

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 2006–2007:

After approval of “Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research” by the Executive Board at the June 2006 Annual Meeting, the Guidelines went through considerable review; all edits were finalized. The manuscript was accepted for publication on 20 February 2007 and will appear in the June issue. Reprints will be distributed to all US IACUCs, federal agencies that use animals, and others who request it; the document also is available in PDF format. In 2007-08, committee focus will be on providing animal care and use resources on the website and for improving the website as a resource for IACUCs and investigators alike. A symposium focused on the Guidelines will be offered at the 2008 Annual Meeting in South Dakota. Additional web resources may include an active ACU link, comments on processes and expectations of IACUCs, compiled list of procedures provided by IACUCs and investigators, and SOPs on Chiroptera, marine mammals, and meso-mammals.

Action Items:

(1) Budget request of \$1000 to continue membership with the Scientist’s 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.

(2) Modified ACUC Purpose:

A. Become 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 the 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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