



NEWSLETTER

The 15th Annual SPRING EDUCATIONAL TRADE FAIR

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Center for Urban Horticulture
University of Washington

Doors open at 8:00 AM for coffee and breakfast goodies

30 Vendor Tables

Speakers

Ann Turner (National AALAS) - Certification
and Understanding Relationships in the Workplace
Karena Thek (Bioserv) - Rodent Enrichment
Sam McDonald - Gloves and Safety Wear
Denise Newsom (UW) - Identifying Sick Rodents

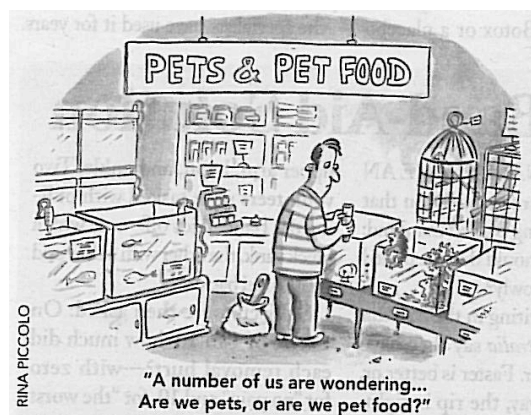
Lunch, Awards and Prizes

See Page 3 for more information and wbaalas.org to register.

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Spring Educational Trade Fair

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Center for Urban Horticulture
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The doors open at 8 AM for a full day of speakers, vendors, food and friends.

The Trade Fair is always a fun and informative day. A great opportunity to catch up with old friends and co-workers. Find out what's new with the vendors and their products.



Food!

Pre-registration is encouraged, at www.wbaalas.org

Only \$10 for members to attend
\$20 for non-members (includes membership).
Admission includes a light breakfast as well as a full lunch.

The following vendors are already confirmed to be in attendance

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Doorprizes!



Fun!



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Branch Awards



The Washington Branch awards two individuals every year for their work in our professional community. Nominations are now open for both awards for 2010 and the honorees will be announced at the Spring Trade Fair.

Recipients of each award will receive a plaque and a \$100 check.

The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2010. Nomination forms are online at <http://www.wbaalas.org/awards.html>

The Bette J. Varnam Memorial Washington Branch AALAS Animal Technician of the Year Award is named as a tribute to Bette J. Varnam. Bette was an Animal Technician with the Division of Animal Medicine (now the Department of Comparative Medicine) at the University of Washington for 14 years and lost her fight with cancer in June

1991. Bette defined the true meaning of why many of us entered the field of Laboratory Animal Science and remained in it for so many years; she loved the animals and they were her first priority.

Throughout her struggles and challenges, Bette never lost sight of her devotion and commitment to being an advocate for those that could not fend for themselves—the animals. The recipients' of this Award carry on a legacy of a true professional and compassionate colleague.

The Ron Orta Memorial Washington Branch AALAS Member of the Year Award is named to honor of our friend and colleague who died in 2007. The Award is presented to an individual who has actively participated in the Washington Branch and encourages participation by others in activities which promote Washington Branch AALAS and laboratory animal science in general.

Ron had a brilliant career in Laboratory Animal Management and later sales, but his true calling was that of a teacher. He was an active member and participant in the Washington Branch and hosted many Branch Picnics. Because of his commitment of personal time and resources he was honored as an Honorary Lifetime Washington Branch Member. Ron never excluded anyone from anything. In his world there was never an uninvited guest. Ron was very compassionate about helping and fulfilling the needs of those less fortunate. Ron mentored, encouraged, and challenged everyone to achieve high standards in animal care, facility management, self worth and esteem. His memory continues to remain with us through this Award.





2010 Membership is Open

It's that time of year again. Time to renew your membership to the Washington Branch.

It's so easy you can do it right now! Just go to www.wbaalas.org and click on

Join Now!

