Calling for nominations for Technician of the year and Member of the year!

As you may know, our Annual Trade Fair is quickly approaching, March 22, 2007. An exciting part of the Fair is the announcement and recognition of the Bette J. Varnam Animal Technician of the Year and Washington Branch Member of the Year. This year I'd like to encourage each of you as Branch Members to nominate a staff member, fellow co-worker, friend, or acquaintance within the local research community that meets the spirit and intent of each of these awards.

The Bette J. Varnam Animal Technician of the Year Award is presented to an individual directly involved in lab animal care that performs daily husbandry duties, handling/restraint, feeding and water, room sanitation, health observation, etc., and has demonstrated a sincere concern for the well being of the animals under his/her charge.

The Washington Branch Member of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has actively participated in the Washington Branch and encourages participation by others in activities which promote WBAALAS or laboratory animal science in general.

This is an opportunity to recognize those and say "Thanks".

Thanks,

Gary
gmillen@nastech.com
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Washington Branch of AALAS will hold its 12th Annual Spring Trade Fair Thursday, March 22, 2007
Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of Washington.
This exciting event will start at 8:30AM
Don’t be late!

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Animal Specialties-Calvin Young
Charles River - Shawn Hooper
Pharmacal- Paul Chavez
Allentown - Ron Orta
Techniplast - Ardis Roseberry
Nomination Application for:

The Bette J. Varnam Animal Technician of the Year

Name of Nominee: ____________________________
Occupational Title: ____________________________
Employer: ____________________________________

Please check those that apply/fill in the blanks:

_____ Member of National AALAS
_____ Held office in National AALAS past 3 years
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_____ Member Washington Branch AALAS
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List organization(s) with position(s):

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Please attach a short narrative to include but not limited to the following: Personal or professional accomplishments; contributions to the Washington Branch AALAS and to the field of laboratory animal medicine/management, innovative approaches to animal care problems, examples of concern for animal welfare, duties, and demonstrated examples of exceptional performance.

Please use a separate form for each nominee and return the nomination form(s) by March 13, 2007 to gmillen@nastech.com.
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The Washington Branch AALAS Member of the Year

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- Community involvement
- Leadership experience

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The 12th Annual Spring Trade Fair
Washington Branch of AALAS
Registration

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The tentative schedule is as follows:

8:30 Coffee and Pastries; Vendor area Open
Oral presentations on current topics in laboratory science*
Break; Vendor area Open
Oral presentations on current topics in laboratory science
Lunch; Vendor area Open
Branch Awards and Door Prize Drawings
2:00 Vendor area Closed

*This year we are excited to welcome the Education Coordinator for AALAS, Genevieve Fridland, Ph.D., who will be addressing the topic of communications in a mixed cultural working environment.

Lunch will be served in the vendor display area to allow attendees to acquaint themselves with area representatives.

A drawing for door prizes will be held after lunch. If you would like to donate a door prize or sponsor refreshments, please be sure to indicate this on the registration form.

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