

Glossary of terms and acronyms:

AAALAC – Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, voluntary peer accrediting association. Conducts site visits every 3 years. UMMC most recent accreditation date is October 26, 2006.

www.aaalac.org

AALAS – American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, nonprofit membership association, is the premier forum for the exchange of information and expertise in the care and use of laboratory animals.

www.aalas.org

AC – Animal Care, a unit of APHIS responsible for enforcing the AWA. AC conducts randomly scheduled, unannounced inspections to ensure that all regulated facilities comply with the law

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/index.shtml

APHIS – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, arm of the USDA responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act.

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

AVMA – American Veterinary Medical Association, professional association for veterinarians. Issued the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia, June 2007.

www.avma.org

AWA – Animal Welfare Act (Public Law 89-544), federal law was first passed in 1966 and amended in 1970, 1976, 1985, and 1990, set standards for the use of animals in biomedical research.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/awa.shtml

AWIC – Animal Welfare Information Center, part of the USDA National Agricultural Library. Mandated by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to provide information for improved animal care and use in research, testing, teaching, and exhibition.

http://awic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=3&tax_level=1

CITI – Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, a subscription service providing research ethics education to all members of the research community. This is the service UMMC utilizes for online training.

www.citiprogram.org

FBR – Foundation for Biomedical Research, the nation's oldest and largest organization dedicated to improving human and animal health by promoting public understanding and support for the humane and responsible use of animals in medical and scientific research.

<http://www.fbresearch.org/>

- FOIA** – Freedom of Information Act, statute allowing the public access to certain information on file in Federal agencies.
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/index.html>
- The Guide** – The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, published by the National Research Council, main resource used by AAALAC International for accreditation.
<http://www.nap.edu/html/labrats/chaps.html>
- IACUC** – Institutional Animal Care and Use, committee qualified through the experience and expertise of its members that oversees its institution’s animal program, facilities, and procedures.
<http://iacuc.umc.edu/>
- ILAR** – Institute for Laboratory Animal Research, functions as a component of the [National Academies](#) to provide independent, objective advice to the federal government, the international biomedical research community, and the public.
http://dels.nas.edu/ilar_n/ilarhome/
- IO** – Institutional Official, the person in the organization having the administrative and operational authority to commit institutional resources to ensure that the animal care and use program complies with requirements of the Animal Welfare Act Regulations and PHS Policy.
- LAF** – Laboratory Animal Facilities, department responsible for the care of animals used in research studies at the institution.
<http://laf.umc.edu/>
- NABR** – National Association for Biomedical Research, national, nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating sound public policy that recognizes the vital role of humane animal use in biomedical research, higher education and product safety testing.
www.nabr.org
- NIH** – National Institute of Health, part of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, federal granting agency.
www.nih.gov
- OLAW** – Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, arm of NIH that develops, monitors and exercises compliance oversight related to PHS Policy involved in research supported by any component of PHS.
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/>
- OSHA** – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, branch of the US Department of Labor, the main federal agency charged with the enforcement of safety and health legislation.

<http://www.osha.gov/>

PHS – Public Health Service, component of the Department of Health and Human Services that includes eight different agencies.

<http://www.usphs.gov/>

PHS Policy – Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, applicable to the use of live, vertebrate animals in any activity supported by the PHS.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/OLAW/references/PHSPolicyLabAnimals.pdf>

SCAW – Scientists Center for Animal Welfare, an objective, credible source of information for the research community, the media, and the general public.

<http://www.scaw.com/>

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture, government agency responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act.

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

3Rs – Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement, introduced by Russell and Burch in 1959, the purpose of these concepts is to minimize animal use and pain or distress while still achieving the critical scientific objectives that lead to advances in health and medicine.

Additional Websites

Animals in Research Website – NIH Office of Extramural Research

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/air/index.htm>

OLAW – Acronym Glossary and Additional Resources

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/tutorial/glossary.htm>

OLAW – Training Materials

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/TrainingVideos.htm#primate>

IACUC.org

<http://www.iacuc.org/>

PRIM&R – Public Responsibility Medicine and Research

<http://www.primr.org/>

Lab Animal

<http://www.labanimal.com/laban/index.html>

Animal Activists Organizations

ALF	Animal Liberation Front
ADL	Animal Defense League
IDA	In Defense of Animal
PeTA	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
PCRM	Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
SEAN	Stop Animal Exploitation NOW!
USHS	US Humane Society