



NEWSLETTER

Trade Fair

2009 SPRING EDUCATIONAL TRADE FAIR

A Huge Success

This year's Trade Fair was another fun event. Almost 100 members were in attendance and 15 vendors had tables set up to display their wares and meet with customers. The morning started out with coffee, fruit and pastries and time to mingle with everyone. The talks started at 9:00 and ran until lunchtime, with a break mid-morning for refreshments and more "shopping" at the vendor tables.



2009
Technician of
the Year
Colt

Congratulations to Colt for being this year's recipient of the Betty J. Varnum Washington Branch Technician of the Year Award.

Thank you to Jackson Lab, Lab Products and Tecniplast for sponsoring the refreshments.

Thank you for all the donations to the raffle. There was lots of hootin' and hollerin' and there were lots and lots of prizes handed out.

- * Absorption Corp.
- * Ancare Corp/
- * Cintec Inc.
- * Edstrom Industries
- * ErgoFit Consulting
- * Harlan
- * Lithgow Laboratory Services
- * Lynx Product Group
- * PHarmacal Research Labs, Inc.
- * Rees Scientific
- * SciMercor
- * World Courier

Picture from the event can be found on Page 4

Institutional Members

Amgen

Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Infectious Disease Research Institute

NWABR

VWR

ZymoGenetics

Calendar

April 30 to May 1, 2009

District 8 Meeting

San Francisco, CA

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June 16, 2009

Deadline for Lab Products Animal Technician Award (see page ###)

August 8, 2009

Washington Branch Picnic

Woodland Park Shelter #4

November 8-12, 2009

AALAS National Meeting
Denver, CO



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6th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award



A laboratory animals best friend is a healthy, caring Animal Technician

Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the 6th **Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award Program**. This program is intended to reward a deserving animal care technician from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. One award recipient will be selected yearly from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada. The award will be limited to animal care personnel, with at least one year of laboratory animal care experience, that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting. The recipients of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award will each receive an award recognition plaque; airfare, hotel and registration for the National AALAS Meeting; one year membership to National AALAS and \$350 to cover incidentals while attending the AALAS Meeting. For more information write Lab Products, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Seaford, DE 19973, or see the award description and nomination information on CompMed or Techlink.

Award Benefits: (participation, recognition, public speaking, and decision making). This award will:

- 1) Allow a deserving animal care worker from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to attend a National AALAS Meeting for the first time.
- 2) Publicly recognize the recipient at a social function of the AALAS membership.
- 3) Encourage the recipient to speak at a Branch Meeting on their experiences at AALAS, thereby allowing them to gain experience in public speaking and to promote the AALAS experience to other technicians.
- 4) The recipient will serve as a member of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award Selection Committee for the next year. This will allow them the experience and involvement in a decision making process that will affect their peers.

Award Selection Committee:

- 1) Nominees for this year's awards will be submitted to Lab Products, Inc. An Award Selection Committee will then consider all nominations and select one nominee from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada to receive the award.
- 2) The 2008 Award recipients will form the Award Selection Committee for selection of the 2009 Award Recipients.

Award Selection Criteria:

- 1) Nominee must have a minimum of 1 years work experience in a laboratory animal facility.
- 2) Nominee must be a working supervisor, animal care worker or animal health technician. (Managers, Assistant Directors, etc. are not eligible).

- 3) The nominee must be someone that actually performs hands on animal care work or works in the cage wash area.
- 4) The nominee must be someone that would not be eligible for travel funds (from the University, Institution or Company) to attend a National AALAS meeting.
- 5) This award is intended to provide deserving animal care technicians with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. Therefore, only nominees that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting will be eligible.

Nomination Process: (Nominations must be RECEIVED BY June 16, 2009)

- 1) Nominations are to be submitted by letter, detailing the Technicians' work history, accomplishments, community involvement, and describing how this travel award will benefit the technician and their facility. AALAS/CALAS Branch membership, and involvement in branch AALAS/CALAS activities, will be considered in the award selection.
- 2) Supporting letters are encouraged and will be considered, but are not required.
- 3) Send nominations to:
Attn: Awards Selection Committee
Lab Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 639,
Seaford, DE 19973
Ph. 800-526-0469
Fax 302-628-4309
- 4) Award recipients will be notified by August 1, 2009.

Award Recipient Requirements:

- 1) After attending the National AALAS Meeting, the award recipients must present a paper at their next annual Branch or District AALAS meeting on how the AALAS Meeting experience affected them.
- 2) Award recipient agrees to attend the Lab Products, Inc., Tuesday night social during the National AALAS Meeting for a formal award presentation.
- 3) Award recipient agrees to be a judge for the selection of the next years award recipients.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
JUNE 16, 2009**

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