New IACUC Chair

In July of 2006, Dan Morrical was appointed Chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). In this role, Dr. Morrical chairs the full committee meetings, approves minor modifications, and responds to questions and comments about committee decisions and IACUC forms and procedures.

Dr. Morrical is a professor in the Department of Animal Science and also serves as the department’s farm coordinator. His areas of research include sheep nutrition and fetal and lamb survival. Dr. Morrical provides education to Iowa producers in production systems, management, resource evaluation and allocation, nutrition and health, financial records, and low-cost nutrition alternatives. Contact information: 294-2904, morrical@iastate.edu.

New IACUC Administrator

Sarah Zamzow joined the Office of Research Assurances (ORA) as the IACUC Administrator on September 28, 2006. Sarah has a bachelor’s degree with a double major in animal science and dairy science. Prior to joining the ORA, Sarah was an assistant scientist and facility manager for Dr. Wendy Powers’ air emissions unit.

Sarah will conduct preliminary reviews of protocols; provide support for the IACUC; and answer questions regarding the review process, forms, and meeting schedules. Contact information: 294-9581, sbastyr@iastate.edu.

Official IACUC Training Program

In order to maintain compliance with federal regulations and in response to investigator comments about the need for more training, the IACUC has adopted the Veterans Administration on-line training program as its official training program. The program was developed by the VA Office of Research and Development to help the VA and other institutions meet the training mandates required by federal regulations.

All new faculty and investigators and their key personnel are asked to complete the training and associated exam by January 31, 2007, while current faculty members have until April 30, 2007. The ORA will record the training completed by investigators and their key personnel as part of the documentation verifying that federal requirements have been met.

More information can be found on the ORA website (www.compliance.iastate.edu) under the IACUC “Training” tab.

USDA APHIS ePermits Seminar

This free seminar is being held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Wed., October 25, to provide investigators with an overview of how to use the USDA’s new electronic permitting system. Attendees will also have the opportunity to submit their permit registrations and have them verified by a USDA representative.

The event is being sponsored by ORA and Environmental Health and Safety. For more information contact Connie Regenold, 294-1516, cregenol@iastate.edu.