



**NEWS**

Dear ICLAS Members and Friends,

**With sadness, we share the news of the death on January 19th, 2018, of Dr. Jean Maisin, a past-president and governing board member of ICLAS.**

Prof. Jean René Maisin was born May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1928. He very actively promoted quality in animal research and animal welfare at a national and international level. Prof. Maisin founded the Belgian Council for Laboratory Animal Science (BCLAS) in 1983. He served many years as Governing Board Member, Vice-President and President of ICLAS (1988-1995), and continued as an Honorary Member. After many years of Presidency with BCLAS, he remained active in his role as an Honorary Member. Prof. Maisin was also prominent in the Belgian National Deontological Committee on Animal Research for many years. He will be remembered with profound respect and gratitude.

The ICLAS and BCLAS boards express their sincere condolences to his wife, family, and relatives. An obituary may be found here: <http://bclasorg.webhosting.be/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Announcement-decease-Jean-Maisin.pdf>

Other news to share:

**ICLAS Veterinary Scholarships for 2018 have been awarded.**

A record number of 17 applications for the ICLAS Veterinary Scholarships were received this December. The award consists of a maximum of €6000 for tuition and expenses to attend one of 7 identified training programs in laboratory animal science and medicine. ICLAS thanks the financial supporters that make this program possible: AAALAC, Charles River, AALAS, ACLAM, and CALAS (Canada). To learn more about the scholarships, see <http://iclas.org/committees/education-and-training-committee/iclas-scholarship-program-for-veterinarians-in-laboratory-animal-science-and-medicine>  
 Congratulations to the most recent awardees: Dr. Mangala Gunatilake of Sri Lanka, who will attend a program at Aachen University in Germany; Dr. Claudia Delgado of Chile, who will attend the program at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, in Spain; and Dr. Sarawoot Yama of Thailand, attending the program at the University of Guelph, in Canada.

**The North American 3Rs Collaborative (NA3RsC)** is a passionate group of 3Rs enthusiasts with a mission to bring motivated individuals and 3Rs organizations from around the globe together for discussion and positive interaction. Their objectives are best defined in our tagline “*Advancing Science, Innovation and Welfare Through Sharing*”. For more about NA3RsC and its objectives, please visit [www.na3rsc.org](http://www.na3rsc.org). While you are there, click on the “Collaborate” box to find the portal to their sharing platform.

**Cairo University IACUC and AAALAC International will hold a 2018 Regional Conference: Implementation of International Research Animal Care Practices, April 22-24 in Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt.**

A pre-conference workshop will be held on April 22 on *Essentials of Planning and Designing a Research Animal Facility*. For registration, accommodation, and poster submission, please contact:

Email: [registration@eaara.org](mailto:registration@eaara.org)

Phone: +(202) 35676709 / +(202) 35676698 Mobile: +(2010) 68306232

Online Registration: [www.eaara.org](http://www.eaara.org)

**LabRoots, Inc. is pleased to announce that they will once again host the Laboratory Animal Science (LAS) virtual conference.**

The 7th annual, two-day international event will take place on **February 7th and 8th, 2018**. Much like the years preceding, LAS 2018 virtual conference will bring together scientists, students, veterinary technicians, veterinarians, technical support staff, IACUC administrators and committee members, as well as training and compliance personnel from around the world to learn about recent advances and challenges within laboratory animal science. This year's theme is *Laboratory Animal Research in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, with the following tracks:

- Modernization of Animal Studies
- Balancing Risk and Opportunities of Outsourcing Animal Research
- Refinement

The conference is absolutely free to all participants. For information, go to <https://www.labroots.com/virtual-event/lab-animal-science-2018>

**Norecopa is tentatively planning a workshop at the Veterinary School in Oslo on 11 April 2018,**

to bring together creative educators, who are using innovative techniques, to produce models and simulators for teaching and training in laboratory animal and veterinary medicine. This will be an opportunity to share techniques, to gain inspiration from what has already been achieved and to create even more enthusiasm for the possibilities that modern materials allow. Those who have not tried to construct their own teaching aids will have ample opportunity to learn from those who have, and are also very welcome.

