



AAALAC International Update

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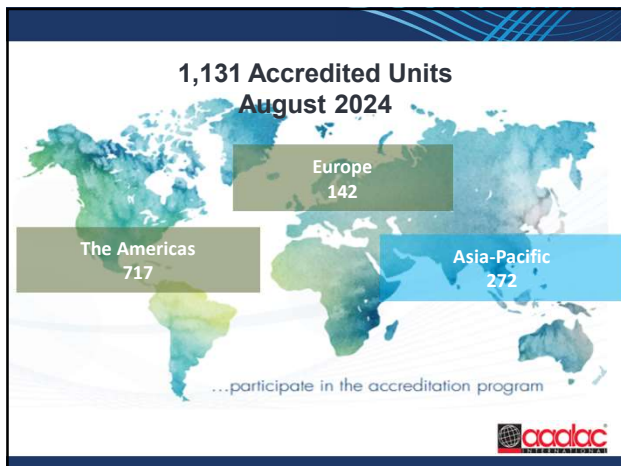


Today's Topics

- Accreditation Data
- Accreditation Updates
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- Awards and Recognition

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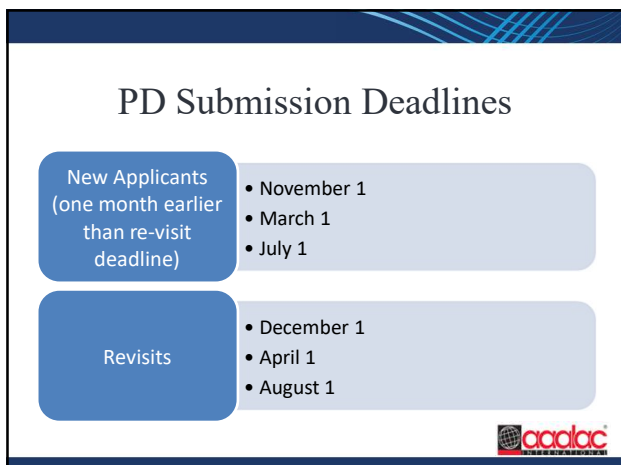
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PD Submission Deadlines

- New Applicants (one month earlier than re-visit deadline)**
 - November 1
 - March 1
 - July 1
- Revisits**
 - December 1
 - April 1
 - August 1

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Asia-Pacific Office (formerly Pacific Rim)

AAALAC renames regional office "Asia-Pacific"

AAALAC International has renamed what was formerly called its "Pacific Rim" regional office to the "Asia-Pacific" regional office. The change was made to more accurately reflect the geographic region served.

"The AAALAC International accreditation program continues to experience tremendous growth in P.R. China, Japan, India, Republic of Korea and other countries in what is commonly considered the "Asia-Pacific" region," said Dr. Gary Borkowski, AAALAC International CEO. "The renamed "Asia-Pacific Regional Office" better represents the areas of the world currently serviced by that office."

Dr. Dewi Rowlands, AAALAC International's Council on Accreditation President who is based in Hong Kong, P.R. China, commented, "I'm delighted to see Asia being recognized together with the Pacific as an emerging global region for supporting medical and scientific research. I'm excited at the prospect of continued growth and interest that the region has for harmonized international standards for animal care and welfare through AAALAC International accreditation."

Dr. Montip Getayacamin, who has acted as AAALAC International's Senior Director for Southeast Asia for the past 15 years, will now serve as Senior Director for Asia-Pacific.

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Mark your calendars

- AAALAC International Virtual Conference
- Sharing good practices
- Open call for accredited programs
- **October 7-8, 2025**
- Stay tuned for more details
 - AAALAC website
 - Email distribution



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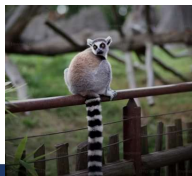
The Guide in Arabic



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Veterinary Care Position Statement Revised

- The Attending Veterinarian, Veterinary Team, and Provision of Veterinary Care
- <https://www.aaalac.org/accreditation-program/position-statements/#vetcare>



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AAALAC e-brief

THE AAALAC E-BRIEF IS PUBLISHED AS A SERVICE TO ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS.