If you just absolutely can not join with a credit card, still go to the web-site and fill out the form, except for the credit card information, print it and mail it with your check to:

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2010

Calendar

Right Now

2010 Membership is open
See <http://www.wbaalas.org/>

March 1, 2010

Charles River Seminar
Seattle, WA
see page 5
www.criver.com/info/colony_management_seminar10

March 1, 2010

Deadline for
Humanitarian Award Nominations
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March 2, 2010

Deadline for
Member of the Year
and
Technician of the Year Nominations
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March 4, 2010

IACUC Regional Education Conference
Seattle, WA
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<http://nwabr.org/takepart/iacuc.htm>

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Spring Educational Trade Fair
Seattle, WA
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April 15, 2010

Deadline for
District 8 Poster Abstract
see last page

May 6-7, 2010

District 8 Meeting
Tempe, AZ
see page 14
<http://www.district8.org/>

October 10-14, 2010

AALAS National Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
www.aalas.org

Special Topics in Rodent Colony Management and Protection

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Objective

This seminar will cover topics to help manage potential risks and augment resource utilization by streamlining rodent disease and colony management programs. Discussions with the presenters and the group will enhance the participants' understanding of the material.

Date

Monday March 1, 2010

Location

Hilton Seattle
1301 6th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101
Tel: 1.206.624.0500
Fax: 1.206.682.9029

Fee

This seminar costs \$60. Registration includes light breakfast and lunch. Refunds will only be given if Charles River cancels the seminar.

Registration

For full agenda, registration details, and directions please visit:
www.criver.com/info/colony_management_seminar10

Continuing Education

This program has been submitted (but not yet approved) for four hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval; however participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. The subject matter category for this program is Laboratory Animal Medicine and its method of delivery is a seminar/lecture. Call Melissa Spear at 781-222-6454 for more information. (AAVSB RACE provider: Charles River Laboratories, Provider # 104)

Agenda

- 8:30 am **Registration**
- 10:00 am **Evaluating Your Biosecurity Program - Does it Match Your Needs?**
Guy B. Mulder, DVM, MS, DACLAM, Director, Professional Services, Charles River
- 11:00 am **Efficient Management of Transgenic Rodent Colonies**
Bruce Elder, Ph.D., Director, Corporate Rodent Genetics, Charles River
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Cost-Effective Health Surveillance of Laboratory Rodents**
Charles B. Clifford, DVM, Ph.D., DACVP, Director, Pathology and Technical Services, Charles River
- 2:00 pm **Do we need to worry about *Helicobacter* and Mouse Norovirus? Commensal or pathogen? Problem or opportunity?**
Lillian Maggio-Price, VMD, Ph.D., Professor and Vice Chairman, Department of Comparative Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Washington

Please register by
February 24, 2010


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The Northwest Association for Biomedical Research (NWABR)
invites you to attend!



2010 IACUC Regional Education Conference

Thursday - March 4th
7:00 am to 4:30 pm
on the Seattle waterfront

Join your colleagues in Seattle for the 11th annual
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Regional Education Conference
www.nwabr.org/takepart/iacuc.htm

Conference Highlights

- **Outstanding local and national speakers**
Linda Toth, DVM, Southern Illinois Univ Medical School
Joy Mench, PhD, Univ of California, Davis
Paul McKellips, Foundation for Biomedical Research
David Johnson, DVM, Cascades Biosciences Consultants, Inc.
- **Q&A with regulatory officials from
NIH OLAW, USDA, and AAALAC International**
- **Problem-solving, scenario-based sessions covering common IACUC topics**
- **Tailored sessions for new IACUC members**
Review of Regulations - Protocol Review - Program & Facility Review
- **Opportunity to network with peers and colleagues**

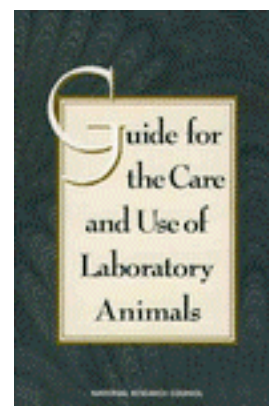
Who Should Attend

- New and experienced IACUC members and administrative personnel
- Lab animal veterinarians and staff
- Researchers

Register On-line: <http://2010iacucconference.kintera.org/>

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| • NWABR member | \$250 |
| • Member Group (10 or more registrants) | \$200 |
| • Non-NWABR member | \$350 |
- Additional \$35 late fee after Feb. 18th.

