

TERMS OF REFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL EMBRYO TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY
DOMESTIC ANIMAL BIOMEDICAL EMBRYOLOGY COMMITTEE (DABE)

Preamble

The Domestic Animal Biomedical Embryology Committee (DABE), has the purpose of exploring the interest within the IETS membership in embryological and developmental biology performed in domestic species, that work toward developing biomedical models, to interact and share knowledge, and to increase the visibility of this research area. The gathering of an international group of scientists in this field, in conjunction with other committees, will help in clearly defining international regulatory requirements for the safe and legal transport of tissues and cell lines for research purposes. The DABE Committee will regularly communicate its activities through the IETS website to the IETS membership. It also provides intellectual and technical resources on DABE-related matters to the IETS membership via symposia/workshops at the IETS annual meetings.

Mission

The aim of the DABE Committee is to serve as an informational resource for studies of embryological and developmental biology performed in domestic species that work toward developing biomedical models for pre-clinical and translational research. These include the derivation, characterization and differentiation of farm- and companion-animal stem cells in order to provide a model for the development of cell-based therapies, the use of transgenesis and cloning for the generation of innovative biomedical models, and other research with similar scope. The committee will also provide 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 DABE.
2. Identify areas in need of further research and development to allow the application of reproductive technologies in DABE.
3. Provide a forum in which to exchange information on funding opportunities and help create partnerships aimed at producing proposals for international grants

Structure and appointment process

The IETS DABE Committee is composed by a Chair-person, four committee members and one Morulas representative. The IETS DABE Committee will be led by a Chair-person nominated from the IETS DABE membership and approved by the IETS Board of Governors. The duration of the appointment is for a total of four years. The DABE Committee Chair-person will designate four persons from the IETS membership, who will be confirmed by the IETS Board of Governors and whose appointment will be reviewed by the DABE Committee every two years and renewable for a total of four years. The Morulas trainee representative will be designated by the Morulas board of Governor. All members of the IETS DABE Committee will be required to be members of the IETS and to volunteer their participation without any remuneration. To the extent possible, the IETS DABE Committee membership will be balanced between geographic areas and continents.

Supporting structure

The IETS DABE Committee is an instrument of the IETS Board of Governors to which it reports to. No public action or initiative of the IETS DABE 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 IETS DABE Committee Chair-person, after receiving approval from the IETS Board of Governors. All members will communicate information on behalf of the IETS DABE Committee only with the formal approval of the IETS DABE Committee Chair-person. External communication is the privilege of the IETS Board of Governors. Only the IETS DABE

Committee Chair-person communicates externally and only with the formal approval of the President of the IETS Board of Governors.

Frequency and location of meetings

The IETS DABE Committee will meet once annually at the time and location of the IETS annual conferences. The Chair-person 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 only to relay communications between the DABE 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 Transfer Newsletter, email or the IETS website.

Financial support for co-current forums during IETS annual meetings will be requested by the DABE 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 meeting will be requested by the DABE 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.