



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

Report to the IETS Board of Governors
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2010 Annual Meeting and Future Meetings

Unfortunately, only a few CANDES members were present at the IETS conference in Argentina. Also, our open meeting was scheduled at the same time as the DABE meeting and a social event, so we had a poor turnout. Nevertheless, we plan to hold a full or half-day working meeting before the 2011 IETS conference in Orlando where more members are expected to attend. The agenda for that meeting will include: reviewing and revising if necessary the goals of each of the subcommittees, discussing topics for future workshops/symposia similar to our successful symposium held in January 2009 and how to attract more active members and/or colleagues working in the field that can provide more information to post on our website.

New Members

The IETS annual conferences continue to attract an average of 12% of posters and oral presentations combined representing research performed on companion animals, non-domestic and endangered species. We currently have 55 members in the CANDES Parent Committee. Damien Paris has asked to step down from his position and Technology Subcommittee Co-Chair and we thank him sincerely for his 9 years of service. We have one nominee for the position, Jaclyn Lambe, a graduate student from Louisiana State University, who has been in contact with Co-Chair Gaby Mastromonaco to discuss the vacant post. We will soon send a note to the Parent Committee members to ask for any further nominations and a final vote.

We have a new Taxon Leader for Rodentia, Dr. Marina Ponzio, who has been providing the Research Subcommittee with various assisted reproduction protocols to post in their Resource Manual.

CANDES Website

Bill Holt attended a symposium on Asian elephant herd health and reproduction in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He said that the program should be of interest to CANDES members and has provided the link for the report that will be posted on our website:

http://www.asianelephantresearch.com/elephants_symposium/program.php

I was contacted by the Chair of the IETS Website Committee, Richard Fayer-Hosken, who said that all facets of the IETS website will now be hosted by FASS and asked that we send all of our files to Jennifer. Currently, the Omaha Zoo has sponsored the link that allows IETS members direct access to the CANDES website and who have been keeping up with the regular updates.

Question to the Board: as it now stands, information on the IETS CANDES website can be accessed by anyone who contacts us and asks for the information. We believe this is important since a great deal of the information on embryo technology in companion animals, non-domestic and endangered species is not provided by regular IETS members since it is such a specialized

area (as with the DABE Committee). I did notice in the minutes from the last DABE meeting that they requested that certain information not require an IETS membership password for access. The Omaha Zoo is still willing to keep the website and provide regular updates, with no cost at all to the IETS. Is it the decision of the Board to relinquish all of the CANDES files to FASS, hoping that the updates will be done in a timely manner without any significant costs to the IETS, or can the Omaha Zoo continue to host the website and provide the link. The benefits to all is that this is the only international forum on assisted reproduction in CANDES, and only IETS members can serve as an officer and attend the annual meetings. Although many regular IETS members do benefit from the information we provide, we must still depend on specialists that do not necessarily believe that being a regular member of the IETS benefits their overall research programs. Please advise and I will proceed according to the Board's decision.

Respectfully Submitted,
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