Festive Greetings

This special edition of Animal Welfare Matters provides information for the Christmas period and the start of the New Year. In addition there are important updates from the Animal Ethics Office (AEO) on the formation of two Animal Ethics Committees and key dates for animal ethics applications and training opportunities for 2014.

Changes to the Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) in 2014

From January 2014, the University will convene two Animal Ethics Committees. The committees will each meet monthly, but in different weeks of the month. The process for sending applications for ethics review does not change. The Animal Ethics Office will distribute applications according to the Chief Investigator’s institute or school. Occasionally, the physical location of the animals may determine which AEC will consider the application.

Please see overleaf for meeting and submission deadlines.

Annual reporting

Reminder
State Government Animal Use Statistics
For the 2013 reporting year we are using an electronic form associated with the InfoEd Research Management package.

Instructions for completing and submitting the annual reports are available at:
research.uwa.edu.au/staff/erm/infoed/infoed_training/aeo-annual-reports/infoed-login

• When no animal work has been carried out, a NIL return is required on both forms.
• If a protocol has expired or was completed during the year, you are required to submit both reports in order for the file to be closed.

Information you will require to complete the State Government Animal Use Statistics:
research.uwa.edu.au/staff/animals/policies/?a=2235616

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IMPORTANT NOTICES
The Animal Welfare Officer is available over the festive period.
If you require assistance call and text 0428 021 529.

Christmas Shutdown
The Animal Ethics Office will be closed for the standard university closure period.
At a glance

AEC meeting and submission deadlines 2014

Blue AEC

The Blue AEC will review all applications where the Chief Investigator’s school has an administrative presence as follows:

- Animal Care Services *
- Dentistry
- Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science
- Medicine and Pharmacology
- Neuromuscular and Neurological Disorders
- Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
- Paediatrics and Child Health
- Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- Primary, Aboriginal and Rural Health Care
- Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- Surgery
- UWA Medical Research/Harry Perkins Institute
- WA Department of Health
- Women’s and Infants’ Health
- Lions Eye Institute
- Ear Sciences Institute Australia
- Lung Institute of Western Australia

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Green AEC

The Green AEC will refer all applications where the Chief Investigator’s school has an administrative presence as follows:

- Anatomy, Physiology and Human Biology
- Animal Biology
- Clinical Training and Evaluation Centre
- Electrical and Electronic and Computer Engineering
- Environmental Systems Engineering
- Forensic Science
- Marine Futures
- Natural Resource Management
- Physics *
- Plant Biology
- Population Health
- Sport Science, Exercise and Health
- UWA Oceans Institute
- Australian Institute of Marine Sciences (AIMS)

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Schools indicated with an asterisk (*) should contact the Animal Ethics Office to determine committee allocation.
Congratulations to research assistant Tracy Mann and Professor Peter Henry who have won a $5000 boost to research funds with the 3Rs Award for 2013.

The Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes requires that scientific and teaching activities involving the use of animals need to consider the 3Rs; i.e. Reduction of animals used, Replacement of animals with alternative methods, and the Refinement of techniques used to reduce the potential impact on animals.

The 3Rs Award is to recognise an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of the 3Rs and animal welfare at UWA.

For more information see page 6 of the latest UWA News.

staff.uwa.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/2424726/Issue-09-November-2013.pdf

Animal Training Courses now extended to UWA Albany Centre

During November staff travelled to UWA Albany Centre to give a series of presentations designed to update staff and students on the services and support from Research Services.

These presentations covered a range of topics essential for those who require approvals through animal ethics, human ethics or biosafety committees, as well as research conduct and integrity. This also provided an opportunity for the Animal Welfare and Veterinary Advisors to run a PAWES course and Hints and Tips workshops at the Centre.

A big thank you to all the participants who engaged with us in such lively, interactive discussions.

Grant Holders: Clinical Professor David Hunt, Professor Ralph Martins, Dr Giuseppe Verdile, A/Professor Simon Laws, Professor Ryan Lister, Professor Shaun Collin, A/Professor Nathan Pavlos, A/Professor Wayne Davies.

Coming soon to UWA – a new animal model

Congratulations to Chief Investigator, Professor David Hunt and his fellow investigators from UWA and partners from ECU on winning a LIEF Infrastructure Grant from ARC.

Also thanks to those who are not named on the grant but who enthusiastically supported this initiative and contributed to its successful outcome. The grant will support the establishment of a state-of-the-art zebrafish facility at UWA. The zebrafish as a model vertebrate organism is fast approaching the importance of the laboratory mouse. This facility, which is expected to be available in mid-to-late 2014, will enable the research community in Western Australia to fully embrace the zebrafish as a powerful research tool.

It was an initiative of the DVCR Professor Robyn Owens in early 2013 that prompted a group of dedicated researchers from across UWA and ECU to come together to discuss the establishment of a zebrafish facility in WA. The successful bid was put together within an incredibly short time frame, a clear demonstration of the willingness of both institutions to respond positively and constructively to such an initiative.

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Program in Animal Welfare, Ethics and Science (PAWES)

Your Permission to Use Animals (PUA) may be conditional on you attending a PAWES course. If you are required to attend PAWES, the registration form is available at research.uwa.edu.au/staff/animals/?a=2420626

Submit the completed form to Geraldine Stewart at geraldine.stewart@uwa.edu.au or post to:
Animal Care Services
M270, 35 Stirling Highway
Crawley, WA 6009

You will be advised by email of the next available PAWES course. Course content will be circulated by email one week before course starts.

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Reminder: The Ethics and Regulations on-line module titled Introduction to working with animals in research and teaching at UWA, must be passed PRIOR to attending the lecture and workshop modules of the PAWES Course.

http://onlinemodule.articulate-online.com/5629314413

Need help completing your AEC application?

WORKSHOP NOTICE
Hints and Tips on completing an AEC application
Soon to be available every Wednesday from 12.30 to 1.30pm commencing 15 January 2014.

Where: Veterinary Services Office, Room 2.09 Administration Building (northwest wing), adjacent to the Sunken Garden.

RSVP to vets-research@uwa.edu.au

Need help with statistics?

Statistical Justification advice is available from the Centre for Applied Statistics to support Research Students. To access assistance via the webpages go to cas.maths.uwa.edu.au or email consulting-cas@uwa.edu.au

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research.uwa.edu.au/staff/animals

USEFUL LINKS
AEC Forms Page
research.uwa.edu.au/staff/forms/animals

New Code

Approaches to Evaluating Numbers is located on Animals and Research, forms page under the heading Miscellaneous.
research.uwa.edu.au/staff/forms/animals

Roles and Responsibilities in the use of animals for research and teaching
research.uwa.edu.au/staff/animals/policies/roles-and-responsibilities-in-the-use-of-animals