

# Report of the International Council for Animal Science 1988

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## *Membership*

The International Council for Laboratory Animal Science, at the end of 1988, constituted of 47 National, 6 Union, and 18 Scientific Members. Furthermore additional 78 Associate Members supported ICLAS. During 1988, two National (Peoples Republic of China and Puerto Rico) and one Scientific Member (from Peoples Republic of China) joined ICLAS. The technical preparations for the National membership of Cuba were done by the end of 1988.

## *General Assembly and Meetings of the Governing Board and Executive Committee*

On 11 and 15 January, 1988 ICLAS held its General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand. In the General Assembly the revisions of the Constitution and the Internal Rules were accepted. The General Assembly also accepted a workscope for the next coming years for ICLAS. ICLAS will concentrate its efforts to the promotion of laboratory animal science and research resources in the developing countries. Prof. T. Nomura, Prof. H. Rowsell and Dr. Marie Coates were elected Honorary members of ICLAS.

The following persons were elected to the Governing Board:

Dr. Stian Erichsen (Norway), President, Prof. Bennett Cohen (AALAS, USA), Vice-President, Prof. Osmo Hänninen (Finland), Secretary General, Prof. Willi Heine (Federal Republic of Germany), Treasurer, Assist. Prof. Pradon Chatikavanij (Thailand), Prof. Paulino Carcia-Partida (Spain), Dr. N. Kariv (Israel), Dr. Guy Mahouy (SFEA, France), Prof. Jean Maisin (Belgium), and Prof. Bruce Wilkie (IUIS (Canada)).

In the first meeting of the new Governing Board an Executive Committee was established to streamline the ICLAS administra-

tion. The members of the Executive Committee are Dr. Stian Erichsen, President, Prof. Willi Heine, Treasurer, Prof. Jean Maisin, Member of the Governing Board and Prof. Osmo Hänninen, Secretary General. The Executive Committee has had two meetings (Hannover, FRG and Füllinsdorf, Switzerland) during 1988.

The Resigning Governing Board met before the General Assembly in Bangkok. The new Governing Board has had two meetings first after the General Assembly on 15 and 16 January and the second in Fullinsdorf, Switzerland on 17 and 18 September. Furthermore, a working group has been nominated to develop a recommendation for the education and training of research workers on laboratory animal science.

A draft plan for the establishment of the East African Regional Laboratory Animal Center was prepared with advice received from the Division of Communicable Diseases, Veterinary Public Health, WHO.

Representatives of ICLAS met Prof. Frederico Mayor, Director General of UNESCO and a new phase in collaboration was started.

## *Scientific and Educational Activities*

In conjunction of the General Assembly IX ICLAS International Symposium on Laboratory Animal Science "Laboratory Animals and Health for All" was organized on 12-14 January 1988. The main organizer of the Symposium was Dr. Pradon Chatikavanij, National Member for Thailand. The Symposium was the first of its kind in South-East Asia. More than 300 participants from 24 countries participated in the Symposium. In addition to lectures a good number of posters were presented. Prof. T. Nomura gave the Mühlbock Lecture and he received

the ICLAS Ceramic Medallion No 2 for his contributions to the laboratory animal science. The Proceedings of the Symposium will appear in 1989.

The First East African Conference on Laboratory Animal Science, November 7-10, 1989 in Nairobi, Kenya and the First Conference in Central America, 1990 were under planning as was also the AALAS/ICLAS joint meeting, October 20-24 in Buffalo, NY, USA and ICLAS General Assembly in its connection.

#### *Publications*

In 1988 two issues of the ICLAS Bulletin were published and distributed for information service. The Governing Board nominated an Editorial Board for the Bulletin (Chairperson Prof. Osmo Hänninen).

The new Constitution and Internal Rules were published as an issue of ICLAS Special Reprint (No 20). The Reports of the Members appeared as an issue of ICLAS Special Reprint (No 19).

ICLAS Guidelines on the Selection and Formulation of Diets for Animals on Biomedical Research (edited by Marie E. Coates) published by the Institute of Biology, London, UK, 1987 were translated into Spanish. The WHO/ICLAS Guidelines for Establishment of Laboratory Animal Services in Developing Countries to be published in collaboration with WHO were under editing in 1988.

#### *ICLAS Scholarships and Travel Grants*

The Governing Board has nominated an Awards Committee. Chairperson is Dr. Marie Coates to whom the applications are sent.

In the scholarships preference has been given to applicants from the developing countries. Furthermore support of young scientists to participate in the conferences of laboratory animal science has been continued.