

WASHINGTON BRANCH AALAS



Save the Date!

WINTER MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

DATE/TIME: DECEMBER 15, 12PM-3PM

LOCATION: ART MARBLE 21



Join WBAALAS for an afternoon of food, games, and fun! Event is FREE to WBAALAS Members. One guest is welcome with a \$5 admission, please pay with cash at the event. Space is limited, so an RSVP is required to attend.

[Click here to RSVP](#) (in PDF version)

DISTRICT 8 AALAS ANNUAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: APRIL 25 & 26 2019

LOCATION: HYATT REGENCY SEATTLE

Hosted by Washington, Oregon, and Northern Rocky Mountain Branches of AALAS, this multi-day conference features speaker presentations, poster sessions, and workshops designed to help educate and bring new ideas. Attendees can also visit the Exhibit hall to talk to vendors about new and upcoming products in the lab animal field.

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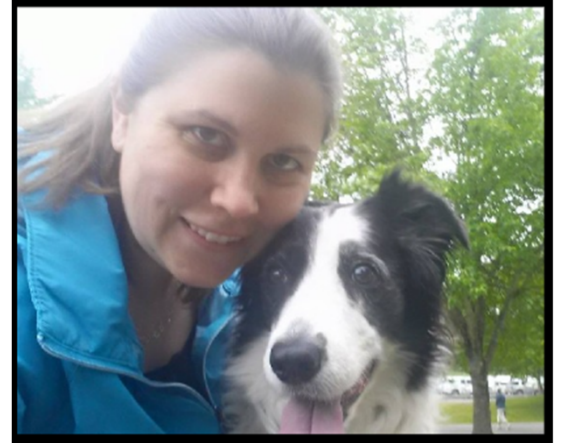
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WBAALAS PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings WBAALAS Members!

As my term as the WBAALAS President draws to a close, I want to reflect back on what a great year it has been for the branch. We had an exceptional Trade Fair at the University of Washington Husky Union Building Ballroom, organized a virtual 5K in support of the NAIA Homes for Animal Heroes at Seward Park, adopted a tuberculosis scent detection HeroRAT in Tanzania, held two educational webinars and happy hour networking events, hosted a summer picnic at Golden Gardens Park, qualified for the AALAS Branch Challenge award, updated our logo, and decorated a sailboat in support of the AALAS Foundation “set sail with lab animal science” contest.



The Board has been working hard all year to plan and organize these fun and educational events, but behind the scenes we have also been expanding our free Online Learning Portal for WBAALAS Members. The learning portal offers online ALAT, LAT, and (recently launched) LATG study courses. If you are planning to pursue AALAS Certification at one of these levels, please utilize this amazing resource! To support your professional development pursuits, the branch is also actively working on developing a scholarship program, with a goal of helping WBAALAS members pay for certification exam fees and/or aid with attendance at the National AALAS Meeting. Stay tuned for details about this exciting opportunity next year!

Please join us in wrapping up the year with our annual Winter Member Appreciation Event at Art Marble 21 for pub style games and locally sourced food from 12-3pm on Saturday, December 15th. The event is free for members, and guests are welcome. Come and meet your new board leadership and enjoy an afternoon of shuffleboard, billiards, and local brews.

Don't forget, in lieu of the annual Trade Fair, WBAALAS will be hosting the District 8 AALAS Meeting at the Hyatt Regency on April 25th and 26th, 2019. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Melween Martinez, Director of the Caribbean Primate Research Center in Puerto Rico, speaking about their disaster recovery efforts after Hurricane Maria. We look forward to seeing you there.

It has been an incredible year, and it has been a pleasure serving as your WBAALAS President. I look forward to another year of service as your immediate Past-President in 2019!

Traci W.

WBAALAS President 2018

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ELECTION RESULTS

MEET OUR NEWEST WBAALAS BOARD MEMBERS



We are pleased to announce the results of the election for President-Elect for 2019, as well as Secretary and Board Member #3 for 2019-2020. **Washington Branch AALAS depends heavily on its volunteer leaders who give their time and commitment to advancing our field.** Please join us in thanking and congratulating all those individuals who have offered their time to volunteer in the Branch. The successful candidates in this year's election are as follows:

THOMAS: PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hello WBAALAS. I am an animal care technician at the Allen Institute for Brain Science and have been in my current position for just over 2 years. I am very excited to start working with everyone and to be more involved in all our amazing programs. I hope to be able to help bring more awareness of our online resources and other programs that we offer so that our colleagues can achieve their goals in animal care service. I look forward to getting to know everyone in the coming year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president-elect in 2019.

