 2002 – The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) and the Applied Research Ethics National Association (ARENA) recently announced the publication and availability of the second edition of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Guidebook. The updated 2002 IACUC Guidebook features literature from an array of contributing authors who

discuss numerous issues facing IACUCs in their oversight duties, in addition to guidance based on the collective experience of the authors as well as OLAW precedent and interpretation of the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy. The Guidebook will be sent to the IACUC Chairperson of each institution holding a PHS Animal Welfare Assurance. Other interested parties may access the document on the OLAW website <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/Guidebook.pdf>.

Source: OLAW

3. PRIM&R Holds Conference

Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R), a nonprofit organization that addresses regulatory and ethical issues in both human and animal research, held its annual animal-research related conference in Boston, Massachusetts on March 26-26, 2002. Approximately 500 people attended “Decisions on Animal Care and Use: Dealing with Differences,” including researchers, veterinarians, technicians, animal protection representatives, animal research advocates, federal regulators, and members of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs).

The conference format consisted of several plenary lectures and panel presentations, as well as concurrent workshop sessions devoted to small group discussions. Topics in the plenary sessions included the ethical conduct of research, updates from regulatory and oversight agencies, and several sessions devoted to conflict resolution and the promotion of dialogue. Workshops covered a wide variety of topics, including: regulations and regulatory compliance, species-specific issues (e.g., rodent euthanasia), current legislation, training, and IACUC issues. Three HSUS representatives co-facilitated a total of six workshops on topics such as animal testing practices, stress and distress in animal research, euthanasia of laboratory animals, care of rodents, promotion of dialogue among stakeholders, and the Huntingdon Life Sciences controversy.

Source: The HSUS

4. NIEHS Establishes a New Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Methods

March 2000 – The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) recently announced the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Committee for Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM). Under the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-545), the SACATM has been permanently established to provide guidance to the National Toxicology Program’s Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM). The SACATM will replace its predecessor, the Advisory Committee for Alternative Toxicological Methods (ACATM). Former members of the ACATM and persons who served as ad hoc advisors to ACATM are eligible to serve on the SACATM. To learn more about this matter, go to: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/sacatm.htm>.

Source: NIEHS

5. GlaxoSmithKline Laboratory Animal Welfare Prize Recipient for 2001

The Research Defence Society (RDS) awarded its 2001 GlaxoSmithKline Laboratory Animal Welfare Prize to Dr. Leah Scott, a pharmacologist who develops and employs techniques that refine and reduce animal use in laboratory research. Dr. Scott, who specializes in research on non-human primates, has most recently advocated the use of radiotelemetry to monitor physiological and behavioral responses to experimental manipulations. Although telemetry devices need to be implanted surgically, once in place they allow data to be transmitted to receivers without the need for the animals to be handled, restrained or removed from their housing environments and social groupings.

The GlaxoSmithKline Laboratory Animal Welfare Prize is awarded annually to scientists who have made significant contributions to improving animal welfare in laboratory research or developing techniques that reduce the number of animals used. Dr. Scott is a founder member of the European Marmoset Group and the European Primate Resources Network. She currently works at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down, Wiltshire (UK).

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