



International Embryo Transfer Society
Parent Committee on Companion Animals,
Non-Domestic & Endangered Species
(CANDES)

Report to the IETS Board of Governors
June 2009

2009 Workshop/Symposium

The 2009 IETS post-conference workshop/symposium on the “Implementation of Artificial Insemination in CANDES” was a success. There were approximately 120 attendants who mostly stayed for the majority of the day, and many who commented then and later that the event was the highlight of the entire conference. We had \$11,000 in sponsorship and \$6,470 was received from the registration fees for a total revenue of \$17,470 which was lower than our anticipated budget. The excess of \$648.16 was donated to the IETS.

There were 12 presentations and the speakers produced excellent peer-reviewed articles for the proceedings in a special issue of *Theriogenology* co-edited by Dr. Damien Paris and Dr. Gabriela Mastromonaco. This was a joint proceedings issue that contained articles from George Seidel’s pre-conference symposium updating sperm sexing technology. There was an open discussion with the audience at the end of the workshop/symposium and the CANDES Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairs plan to prepare a summary article to be published in the IETS Newsletter sometime this year as well as an article to be published in *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*.

New Executive Committee Members & Mid-Year Meeting

We currently have 54 members in the CANDES Parent Committee and they were asked via e-mail for nominations for the position of Parent Committee Secretary and for Co-Chair of the Research Subcommittee. The names of the nominees were then sent to all members again and the votes were received. We are happy to announce that Dr. Nucharin Songsasen is the new IETS CANDES Secretary and Dr. Jason Herrick is the new Co-Chair of the Research Subcommittee. The CANDES Executive Committee members, therefore, are listed as follows:

Parent Committee Chair: Naida Loskutoff (USA)

Parent Committee Secretary: Nucharin Songsasen (USA)

Research Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Monique Paris (Netherlands) and Jason Herrick (USA)

Technology Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Damien Paris (Netherlands) and Gabriela Mastromonaco (Canada)

Regulatory Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Justine O’Brien (Australia) and Linda Penfold (USA)

Health and Safety Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Bill Holt (UK) and Naida Loskutoff (USA)

A mid-year e-mail meeting is being scheduled to be held sometime in July, 2009 to discuss current and future priorities for the CANDES Parent Committee members.

CANDES Website Update

The website will be updated before the end of May, 2009 to include the new members, meeting reports as well as a reference to the 2009 workshop/symposium proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Naida M. Loskutoff, Chairman of the IETS CANDES Parent Committee