JULIE: SECRETARY

Greetings WBAALAS Members! I'm very excited to be your new WBAALAS Secretary and thank you for electing me into this position. I'm currently working at the Institute for Systems Biology as the Vivarium Manager/IACUC Administrator and have been here for almost two years. I have several years of experience in the Laboratory Animal Science field, love to learn new things and am ready for a challenge! Animals are my Passion and I hope I can share this with you.

JOE: BOARD MEMBER 3

Hi everyone! I am extremely excited to continue serving as a board member for our local AALAS chapter. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve our branch. I've been serving as a board member for the past few years and from day one I knew this was an industry that I wanted to be a part of. I am a Regional Sales Manager for Medline Industries, and I always try to use my perspective as a vendor to help better our branch and its members. I'm excited to continue being a part of this team and finding ways to improve the branch offerings and benefits to its members. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can help in any way. Thank you!

Sakara P. will serve as President for the year 2019.

The following elected members will continue their service to the WBAALAS board of directors in 2019: Traci W. (Past President), Amanda K. (Treasurer), Emily F. and Michael M. (Board Members). The Board wishes to thank Jennifer K. (outgoing Past President) and Tony G. (outgoing Secretary) for their service!

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WBAALAS'S NEW LOGO



WBAALAS is lucky to have creative and artistically talented branch member **David P. of the VA Puget Sound**, who recently updated our branch logo. David based the new logo on the previous design, but cleaned up and modernized the image, with a few new additions. David is currently working on a logo for the District 8 AALAS meeting coming up in Seattle in April of 2019. We appreciate the time, effort, and skill David put into giving our branch logo a modern look. Thank you, David!

IN LOVING MEMORY

HeroRAT CHEWA

16 Sept 2012 – 15 Oct 2018



Our adopted HeroRAT Chewa passed away recently. Chewa appeared to be in great health and spent the previous week detecting tuberculosis with his usual enthusiasm. But Chewa started to slow down and appear less interested in his work. He was immediately taken care of by a veterinarian but despite the best efforts of the APOPO team and the vet, Chewa's condition worsened and he could not be saved.



APOPO felt the loss of Chewa and APOPO's staff in Tanzania commemorated his life and service with a private ceremony to give thanks for the incredible work carried out by Chewa and the many lives saved by his sensitive nose.

APOPO says that thanks to WBAALAS support, Chewa will leave a lasting legacy in the tuberculosis cases that he detected as a Tuberculosis Detection HeroRAT.

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WBAALAS HALLOWEEN "TAILS"

Lila's First Halloween!

As a taco and loaf of bread.

Follow Lila on Instagram

[@little_lila_the_corgi](https://www.instagram.com/little_lila_the_corgi)

(owner Tara M.)



Cally as a penguin

(owner Wiley L.)

Ruby looking stylish

(owner Cindy P.)

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WBAALAS WINTER MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT



YOU'RE INVITED

Food, games, and fun!

Saturday December 15th 2018

12:00pm-3:00pm



Art Marble 21 – Billiards Room
731 Westlake Ave N, Seattle, 98109

FREE for WBAALAS Members - RSVP Required
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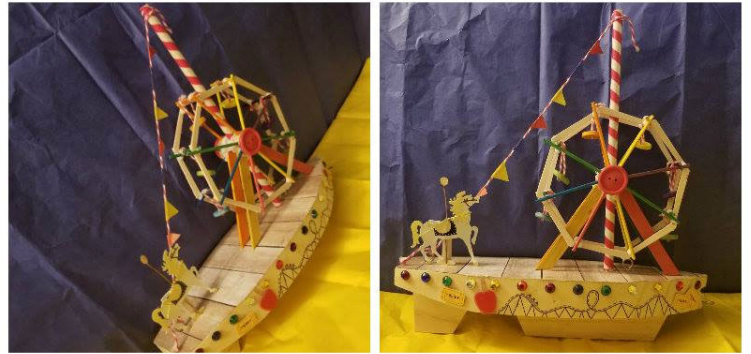
AALAS FOUNDATION CUP - SET SAIL WITH LAB ANIMAL SCIENCE

This year, the AALAS Foundation held a “Set Sail with LAS” contest at the 2018 AALAS National Meeting in Baltimore. Contestants were challenged to creatively paint/decorate a wooden boats. Submissions from Branch members were outstanding!