If you are interested in attending, save the date and look for more information nearer the time in their Meetings Calendar:

[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_norecopa.no\\_meetings\\_meetings-2Dcalendar&d=DwICaQ&c=TwQYwVcq0sGbkW5mKeqBpQ&r=fiktyqoPhdTymHdiEDZgqCC\\_VJMIw68QBFMxg40K6w8&m=BfpZX1ve0eFDFrQuFNbmNA4Cd4-eyP2ToFbCAzFFx7E&s=ViBY7g0zdzCBR6eCknw6QzkbIT7tz8Ap7Qx5W-DKvvM&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__norecopa.no_meetings_meetings-2Dcalendar&d=DwICaQ&c=TwQYwVcq0sGbkW5mKeqBpQ&r=fiktyqoPhdTymHdiEDZgqCC_VJMIw68QBFMxg40K6w8&m=BfpZX1ve0eFDFrQuFNbmNA4Cd4-eyP2ToFbCAzFFx7E&s=ViBY7g0zdzCBR6eCknw6QzkbIT7tz8Ap7Qx5W-DKvvM&e=)

**The Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS) Symposium** is being held **May 5-8, 2018** in beautiful Quebec City, Canada. Presentations will be presented in English and French. Abstract submission deadline is January 29<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 EST. Poster submissions are accepted until February 12. Visit <http://calas-acsal.org/Apps/Pages/call-for-abstracts> for more information.

**The Pedro Kourí Institute of Tropical Medicine, the Cuban Center of Neurosciences, the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, and the Finlay Institute will offer a workshop:**

The Impact of IACUC on Laboratory Animal Research. The workshop will be held on **May 25-26, 2018** at the Pedro Kourí Institute of Tropical Medicine in Havana, Cuba. For registration and abstract submission, contact [enrrrique@ipk.sld.cu](mailto:enrrrique@ipk.sld.cu) no later than April 30, 2018.

**Institut Pasteur and INFRAFRONTIER 2020 are organizing the meeting** « Modelling microbial ecosystems of mammals : current tools and challenges », which aims to discuss advances on the modelling of microbiota ecosystems, animal models that allow to explore the role of the microbiota-host superorganism, the microbial humanization of animal models, models of microbiota-dependent pathogenesis, and their impact on diagnostic and therapeutic medicine.

This meeting is planned for **October 15th and 16th 2018** at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. Leaders in the field as well representatives of the main industrial actors in the field will be there. Given the topic, please also keep in mind that this meeting could be recognized by your respective animal welfare officers and give you continuing education credits.

For detailed information and registration, please visit the site:  
<http://www.mam-2018.org/home>

**The III Latin-American Congress on Alternative Methods to Use of Experimental Animals in Education, Investigation, and Industry** will be held on **October 24-26** in Buenos Aires, Argentina, by CONICET. Principal themes include investigation and development, predictive toxicology and ecotoxicology, education and training, security and efficiency, preclinical pathologic models, wellbeing and ethical use of animals, global cooperation and harmonization, standardization, and regulation, satellite activities. For information, contact: [nora@unive.com.ar](mailto:nora@unive.com.ar) or [sebastian@unime.com.ar](mailto:sebastian@unime.com.ar)

And finally,

**Site and date for 2018 for next meeting of the ICLAS Governing Board and General Assembly: Goiania, Brazil.**

**Governing Board meeting June 16-17, General Assembly June 17, 2018.**

This will be associated with the XV Congress of the Brazilian Society for Laboratory Animal Science.

For information, click here:

<http://crmvba.org.br/xv-congresso-da-sociedade-brasileira-da-ciencia-de-animais-de-laboratorio/>

Best regards

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