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Research animal welfare and scientific integrity: An AAALAC International perspective

The use of animals in research requires a strong ethical commitment to be good stewards of the animals in our care. This responsibility is shared by the Principal Investigator, Attending Veterinarian, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee or Ethics Committee (IACUC) as well as the institution. AAALAC International has conducted peer review and accreditation of animal research programs for 50 years to ensure that high standards of animal welfare and scientific integrity are implemented. A review of AAALAC site visit findings data will provide insights into the challenges associated with the management of a variety of research animal care and use programs across the globe. Strategies for employing sound practices will be highlighted for such topics as IACUC function, programs of veterinary care, occupational health and safety, animal environment and management and physical plant/animal facilities.

Biography

John F Bradfield is Senior Director, Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC-International). He is a veterinarian and a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He also has PhD in experimental pathology with scholarly publications in various areas of laboratory animal medicine, wound healing, vascular and platelet biology. He has had many years experience with the accreditation process as an *ad hoc* consultant and ten years service as a Council member of AAALAC International and as Council President. He has served as Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Attending Veterinarian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and also as the Chair Department of Comparative Medicine, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. He has extensive experience in academic laboratory animal medicine, managing animal programs and working with animal care and use committees. Prior to his career in laboratory animal medicine, he was a large animal practitioner. In his current role at AAALAC International, he is responsible for education and outreach activities.

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