Title: “The Flying Hutchman!” from
Fred Hutch CRC;
Decorator: Alana H.

Title: “Do the Puyallup!” from
Washington Branch AALAS;
Decorator: Sakara P.



Title: "Puget Sound Pioneers" from VA
Puget Sound Health Care System;
Decorator: Susan C.

Title: “Dare 2 Care Compassion in Science”
from University of Washington and Dare 2
Care Compassion Fatigue Committee;
*Decorators: Kathy A., Yuki A., Rita B., Kelly
H., Holly N., & Preston VH.*



LEARNING WITH WBAALAS



NEW!! LATG Certification Study Course

This self-paced, online program is designed for any laboratory animal science professional preparing for the Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG) certification examination offered by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS).

Learning activities for each LATG Training Manual chapter include:

- Knowledge pre-check, to see where you are with chapter concepts before you begin.
- Reflection worksheet(s), to demonstrate contextual awareness and exploration of chapter concepts.
- Additional learning materials, including videos and online resources to help reinforce chapter concepts.

- Practice quiz, a timed exam that comprehensively covers chapter materials.
- Wrap-up, a quick reflection exercise to summarize chapter take-aways.

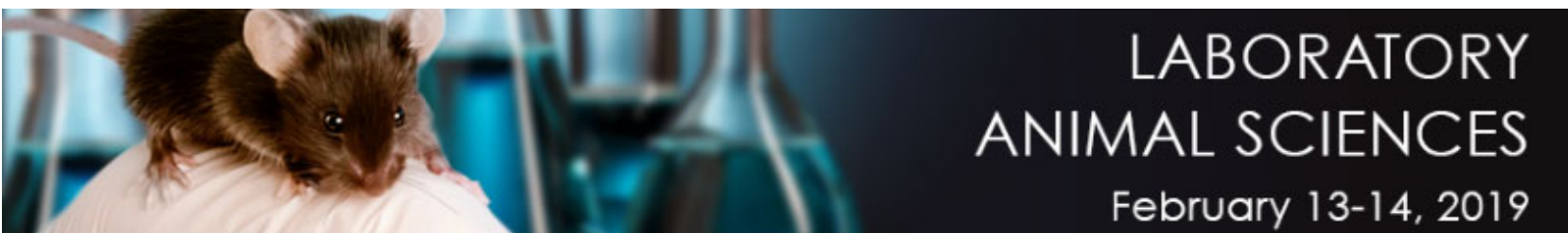
Need Access to the [Learning Portal](#)?

Individual Members are eligible to participate in the WBAALAS LATG Certification Study Course.

Visit <http://www.wbaalas.org/join/> to:

- Sign up for a Membership
- Add Individual Members under your current Institutional Membership

If you are already a WBAALAS member but do not have access, please contact education@wbaalas.org.



LabRoots, Inc. is pleased to announce the 8th annual, two-day international, Laboratory Animal Science (LAS) virtual conference which will take place on February 13th and 14th, 2019.

Laboratory Animal Sciences 2019 will bring together scientists from basics sciences to bioinformatics, clinicians veterinary technicians, veterinarians, technical support staff and compliance personnel from around the world to learn about recent advances and challenges within preclinical phases of drug development.

RACE Continuing Educational Credits

The 2019 conference will be submitted to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards for Continuing Education for veterinarians and veterinary technicians to be approved to offer RACE CE credits, and will also meet AALAS and CALAS continuing education criteria.

