

TERMS OF REFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL EMBRYO TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY
COMPANION ANIMALS, NON-DOMESTIC AND ENDANGERED SPECIES
COMMITTEE, CANDES

Preamble

The Companion Animals, Non-Domestic and Endangered Species (CANDES) committee of the International Embryo Technology Society is an advisory committee, technically specialized in comparative reproductive physiologies and the application of reproductive biotechnologies in companion animals (including horses, cats, dogs, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fishes and invertebrates), non-domestic species (including farmed animals, such as buffalo, cervids, camelids, and ratites, rare livestock breeds, and zoo animals), and their endangered species counterparts. It provides intellectual and technical resources on CANDES-related matters to the IETS membership via symposia/workshops at the IETS annual meeting and website updates. It submits recommendations based on current scientific knowledge to the IETS Board of Governors to further provide guidance and advice to international governmental regulatory agencies, recognized animal specialty groups and organized species conservation programs.

Mission

CANDES has the purpose to serve as an informational resource pertaining to the management of reproduction in companion animals and non-domestic species in order to provide a foundation for the safe (from a disease standpoint) and effective application of assisted reproductive technologies. CANDES provides the IETS membership informed counsel that can instruct and advise on the technical feasibility and realistic expectations (based on experience and previous scientific evidence) of the application of basic to the most technically advanced reproductive biotechnologies in CANDES. CANDES assists in the understanding of the unique reproductive strategies of CANDES and facilitates the application of assisted reproductive technologies to these species. CANDES provides a forum in which to exchange information on funding opportunities and help create partnerships aimed at producing proposals for international grants.

Scope

1. Provide up to date knowledge on the basic science, application, and regulatory requirements of reproductive technologies in CANDES.
2. Identify areas in need of further research and development to allow the application of reproductive technologies in CANDES.
3. Define international regulatory requirements to provide guidance for the safe and legal transport of tissues and germ plasm from CANDES for breeding or research purposes.
4. Identify the requirements for long-term banking and distribution of genetic resources.

Structure and appointment process

The CANDES committee is composed by a chair, three committee members and one Morulas trainee representative. All members of the CANDES committee will be required to be members of the IETS and to volunteer their participation without any remuneration. Members must be active and current on dues, to be eligible as a member of the CANDES Committee. The CANDES Committee will be led by a chair appointed by the President of IETS and approved by the IETS Board of Governors. The CANDES committee chair will designate three persons from the IETS membership. The Morulas trainee representative will be designated by the Morulas board of Governors. To the extent possible, the CANDES Committee membership will be balanced between genders, geographic areas and continents, between public and private sectors and between various fields of expertise: scientists, practitioners, administration, commerce, etc.

Supporting structure

The CANDES committee is an instrument of the IETS Board of Governors to which it reports to. No public action or initiative of the CANDES Committee can be taken without the approval of the President of the IETS Board of Governors. Internal communication to the IETS membership is the responsibility of the CANDES committee chair, after receiving approval from the IETS Board of Governors. All members will communicate information on behalf of the CANDES committee only with the formal approval of the CANDES committee chair. External communication is the privilege of the IETS Board of Governors. Only the CANDES committee chair communicates externally and only with the formal approval of the President of the IETS Board of Governors.

Frequency and location of meeting

The CANDES committee will meet once annually at the time and location of the IETS annual conference. The Chair and members will meet via teleconference throughout the year to accelerate consultations, plan workshops/sessions and to respond efficiently to inquiries from the IETS membership and others.

Administrative and financial support

The IETS Business Office will be requested to relay communications between the CANDES committee and the IETS Board of Governors. In addition, the IETS Business Office will be requested to communicate Board-approved information to the IETS membership by way of the Embryo Technology Newsletter, email or the IETS website.

Financial support for expenses for concurrent sessions and committee meetings during IETS annual conference will be requested by the CANDES chair and submitted to the Treasurer of the IETS Board of Directors for approval by the mid-year Board of Directors meeting.

Financial support for pre-conference symposiums during the IETS annual conference will be requested by the CANDES chair in a budget format to the IETS treasurer for approval by the IETS Board of Directors. The budget will show financial support of the pre-conference by registrations, and sponsorships.