

WASHINGTON BRANCH AALAS



Save the Date!

2020 SPRING EDUCATIONAL TRADE FAIR

When: Wednesday, May 20th, 2020 (coffee, breakfast items, and lunch are all provided)

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)

Registration: Exhibitor and General Attendee Registration will be opening soon. Keep an eye on your email for details.

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: It's 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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WBAALAS OUTGOING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello WBAALAS Members!

2019 was such a great year serving as your WBAALAS President, and although I am sad to see it end, I am very excited to continue to be a part of the Branch as your Past President in 2020 and pass on the role of President to Michael M!

We had some great events this year, starting with the Technician Fun Fair trivia where the winner received an ice cream party for their facility. The D8 conference was up next which was a huge success, and I am very proud of everyone who was involved. Then we had the annual Summer Picnic, and despite a little rain in the morning, we had a great turnout and a lot of fun! We ended the year with our Winter Member Appreciation event, held at Two Beers Brewing, and played a game of Lab Animal Trivia, competed in a Holiday sweater contest, and had great food and drinks!

We also continued the quarterly webinar and networking event series this past year. This event will be getting better as we take into account all of the feedback you guys have provided us. We are starting off 2020 with the Webinar "Voice of One: Speaking about Animal Research", so stayed tuned for details on that!

Lastly, your WBAALAS board and committee members are hard at work planning the 2020 Trade Fair. The Trade Fair will be held on Wednesday, **May 20th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel** and will feature some interesting talks and great vendors! Visit the event page on wbaalas.org for more information. You must be a WBAALAS member to attend so don't forget to renew your membership. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

I'm excited to see what 2020 has in store for us!

Sakara P.

WBAALAS Past President 2020
past_president@wbaalas.org



CATCHING UP WITH WBAALAS

WBAALAS INCOMING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings WBAALAS Members!!

2019 was a very successful year for our branch and we're looking forward to continuing that success as we move into 2020! We stepped our game up in a big way by hosting the District 8 AALAS Meeting last year. It was a huge task to take on and we couldn't have done it without the continued support from our network of members and volunteers! As we move forward, our goal will be to apply what we learned from D8 to improve all of our annual events! Expect big things in 2020!

One of the things I want to do as President is encourage our membership to become more involved with the Branch. Involvement can mean anything from attending social events, webinars, board meetings or even running for a Board Member position. Back in 2018, I was elected to serve as a Board Member. At the time I was elected, I had very little experience in the industry, I didn't know anyone, and had never even attended a board meeting. I was definitely a little nervous going into it, but it turned out to be a great experience. I was welcomed with open arms and never felt out of place or like I didn't belong. My personal experience with becoming more involved with the branch is not unique, anyone looking to get involved should expect a similar experience regardless of your current role.

I am very excited to serve as the WBAALAS President for 2020 and can't wait to see what this year has in store for us.



Michael M.

WBAALAS President 2020

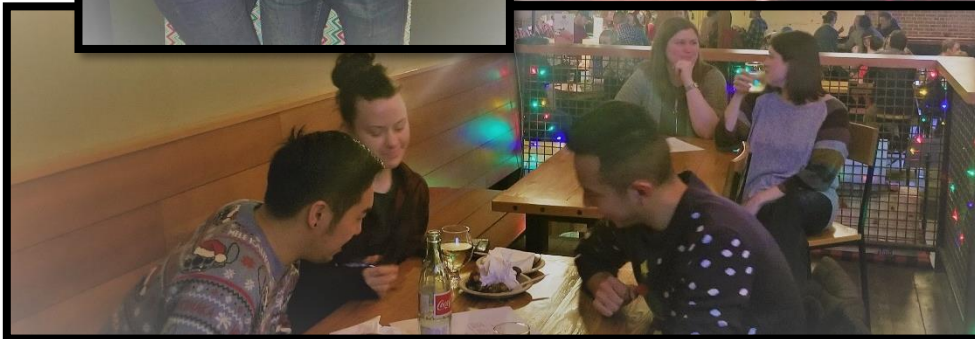
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WINTER MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

Thank you to everybody who attended the 2019 Member Appreciation event at Two Beers Brewing!



Thank you to our sponsors who helped make this event awesome for all in attendance:



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WBAALAS MEMBER SHOUT-OUT!



Congratulations to **Ramel V.** for winning the 2019 Bette J. Varnam Washington Branch Technician of the Year award.

Ramel was recognized for his role as someone who is always seeking new ways to improve daily operational needs and contributes to the development of his peers, sharing his extensive industry experience.



Congratulations to **Traci W.** for winning the 2019 Ron Orta Washington Branch Member of the Year award.

Traci was recognized for putting her heart, soul, time, and effort into making the Washington Branch a welcoming, vibrant, diverse, modern, and helpful enterprise.



Do you know someone who deserves recognition?

Nominate them!

This is an opportunity to recognize and nominate a staff member, fellow co-worker, friend, or acquaintance in the local research community that meets the spirit and intent of each Branch award. Visit <http://www.wbaalas.org/awards/> for details. Recipients of either of these awards receive a plaque and a \$100 check.

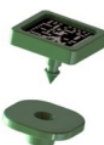


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With this year's **ONE HEALTH** theme, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Christine Kruder Johnson, VMD, MPVM, PhD, Associate Director of the UC Davis One Health Clinic and Director of the EpiCenter for Disease Dynamics will be give our Keynote Address!

