Dear Animal Users,

It was a very busy year for all, with a busy and productive summer ahead! As we head into the heat, a few comments, updates and reminders:

1. **Congratulations to the many PIs who received external funding this year!** One of the best aspects of the job here is being part of the incoming award process, because it gives us the opportunity to see the support our fearless, ground-breaking, PIs are receiving. **Congratulations as well to Beatrice Mao,** the IACUC Office Graduate Assistant, who will receive the Outstanding Graduate Student award from the Division of Research, on July 13th. Well-deserved recognition for her efforts bringing our office into the 21st century!

2. **AAALAC is coming.** Yes, one year from now we will be going through our next site visit, and over the coming months we will be asking for your help to review and update the information in our AAALAC Program Description. As we work through the documentation, we’ll be asking for input, feedback and edits aimed at ensuring our PD accurately represents how we implement our animal care program. We will also be looking to address any facilities or operations issues that may have arisen since the previous site visit. Please feel free to communicate with our office or with the Attending Veterinarian’s office regarding any problems pertaining to the physical plant. **Thank you in advance for your assistance.**

3. **A few other reminders:**
   
a. **There is no IACUC committee meeting in August.** Any new protocol submissions (including renewals) should be submitted by July 1st to be on the July meeting agenda.

   b. **If your protocol is reaching its date of expiration and you plan to continue the work, please take action as soon as possible.** PIs receive automatic notices at 90, 60, and 30 days from expiration, and typically will also receive a separate regular email from Renee Kahn. Once your protocol expires all animal work on that protocol must stop, and per diems cannot be paid from PHS funds.

   c. **Please be sure to submit your animal census sheets regularly to DLAR, and to provide CAPS forms for any and all animal orders.** Keeping up with these two pieces of paperwork allows us to track animal numbers more closely and to ensure timely and appropriate handling upon delivery.

   d. **Did you know that when you have custom antibodies made, the PHS considers this as contracting out animal work?** Whenever you send peptides for custom antibody production, please ensure that the external company doing the work has a PHS assurance (most provide the assurance...
number on their website). Note, this regulation does **not** apply to “off the shelf” antibodies regularly produced for sale.

e. **Import/export of some animals (e.g., GMAs) may be subject to the terms and conditions of a Materials Transfer Agreement.** When requesting importation or exportation of such animals (especially to/from atypical sources, such as other academic institutions or other non-profit facilities, either nationally or internationally) PIs and/or business officers should contact Brian Falasca (X57883) for MTA assistance and the Attending Veterinarian, Doug Powell (X54920) for shipping approval and assistance.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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