

## Animal Care and Use Committee

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### **Mission:**

The ACUC acts as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The committee maintains information on the ASM website regarding animal use and compliance and publishes revised guidelines regularly.

### **Information Items:**

#### **(1) Goals and Accomplishments for 2005-2006:**

**(A)** A final draft of *Guidelines for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research* and associated addenda was distributed to the Board this Spring. These general guidelines are for use of mammals in the field in an updated and expanded version to include numerous resources. Among those resources are more details on marking, housing, trapping, and collecting mammals. Three appendices are provided to be maintained on the American Society of Mammalogists website, which includes a list of active links regarding ethical animal use and regulation, comments on the processes and expectations of IACUCs, and a compiled list of procedures provided by IACUCs and investigators from numerous institutions. Standard Operating Procedures are in development with 1 on Chiroptera and another being developed on marine mammals and meso-mammals. These guidelines are meant to provide guidance on the current attitudes and regulation involving mammals used in field research. Both IACUCs and investigators must review and provide the final approval of how animals are used in any particular institution; however, these *Guidelines* will provide a framework to do that. Those discussions are essential and will hopefully feedback to improve future iterations or updates of the *ASM Guidelines*. It was the intention that this document be dynamic and that it be updated periodically both on the ASM website and in print.

### **Action Items:**

**(1)** Draft *Guidelines* documents must be reviewed and approved by the Board.

**(2)** Reviews of the *Guidelines* should be provided by chairs of the Systematic Collections, Conservation, and Editorial committees regarding reference to those committees in the documents.

**(3)** The Informatics Committee should be consulted about web posting these documents and regarding their maintenance.

(4) Budget request of \$1500 to join Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW) at Institutional Level D (\$500), and partial funding for travel to SCAW sponsored “IACUC 101” workshops for any ACUC member. For more information about SCAW see their website at: <http://www.scaw.com/membershipform2.htm>.

(5) Modified ACUC Purpose:

(A) The committee will discuss being more proactive in addressing member concerns with local IACUCs or in understanding fast-developing federal regulation of animal care and compliance.

(B) Develop animal ethics component of committee.

(C) Schedule updates and maintenance of *Guidelines* and associated documents.

(D) Further develop the ACUC as a resource to members.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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