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Notices and news

New JoVE videos of interest:

The Journal of Visualized Experiments has some interesting and exciting articles.

Researchers working with playback behavioural experiments may be particularly interested in the video article on “A Lightweight, Headphones-based System for Manipulating Auditory Feedback in Songbirds”.

http://www.jove.com/video/50027/a-lightweight-headphones-based-system-for-manipulating-auditory?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=weekly_20121129.

Researchers using mice, especially for behavioural experiments may be interested in the “Methods for self-administration in mice”.

http://www.jove.com/video/3739/methods-for-intravenous-self-administration-in-a-mouse-model?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=weekly_20121213.

The registration of Macquarie University interstate:

If you are doing research interstate, you may need evidence that Macquarie University possesses a valid licence. The University’s Interstate Licences are available on the [wikipage](#).

Seminars

Conference Announcement:

Complimentary 2 Day **Virtual Lab Animal Science Conference**: February 13 & 14, 2013

Register at www.bioconferencelive.com/register.php

The theme of this conference is ***Animal Well-being and Welfare Science***. LAS BioConference Live will bring together scientists, veterinary technicians, veterinarians, technical support staff, IACUC administrators and support staff, as well as training and compliance personnel from around the world, to learn about recent advances in the field of laboratory animal medicine. This conference offers an amazing opportunity as it is complimentary to participants, and there will be no out-of-pocket expenses for travel. However, participants will still benefit from interacting with a global community of like-minded colleagues, without leaving the comfort of their office or home.

Conference participants will be able to:

- Search and attend session(s) of their choice.
- Have their questions answered in real-time by experts via live videos.
- Receive Free Continuing Education Credits.
- Chat live with peers and speakers.
- Browse a virtual exhibit floor for solution providers.
- Participants also benefit from the fact that experts and vendors are more accessible.

General Aim:

The aim is to bring together leading authorities from around the world to present on the science of animal wellbeing and welfare. This conference will stimulate discussion with a view to identifying future priorities for research, education, and practical/policy developments.

Key note speakers include:

Kathryn Bayne, MS, PhD, DVM, DAACLAM, DACAW, CAAB Global Director, Assoc. for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care

Sherril L Green, DVM, PhD Chair, Department of Comparative Medicine, Director, Veterinary Service Center, Professor - Med Center Line, Comparative Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine

Paul Flecknell, PhD. Professor/Director, Comparative Biology Centre, The Medical School, University of Newcastle

View Confirmed Speakers Here:

www.bioconferencelive.com/events.php?event_id=2&layout=speakers

Online Seminar Announcement:

There is an online seminar in **Aseptic and Precise Surgical Techniques in Rodents** to be held on **January 16th 2013** (1:30 pm EST (United States time)) which is 5:30am on Thursday 17th January here in Sydney. The animal welfare officer encourages all researchers who perform surgery on rodents to join seminars such as this, to remain aware of the current standard of surgery being performed in North America (USA & Canada).

http://info.biotech-calendar.com/Science-Researcher-Update/bid/92236/Aseptic-and-Precise-Surgical-Technique-in-Rodents-Online-Seminar?goback=.gde_1019757_member_196961451

Tips and Hints for your applications

Helpful hints to reduce AEC delays – *The Title*

The AEC recommends that all applications include common animal name (and species if not rodents) in the titles. The AEC application forms have been amended and uploaded onto the Animal Ethics website reflecting this change.

Animal Ethics Calendar

- **Animal Researcher Training dates 2013 (proposed)**

Researcher training in basic rodent Biomethodology began in December. These training sessions are recommended for researchers new to research in rodents. Not all researchers will attend all sessions. Multiple sessions are being held for each training module for the convenience of attendees. The expected dates to begin the **next training sessions are: 14, 15, 16 and 17 of January 2013.**

Monday 14 January	Tuesday 15 January	Wednesday 16 January	Thursday 17 January
Rodent Handling part 1 11-12:30am	Rodent Handling part 1 11-12:30am	Rodent Handling part 2 and Rodent anaesthesia, monitoring and post- mortem 10:30- 12:30am	Rodent Handling part 2 and Rodent anaesthesia, monitoring and post- mortem 10:30- 12:30am
	Rodent Handling part 2 and Rodent anaesthesia, Monitoring and Post- mortem 1pm - 3pm	Clean and Aseptic Surgical techniques and Monitoring and pain relief 1pm – 3pm	Clean and Aseptic Surgical techniques and Monitoring and pain relief 1pm – 3pm

Please contact animal.ethics@mq.edu.au to **register your interest. Only four persons per group.**

- **“Working with Research Animals Workshops” in 2013**

All new researchers who have not attended a course in **the ethics of animal based research** must attend this workshop.

1st Session proposed date: Thursday, 21 February 2013

2nd Session proposed date: Thursday, 25 July 2013

Visit [our website](#) Register your interest and to be notified when the registration is open.

- **Next Application submission deadline dates 2013**

The deadline is Friday, 25 January 2013 for the meeting on Thursday, 14 February 2013

- **Animal Ethics Committee Meeting dates 2013**

For 2013 – See the [web site](#) or the [wiki](#)

Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the Animal Ethics monthly newsletter, kindly email that content for the next month's newsletter.

Should you have any queries regarding your research, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Alternatively, for more information about AEC policies, procedures, forms and ethical clearance requirements, please go to our webpage at http://www.research.mq.edu.au/for/researchers/how_to_obtain_ethics_approval/animal_ethics