Presentation topics this year will range from Valley Fever Research, Lyme Disease, Cephalopod Research to What We Can Learn from Orphaned Kittens! AND SO MUCH MORE!

We will be hosting workshops on **Rat Tickling** and **Submandibular Bleeding Techniques**.
(More information to follow)

There will also be an opportunity for those interested to attend the **Mini-Leadership Academy**!

We hope you can make the trip to Northern California for the 2020 D8 Meeting!

REGISTRATION AND HOTEL IS AVAILABLE NOW!

-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
13th & J Street
Sacramento, CA

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

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

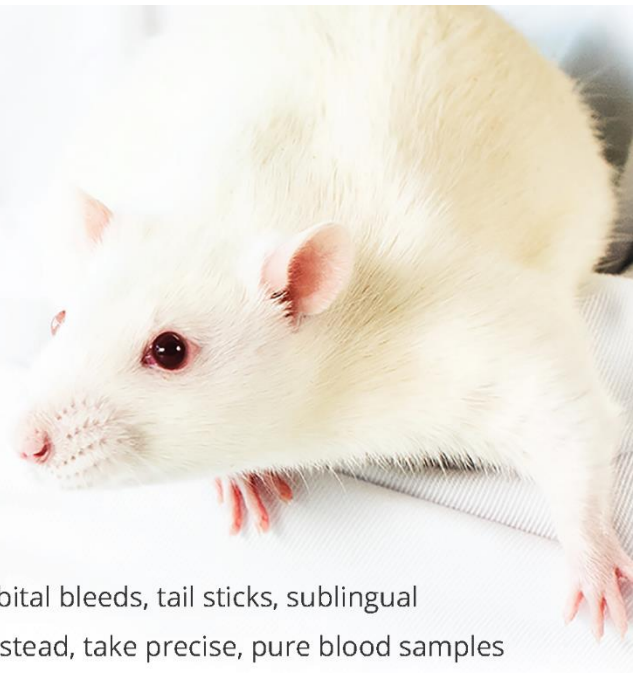
The Planning Committee is working hard to put together an exciting and educational meeting for all to enjoy!

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AALAS D8 TRUSTEE MESSAGE

Greetings, my fellow Laboratory Animal Professionals!

Now that the holidays are behind us, and a new year is off and running, I thought I would take a moment to share some of the milestones AALAS celebrated last year, as well as show you what to look forward to from AALAS in this coming year.

Highlights from 2019 – AALAS celebrated a number of achievements last year. Membership continues to grow, and last year the total number of members exceeded 14,500. We are proud of the 1,200 individuals who earned their ALAT, LAT, and LATg Certifications last year. And to date, 76 GLAS grants have been awarded totaling \$1.5 million. For more information visit AALAS at <https://www.aalas.org/>.

What's New and Notable for 2020 – Last year AALAS rolled out some new member benefits, which we can continue to look forward to in 2020:

- The [Certified Manager of Animal Resources](#) (CMAR) program is designed to raise competency and professionalism in the field of laboratory animal resources management. CMAR exams are now available online, making this certification more accessible to our members.
- [Laboratory Animal Science Professional](#) is the official magazine for AALAS members. You'll find information about people, places and events as well as feature articles and useful regular columns like Tech Tips and Career & Training. LAS Pro issues are now increasing in frequency from quarterly to bimonthly.
- The [AALAS Community Exchange](#) (ACE) is AALAS' new online networking platform. ACE is comprised of discussion groups, or Communities where AALAS members can connect. ACE is CompMed's new home. There is a community for meetings and events, as well as an open discussion forum. Each Community has its own resource library. And ACE is where you'll find the AALAS Membership Directory.
- The [AALAS Learning Library](#) (ALL) continues to offer a growing selection of training opportunities. Courses include AALAS Certification preparation, working with specific species, and review of regulations. Certificate programs are available, the newest of which is the Laboratory Animal Research Support Certificate program, designed for individuals with little or no regular hands-on animal experience.
- The [71st AALAS National Meeting](#) will take place October 25-29 in Charlotte, North Carolina this year. A special spotlight forum for 2020 is devoted to overcoming challenges in laboratory animal science. Whether you are a researcher that has had to change a study design, a manager who has had to figure out how to schedule proper animal care in the midst of a snowpocalypse, or a husbandry technician that developed a better and safer way to transfer animals from one cage to another, this topic applies.

Finally, registration is now open for the **AALAS District 8 Meeting**. This year's D8 Meeting will be at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel in Sacramento, California, April 8-9. We are AALAS' largest District geographically, so the D8 Meeting is a great way for us all to gather in one place to network, share knowledge and experience, and sit in on some great talks and workshops. More information is available [here](#). Hope to see you there!

Best regards,



Tom Chatkupt
AALAS Trustee, District 8
Oregon Health & Science University
Portland, Oregon

LEARNING WITH WBAALAS

OUTSTANDING MEMBER BENEFITS FOR 2020!

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!

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

The WBAALAS LATG Certification Study Course is fully on-demand, fully online.

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



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RACE Continuing Educational Credits

The 2020 conference includes approved RACE CE credits, and also meets AALAS and CALAS continuing education criteria.

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