

“Ask Research” – Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda – March 22, 2012

- **What’s new in the Albany R&D program?**
 - **Research Activity Statistics** – see attachment at end of document
 - **Status of Research Physical Plant –**
 - **Modifications to ARF for replacement of new air handling units and asbestos removal** – Completion of project expected at the end of March, 2012
 - **Changes on the 6A wing** – Pharmacy is now occupying two offices the 6A wing and
 - **Continuing clean up and equipment disposal attempts**
 - **Accreditation Status** – All accreditations are up to date and no immediate reports or inspections are expected. The next report due will be to AAHRPP, due in May.
 - **ORO IACUC/SRS&B Site Visit Response** – Final Responses were sent in February of 2012 and we are awaiting final closure of all issues found during the visit which took place in February of 2011.
 - **Merit / Grant applications:** Two VA Merit applications were submitted in March of 2012
 - **Staffing Change:**
 - Laura Higdon has been hired and has begun as the new SRS&B and IACUC Coordinator, and Intake Coordinator. Please welcome her.
 - Mary Cook has retired. The budget assistant in Buffalo is currently providing some of the work that Mary did, and the rest is being assumed by the AO until the duties can be better distributed locally.

- **What’s new at ARI?**

- **Ask the Research Office...**
 - **Issues from last meeting:** NA

 - **What questions do you have about research at the Stratton VAMC?**

- **Education Item or Research Presentation** (see embedded attachments when applicable)
 - **AAALAC Webinar Training** - Module 1 - Chapter 2, Animal Care and Use Program
 - This 60-minute module will review the key topics in Chapter 2 of the Guide; Animal Care and Use Program. The function of the IACUC will be emphasized as well as institutional collaborations, personnel training, program oversight, occupational health and safety, protocol review, harm-benefit analysis, establishing humane endpoints, and unexpected outcomes and other select topics.
 - Presented by: John F. Bradfield, DVM, PhD, DAACLAM, Senior Director AAALAC International

- **Future Meetings** – meetings will be on the 2nd Thursday of every month, at 11:30 a.m. Suggestions for the structure, topics and location of future meetings are welcome at anytime.
 - **Training Topic for next meeting** - AAALAC Webinar Training Module 2 - Chapter 3, Environment, Housing and Management
 - This 60-minute module will review key topics in Chapter 3 of the Guide; Environment, Housing and Management. Topics of discussion will include relative humidity, VAV systems, recycled air, social housing, cage and pen space, environmental enrichment and aquatics.
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Active Protocols

PROTOCOLS

58 Active

INVESTIGATORS

31 Active

PROTOCOL USES

14 Animal Subjects

44 Human Subjects

6 Investigational Drugs

1 Investigational Devices

0 Radioisotopes

0 Biohazards

FUNDING (including Protocols with > 1 Funding Source)

5 VA

7 National Institutes of Health and ADAMHA

4 Other Federal Government Agency

5 Other Government, Private Donor, or Academic Institution

6 Private Company

2 Voluntary Agency / Foundation

18 No Funding