

# WASHINGTON BRANCH AALAS



## SAVE THE DATE: 2020 TRADE FAIR

**When:**

Wednesday, May 20th, 2020

**Where:**

[Crowne Plaza Seattle Downtown](#) Hotel and Conference Center  
1113 6th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101. Evergreen Ballroom (for food, beverages, and exhibitors) & Carlsbad Classroom (for presentations)

**RSVP:**

General attendance is included with membership to WBAALAS. An RSVP link will be provided when registration opens.

**Parking:**

Parking is available the hotel for Trade Fair attendees at a reduced rate: \$12.00 for the day.

**Carpools:**

WBAALAS will offer free parking to those who carpool! If your car will have 3 or more Trade Fair attendees in it, we will provide a form to register your carpool.

**Mass Transit:**

Its centralized downtown location makes the Crowne Plaza a breeze to get to via mass transit. Check your local routes for details.

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# CATCHING UP WITH WBAALAS

## WBAALAS PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello WBAALAS members!

We have made it to the end of Q3 this year, as well as the end of Summer. As we head into Autumn, I would like to thank everyone who was able to make it out to our **Annual Summer Picnic** this year. Despite the early morning rain, it turned into a beautiful day and we all had so much fun!

Coming up later this fall we have another **Webinar and Networking Happy Hour Event**. These webinar events have been a great way to learn new techniques and ideas to bring back into your own Vivarium, as well as meet new people and discuss these ideas with others in the Lab Animal Field. Keep an eye on your emails and the Facebook page for a poll so you can vote on what our next webinar topic will be!

If you have not already joined our **Facebook group**, you can do so by emailing [TBR@wbaalas.org](mailto:TBR@wbaalas.org) with the email you used to sign up for Facebook. This group is secret, so others on your friend's list will not be able to see that you have joined the group or anything you post. This is a great resource to see recent news in the AALAS and Lab Animal community, pictures from events, and announcements from the branch.

Last but not least, elections will be coming up soon for our **2020 Board Member positions**. Do you want to get more involved in your local branch? Do you want to help host fun and educational events for WBAALAS members? Do you want to make more connections in the Lab Animal Field? Do you want to spice up your resume? Becoming a board member is a great way to do all of the above! Information on how to be nominated for a board member position will be coming soon. In the mean-time, you can always attend a monthly board meeting or join one of our various committees! Email [president@wbaalas.org](mailto:president@wbaalas.org) for more information.

I'm looking forward to spending the rest of 2019 with all of you as your branch President!

*Sakara P.*

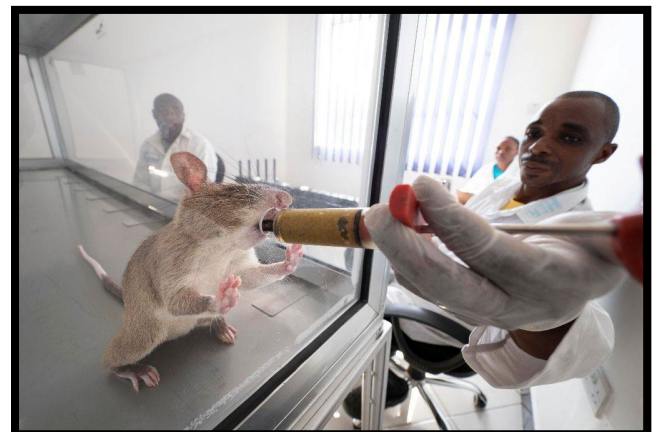
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## HERORAT CAROLINA

May 2019 Carolina sniffed through an impressive **2,163 samples** scoring an **accuracy rate of 87.8%**. Her sensitive nose identified **an additional 50 cases of tuberculosis (TB)** that were originally missed by local clinics. Those 50 people, following confirmation by World Health Organization approved tests, will be able to start treatment. With support from local clinics and partners, they'll also be better able to recognize the signs of tuberculosis and keep an eye out for it amongst family and friends.



Well done, Carolina!

# CATCHING UP WITH WBAALAS

## ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

There are a lot of obvious benefits to volunteering with WBAALAS —a sense of accomplishment, giving back to the LAS community, gaining perspective, and meeting new people. But did you know that volunteering is a **RESUME BOOSTER**? In these times of slim budgets and limited promotions, volunteering with WBAALAS offers you the opportunity to build transferrable skills!