For more information, contact Reitha Weeks, NWABR Program Manager,
rweeks@nwabr.org or 206-957-3337 x305



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Call for Ron Orta Humanitarian Award Nominations

by Vickie Riojas

As Chair of the Ron Orta Humanitarian Award, I'd like to take this opportunity to make a plea to get nominations in for this prestigious award! I have been getting a lot of feedback concerning the nominations process and requesting that the qualifications be a bit more detailed without taking anything away from what Allentown has originally developed. Don't be intimidated to write your letter. The person that deserves this award is a well rounded individual that is all about serving their co-workers and goes out of their way to help whenever possible, volunteers for community activities, and is either working on getting certified or involved in getting continued education at any level, or participating in planning education seminars or symposiums, etc. The Committee is inviting everyone to nominate someone without feeling intimidated. Ron was a man who loved everyone and would never be interested in an award bearing his name to be used as a promotional ploy or a popularity contest. Check out the "Guidelines for Nominating a Candidate for the Ron Orta Humanitarian Award" below. You should be able to find at least one, maybe several, who would qualify in your facility! Maybe it's you!

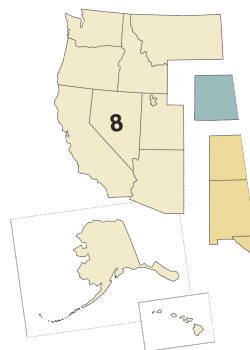
"Guidelines in Nominating a Candidate for the Ron Orta Humanitarian Award"

1) Nominee must be a member from a Branch within the District 8.

a) Technician, Secretary, IACUC Coordinator, Manager/Supervisor, Director, Branch Officer, Branch Chair, Branch member, or Commercial Member.

b) You can also nominate yourself.

2) Write your nomination letter and begin it by generally stating why you believe this person should receive the Ron Orta Humanitarian Award and then adding the following:



a) of how he/she exhibits compassion towards his/her peers. ("Walking the extra mile"...be specific)

b) Examples of cooperation and involvement in his/her community. (Volunteerism, involvement with FFA, Humane Society, Science Fairs, or other organizations. for example)

c) Examples of Continuing education. (He/she working on certifications, etc, or participated as a presenter, or involved in promoting or planning a seminar, study group, or symposium.

3) SPREAD THE NEWS!

a) Send out e-mails or call everyone your nominee knows and ask them to write reference letters.

b) Reference letters could include items 2) a-c above and be specific as to how they were personally affected by the nominees involvement in these activities or they can add their own.

c) Reference letters should not be intimidating. Can be long or short...it's content is what will be judged...not appearances. (Suggestion: Get as many reference letters as you can).

4) Send your submission in a manila envelope **postmarked by the Deadline of March 1, 2010** to:

Vickie Riojas

Animal Resources Center

PO Box 173640

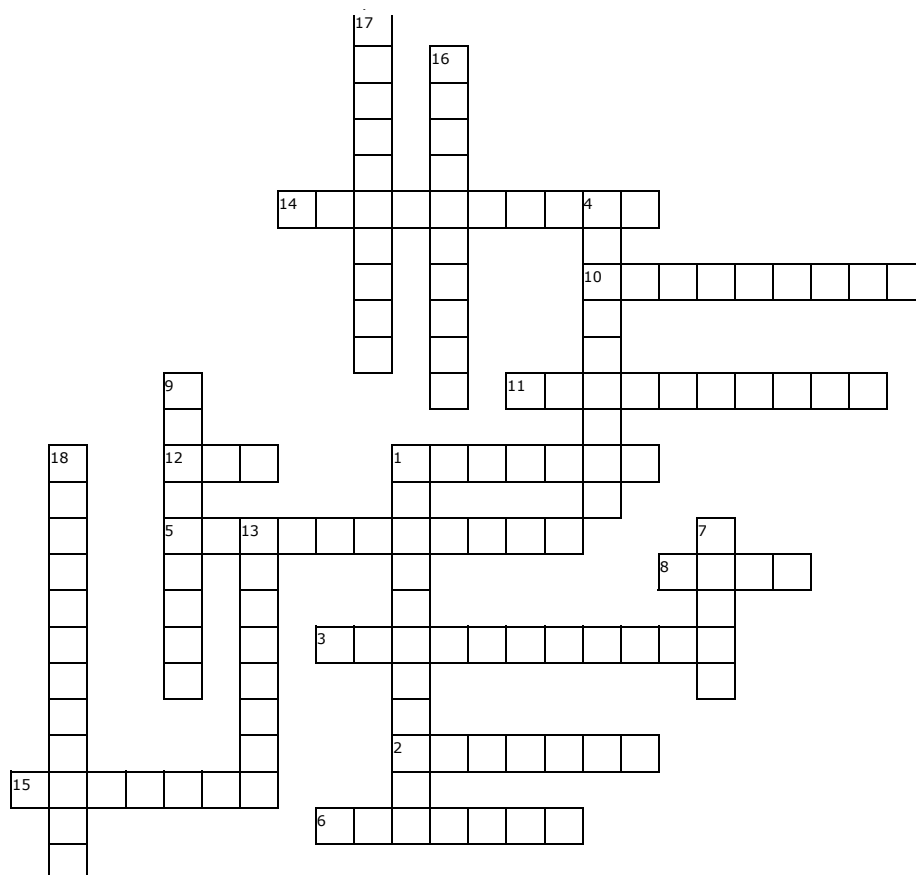
(If using Fed Ex use "Building 100" instead of the PO Box)

