

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 2007–2008:

Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research published in the *Journal* in June 2007 (JM 89:809–823)

Reprints distributed to all US IACUCs, federal agencies that use animals, and others who requested it (1375 hard copies mailed)

Guidelines available in PDF on ASM website

Committee provided comment/opinion to ASM members and provided animal care and use resources; addressed member concerns with local IACUCs and discussions of field applications

A symposium focusing on the *Guidelines* was initiated for the 2008 annual meeting in South Dakota; canceled because of participant drop out

Joined as an Institutional member of Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW); will select ACUC member to attend annual training each year (a benefit of membership)

Action Items:

(1) The Informatics committee should be consulted about web posting these documents and regarding their maintenance.

(2) Budget request of \$1000 to continue membership with Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW; includes newsletter and 1 free registration at SCAW meetings). Also, \$500 to defray travel costs to SCAW or PRIMR meeting. Total request is \$1500.

(3) Position statements on committee-researched and authored topics and *Guidelines* refinements: A. Euthanasia; B. Unpopular trapping; C. Methods for collecting biological (genetic) materials. The committee will report on these and other emerging issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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