Here are 3 reasons volunteering with WBAALAS is a smart career move:

- 1. Develop new skills or sharpen existing ones.** Volunteering can be a way to get training and practice in areas your current role doesn't provide.
  - Project management: organizing events or fundraising efforts are highly desirable skills
  - Communication skills: consistently ranked in the top ten desirable skills by employer surveys
  - Managing a team: many projects require a group effort, and a leader to coordinate it
  - Accounting skills: familiarity with accounting enables you to manage at higher levels in a company
- 2. Develop professional relationships.** You never know who you'll meet volunteering with WBAALAS. Volunteering helps you develop new networks, through which you will hear about job openings, training opportunities, and networking events.
- 3. Add experience.** Volunteer experience is professional experience and it belongs on your resume. Using your time to gain new skills and help your professional community highlights your willingness to jump in, learn new things, and do more.

Visit <http://www.wbaalas.org/contact/> and inquire about any positions on the upcoming ballot to learn more. **Incumbents are currently offering job shadowing and mentoring opportunities.**



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**BOARD  
MEMBER 1**



**BOARD  
MEMBER 2**

# CATCHING UP WITH WBAALAS

## WBAALAS MEMBER SHOUT-OUT!

### CERTIFIED ROCKSTARS!

Congratulations to Matthew J. (left) and Andrew H. (right) for receiving their LAT certifications this past June!



Have you or your staff recently earned a certification? Want to be featured in the WBAALAS Newsletter?

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## WBAALAS SUMMER PICNIC

Thanks WBAALAS members, friends, and families for coming out to the picnic, it was such a great time!

The early morning rain and cold couldn't stop us, and the weather turned out beautiful.

Thanks to our master grill chef Tony Gray, and a shoutout to the undefeated cornhole master Joe Abbott!

A **BIG** thanks to **TECNIPLAST** for helping make this event possible!

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FOOD!

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BOIS!

GOOD  
FRIENDS!



# CATCHING UP WITH D8

## **-SAVE THE DATE-**



*Sacramento Valley & Northern CA Branches of AALAS Present:*

## **2020 District 8 Meeting**

**Sacramento, CA**

**April 9-10, 2020**

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel  
13<sup>th</sup> & J Street  
Sacramento, CA

**Join us in the capitol of California for the District 8 Meeting in 2020!**

*MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

*The Planning Committee is working hard to put together an exciting and educational meeting for all to enjoy!*

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# CATCHING UP WITH AALAS



The 2019 meeting will be held at the Colorado Convention from October 13-17, 2019. The Spotlight Forum is, "One Health—Connections Between Animal, Human, and Environmental Health. Registration for the 70th AALAS National Meeting is now open. Visit the [National Meeting](#) pages on the AALAS website for more information. To register, click [here](#) .

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# LEARNING WITH WBAALAS

## NEW MEMBER BENEFIT FOR 2019!

Washington Branch AALAS now offers members access to **TWO** learning portals!



The AALAS Learning Library provides training that is essential for technicians, veterinarians, managers, IACUC members, and investigators working with animals in a research or education setting.

Washington Branch AALAS is proud to be able to offer free access to the AALAS Learning Library to all Branch members starting in 2019!

Research, husbandry, and veterinary staff can earn continuing education credits to maintain certification and licensure (**up to 34 courses approved by AAVSB for RACE CEs**). Check out the over 238 courses available by downloading the [course catalog](#).



## Washington Branch AALAS Learning Portal

### ALAT course

The WBAALAS ALAT Certification Study Course is a 16-week, paced course conducted fully online (on-demand option available).

### LAT course

The WBAALAS LAT Certification Study Course is a 7-week, paced course conducted fully online (on-demand option available).

### LATG course

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## **ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I-III**

## **FRED HUTCH**

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<https://www.fredhutch.org/en/careers.html>

## **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN II**

## **FRED HUTCH**

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## **ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN I**

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## **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE I - LAB ANIMAL SERVICES**

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## **ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I**

## **SEATTLE CHILDREN'S**

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