
TBR NEWS & VIEWS

Third Quarter(ish) 2016

Hello District 8!

I hope you are all ready for a great National AALAS meeting in Charlotte. For those of you who will be attending here are a few key events to try and attend:

Sunday 2-3 PM- National Meeting Orientation- if this is your first meeting I highly recommend this!

Sunday 2-5 PM – District 8 Council meeting, Branches please send your council representatives.

Sunday 5-6:30 PM -Opening General Session with author Rebecca Skloot.

Sunday 6:30- 8 PM- Welcome Reception- Walk the red carpet and dress to impress!

Monday 12:30-2 PM- Exploring the Branch/National AALAS Relationship (Good for Branch Leadership)

Monday 2:30-4 PM- Meeting Planning 101: Tips and Tricks (Good for Branch Leadership)

Monday 5:15-6:15- District 8 Membership Meeting -for everyone who lives in our district-Please attend!

Tuesday 8 – 9:30 AM Technician Branch Representative Meeting

Wednesday 12-1 PM the AALAS Foundation Auction and 100 ALL Stars Race wrap up

Wednesday 6:30 -8:30 AALAS Foundation Reception and Live Auction

And much much more!

I will be at the meeting as well as at many of these events so please come and say hello and let me know if I can do anything for you or your branch.

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San Diego

SDAALAS outreach team had the unique opportunity to participate in the STEAM Maker Workshop at San Diego County Fair this summer. The two day event featured numerous make-and-take activity stations, daily steam challenges, a presentation stage, a kids drama workshop, a K-Zone with an insect theme, educational booths and vendors offering hands on activities and so much more. SDAALAS was there to spread word with the important message of the contributions to medicine achieved in the field of laboratory animal science. In sticking with the fair's theme of Alice in Wonderland, SDAALAS came up with a cute handout featuring a dorm mouse along with other hand out materials: mouse/frog origami, animal roles in medical discoveries, and careers in biotech pamphlets.

Our Fall symposium was held at the Salk Institute. This is an all-day educational event offered to the membership, veterinary and biotech students who are interested in joining the pharmaceutical/ biotech industry. This year's keynote speaker was the very entertaining Dr. Joseph Garner from Stanford University, who discussed with us the importance of social housing. Our other presentations ranged from rodent diet to the northern white rhino initiative: Rhinoceros Care and Management.

Moving forward to finish out the year we are excited for our Winter meeting on December 9th at Casa Guadalajara.

Oregon

Oregon AALAS held their Summer Picnic in August. We had a small but fun group join the festivities.

We've added Oregon AALAS accounts to both Twitter and Instagram and hope to utilize both platforms in conjunction with our Facebook page to help members stay in touch.

Our winter Awards Banquet date has been set for January 27, 2017. The event will once again take place at the Wilsonville Old Church & Pub.

Monday, October 10th, OALAS will be hosting a seminar/webinar titled 'Compassion Fatigue and Compassion Satisfaction in the Workplace'. The speaker is Dr. Tracy Gluckman.

Lastly, we've recently discovered that the Branch met the requirements for the AALAS Branch Challenge. We're looking forward to the National Meeting where we'll learn which Branch won the challenge.



Southern California and Palms to Pines

The Southern California and Palms to Pines branches of AALAS had a very successful Summer Symposium this year. The day-long symposium was held at Cal Poly Pomona's Kellogg West Conference Center and Hotel on August 17th. The keynote speaker was none other than Dr. Laura Conour, the sitting AALAS President. The symposium covered topics such as invertebrate care, mouse lemurs, the microbiome, sentinel testing, and large animal surgery. Attendance was excellent and everyone enjoyed a day of learning and engagement. Next up on the schedule will be our ever popular holiday meeting on December 8th.



Arizona

Here in Arizona we have an annual family fun event for our members and their family/friends. We alternate between Tucson (south), Phoenix (central) and Flagstaff (north). This year Tucson is hosting and we are going to the U of A's Biosphere2 for lunch and a tour on Oct. 15th. Should be both educational and fun! Will hopefully have pictures to share for the next newsletter!

Washington

Happy Fall!

We hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to all of the wonderful things that come with the change of seasons. We are certainly excited about things that are happening within the branch!

This summer we had a very successful Trade Fair, and are already looking ahead to 2017's Trade Fair (mark your calendars: March 9, 2017). The summer picnic was also a great time! We're not sure who had more fun, the attendees or their dogs :)

For all individuals needing continuing education, there is a new wonderful opportunity. We have had one successful webinar re-broadcast on "Mouse Euthanasia". We hope to have many more of these events, so stay tuned!!

We also have some fun events to look forward to! National AALAS is right around the corner, and we have a great entry "Squeak Racer" in the AALAS Foundation's auction. Don't forget to bid on #47!



This winter we are also planning another event to WildLights this winter, so get ready to bundle up and have a good time!

Finally, for Tech Week, we will be using our brains to win some great prizes! We will also be using the WBAALAS facebook page, so if you aren't a part of the group- ADD US!! :)

District Wide

SAVE THE DATE: 2017 District 8 AALAS Meeting - March 22 - 24, 2017 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel - \$128/night including free wifi, parking and shuttle to and from the airport. Program to include a mini Leadership Academy, innovative research presentations and a social event at the Museum of Natural History.

More details are available at <http://d8aalas.org/district-8/annual-meeting>



Remember you can join District 8 on Facebook



Just email acarte@fredhutch.org to be added to our group