To view on-demand webinars from the **2018 Laboratory Animal Science** virtual conference, go here:

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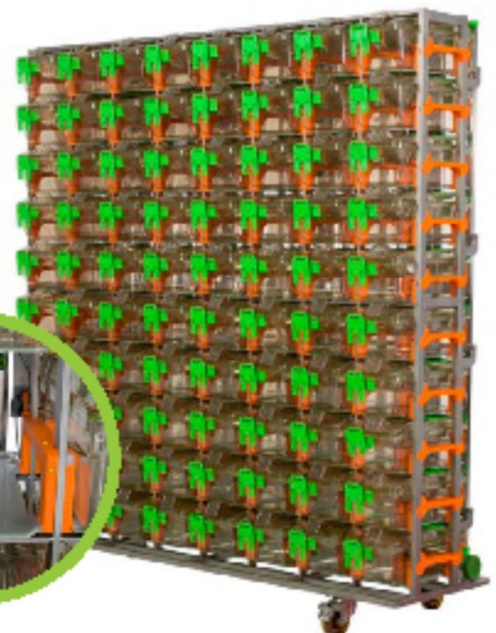


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D8 MEETING CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The D8 AALAS Seattle Program Committee is now accepting abstracts for presentation (oral & poster)!

We are accepting applications for the following categories:

- Clinical
- Husbandry/Management
- Animal Welfare, Training, and the 3R's

Abstracts should be a single paragraph, not to exceed 300 words, with an informative title limited to 20 words. Format and content will follow the guidelines for the AALAS National Meeting. General technical/style information may be found on the National Meeting website under Presenters: www.aalas.org/national-meeting.

Abstracts are due January 31, 2019. Submit abstracts via email to Drew Martin martilau@ohsu.edu.

Please indicate whether you would prefer a 15-minute platform presentation or a poster.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by February 20, 2019.

For more information, visit: <http://azaalas.org/district-8/annual-meeting>

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NATIONAL AALAS MEETING RECAP

The 69th annual AALAS National Meeting was held October 28th through November 1st in Baltimore, Maryland, the “Charm City”. It was very well attended, with over 4,700 members in attendance! The meeting kicked off with an Opening General Session and Reception, with a welcome from the AALAS President, presentation of AALAS Awards, recognition of guests and Board of Trustees members, and a gavel ceremony introducing the new President. The session was peppered with video highlights of AALAS Members speaking about how they became involved in laboratory animal science, and how biomedical research has influenced their lives. It was a very unique and personalized tribute the mission and members of AALAS.

There were too many quality sessions, platform talks, panel discussions, posters, special topic lectures, seminars, and hands-on workshops to mention them all, but the educational program was well-rounded and full of interesting content! The Technical Trade Presentations and Exhibit Hall were full of fresh ideas, innovative technologies, and the latest services. The AALAS Foundation put on a very competitive decorated sailboat competition, held a popular silent auction, and hosted a lively AALAS Foundation reception and live auction to raise money to help support its mission.



There were many opportunities to socialize and network while attending the AALAS National Meeting. Attendees from District 8 were invited to a District 8 Membership Meeting where each of the branches were encouraged to share what their local branches have been up to this past year and discuss the details of the upcoming District 8 Meeting that is going to be held in Seattle on April 25th and 26th. Many of the attendees also enjoyed exploring the city of Baltimore, visiting the National Aquarium, the Science Center, and art museums, taking in the beauty of the Inner Harbor, dining at local restaurants, and much more!

Traci W.

WBAALAS President 2018

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WBAALAS JOB BOARD

INTERESTED IN A LISTING BELOW? CONTACT THE POSTING ORG!

ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I-III

FRED HUTCH

Seattle - Performs routine rodent husbandry, custodial care for the rodent areas, and processes equipment. This is considered an entry-level position for individuals with no prior experience in laboratory animal care procedures or skilled individuals who are transitioning from other animal care positions. The position of tech I-III will be determined depending on experience. For more information, visit: <https://careers-fhcrs.icims.com/>

ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I-III

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INST.

Seattle - Conduct laboratory animal care and associated support duties according to standards set forth by the Guide to achieve and/or maintain full accreditation status with AAALAC. For more information, visit: <https://careers-seattlechildrens.icims.com>

RESEARCH TECHNICIAN I-II

BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST

Seattle - A focus on animal husbandry (mice). A primary responsibility will be the analysis, management, and oversight of a large number of experimental mice. For more information, visit: <https://usr53.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/bloodworks/>



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