

Call for Abstracts Open through 31 March for the **2025 AAALAC Global Virtual Conference**

SUBMISSION TERMS

- **Only abstracts from AAALAC accredited programs worldwide can be submitted.**
- Abstract submission deadline: 31 March 2025
- Feedback to abstract submitters will be provided by 31 May, 2025
- All abstracts selected for the Conference program will be presented orally. The program will be adapted for 10-minute presentations plus questions (maximum 15 minutes total). There will be an award for the best presentation.
- For questions regarding the abstract submission process please contact AAALAC_Conference2025@aaalac.org

WE INVITE ABSTRACTS ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

- **Institutional Organization and Communication**
Organization, Reporting and Communication processes between the key program participants (e.g., Institutional Official, Attending Veterinarian, Oversight Body, Researchers, Animal Care Staff...)
 - ~ Reporting and managing animal welfare concerns
 - ~ Reporting and managing significant adverse events
- **Occupational Health and Safety Program**
 - ~ Compassion fatigue
 - ~ Training of personnel
 - ~ Hazard identification and risk assessment procedures
 - ~ Protection of personnel
- **Ethical review and Oversight Processes**
 - ~ Composition and Activities of the IACUC/Oversight Body
 - ~ Follow up of protocols/projects
 - ~ Review of facilities and program
- **Implementation of 3Rs**
 - ~ Replacement
 - ~ Reduction
 - ~ Refinement
 - ~ Awards programs
- **Culture of Care**
 - ~ Institutional commitment and programs
- **Behavioral Management**
 - ~ Housing
 - ~ Environmental Enrichment
 - ~ Socialization programs
 - ~ Habituation programs
- **Veterinary Care**
 - ~ Procedures for ensuring timely provision 24/7
 - ~ Anesthesia/Analgesia
 - ~ Euthanasia
 - ~ Animal welfare assessment
- **Training and Competence**
 - ~ Veterinarians
 - ~ Animal care technicians
 - ~ IACUC/Oversight Body
 - ~ Researchers
- **Facilities and Equipment**
 - ~ Provision and control of adequate environment
 - ~ Service and maintenance of critical equipment
 - ~ Innovation and new technologies
 - ~ Sustainability
- **Openness/Transparency**
 - ~ Activities related to communication with the public
- **Other Topics**
 - ~ Any other subject not addressed in the list

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ABSTRACT FORMAT AND CONTENT

- Language: English.
- Title: In UPPERCASE letters, maximum of 20 words.
- Keywords: up to five.
- Author(s): Full names of the author(s), affiliations (including countries).
- Main text: Maximum 250 words, including the introduction of the topic; description of methods, main results and conclusions in regular writing style.
- NOTE! Before submitting your abstract, please carefully review the information, and pay particular attention to grammar, authors' names, and affiliations. The proceedings will be posted in the AAALAC website as submitted.

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- By submitting the abstract, authors authorize publication on the conference website. Authors retain the copyright of the abstract.

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Please note that submitted abstracts will undergo a review process by a committee composed of AAALAC Council members. The scoring will be based on the following criteria:

- What is the impact on animal or human welfare in the context of the animal care and use program?
- How is it representing a significant improvement in the program?
- How can others learn and benefit from this experience?
- How is this practice helping with the implementation of a Culture of Care?

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