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Animals



Across:

1. Letters for our branch association
2. Animals that are active during the day
3. Animals that's body temperature changes with their environment
5. Has a spinal column
6. Animals that have large front teeth
8. Breathe through gills and live in water
10. Mammals that live in the ocean
11. Animals that eat plants
12. Abbreviation for primates that are not people
14. Cold - blooded and live both on land and in water
15. Warm - blooded and are mostly born alive

Down:

1. Animals that have a constant temperature
4. Animals that are active at night
7. Warm - blooded animals with feathers and wings
9. Animals that eat both plant and meat
13. Cold - blooded and breathe with lungs
16. Animals that eat meat
17. Mammals that carry their babies in a pouch outside their bodies
18. Does not have a spinal column

Answer Key on page 13

Pictures from our
2010 Tech Week Dinner
at Buca Di Beppo
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attend next year!



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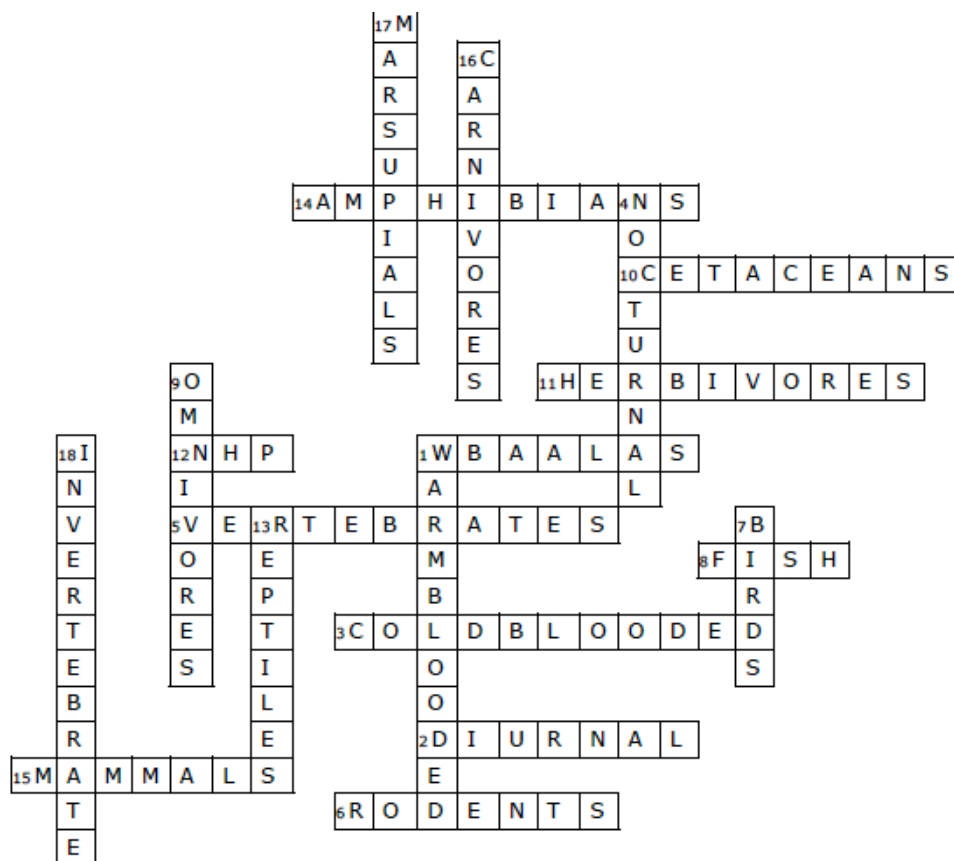