AAALAC Seeks Public Comment on New Position Statements on "Culture of Care" and "The 3Rs"



PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD
Through November 21, 2024



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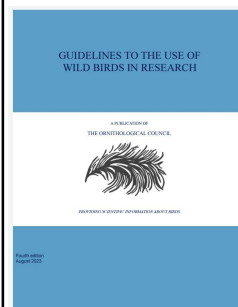
New FAQ

- **Scientific Reproducibility**
 - Programs should consider scientific rigor & experimental reproducibility when evaluating animal research activities.
 - Ensure adherence to the principles of the 3Rs
 - Provide training on scientific rigor & experimental reproducibility to staff & IACUC members



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New Reference Resource



- Adopted with 4 clarifications & 3 exceptions
- See cover page of version posted on AAALAC website
- <https://www.aaalac.org/pub/E9019213-EE55-98AB-F68E-FE2B10C31360>



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New Reference Resource (with clarification)

As a global organization, AAALAC International recognizes diverse specialties and qualifications of veterinarians. Veterinarians providing clinical and/or program oversight and support must have appropriate experience and ongoing professional development in veterinary medicine, and relevant knowledge necessary to evaluate the health and welfare of the species used. Further expectations on training and/or experiences of veterinarians can be found at the AAALAC Position Statement titled *The Attending Veterinarian, Veterinary Team, and Provision of Veterinary Care*.

AAALAC Position Statement on Pain and Distress in Research Animals


Introduction
The American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) is a professional organization of laboratory animal medicine and veterinary medicine professionals in research animals in scientific and biotechnology enterprises.

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Pain and distress are undesirable variables in most scientific research programs and, if not reduced, can result in unacceptable animal welfare and invalid scientific outcomes.

Background
Pain is defined as an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with, or resembling, actual or potential tissue damage. Distress is defined as an aversive, negative state in which coping and adaptation processes are impaired to various degrees or degrees of physiological and/or psychological discomfort. Psychological and physiological responses to pain and distress are species-specific and vary among species. It is essential that investigators understand the species-specific, individual, and psychological responses to pain and distress in their animals. Research animals are sentient beings and should be treated with respect and compassion. The AAALAC Position Statement on Pain and Distress in Research Animals provides guidance on the recognition and relief of pain and distress in research animals.

Considerations for recognition and relief of pain and distress
1. In human medicine, animal reduction should be sought for all experimental situations that might result in pain or distress. This should include investigations for prevention, assessment, alleviation, and effective management of pain and distress in research animals.

AAALAC's position
AAALAC and its members are committed to the welfare of research animals and the quality of the research program. AAALAC's position is to support the use of research animals in scientific and biotechnology enterprises, provided that the animals are treated with respect and compassion. AAALAC's position is to support the use of research animals in scientific and biotechnology enterprises, provided that the animals are treated with respect and compassion.



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AAALAC International Fellowship

Jennifer L. McMillan
2024 AALAS Recipient

Zoe Windsor
2024 IAT Recipient




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AAALAC International Bennett J. Cohen Award

Dr. Robert H. Weichbrod, Ph.D., MBA
2024 recipient



Call for nominations now open through **December 31** for the **AAALAC International Bennett J. Cohen Award**

*exceptional service
significant contributions
commitment to advancing science
promoting the highest standards*



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Global 3Rs Awards

- Apply today
 - <https://www.aaalac.org/awards/global-3rs-awards/>
 - Questions: Global3Rs@aaalac.org
 - Deadline is June 1
 - \$10,000 (USD) per award
 - New category
 - Metadata analysis
 - Technique refinement



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Outstanding Delegate Service Award Recipients



Dr. Sonya K. Sobrian



Dr. Michael R. Talcott



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Governance Update

- New Member Organizations
 - IO Consortium
 - IACLAM
 - Swiss 3Rs Centre
- Apply to become a Member Organization
 - <https://www.aaalac.org/about/apply-to-become-a-member-organization/>
- Committee to explore AAALAC Swiss Office concluded their work – No change in office location is planned



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