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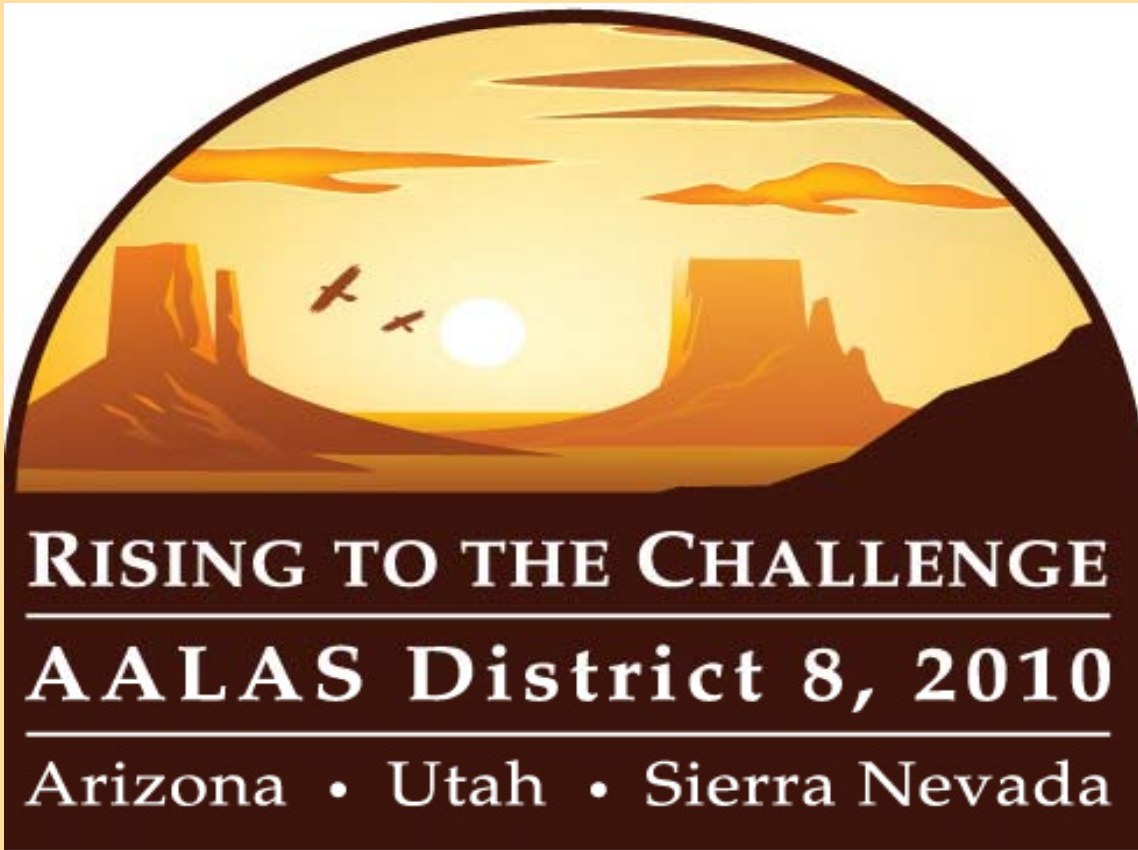
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SAVE THE DATE



- ☀ **Join us May 6th & 7th at the Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe, Arizona for the 2010 District 8 Conference!**
- ☀ **Participate in workshops featuring Rodent Necropsy, Swine Anesthesia, Rodent Imaging and More!**
- ☀ **Presenting keynote speaker Rebecca Skloot, author of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.**



2010 District 8 Meeting

The deadline for submitting District 8 poster abstracts has been extended to give you all a greater chance to help pay for your trip by winning all that prize money.

The prizes include:

\$500 1st place

\$350 2nd place

\$200 3rd place

\$100 4th place

The extension moves the deadline from February 15th to April 15th. Good Luck!!!!!!

Please submit your posters to: Ken Jones or Mia Nettik by e-mail, nettmia@isu.edu, or kjones@ocm.utah.edu or “snail-mail,” 75 South 2000 East Ste 311 Salt Lake City UT 84112 by February 15th, 2010. Questions? Call Mia Nettik at (208) 282-3895 or Ken Jones at (801) 213-3257