



A PROUD PAST AND A BRIGHT FUTURE

1953	1959	1963	1964	1965	1968	1971	1981	1985	1986	1988	1989
The Animal Care Panel (ACP) which later becomes AALAS, is incorporated.	The ACP establishes committees to develop standards for laboratory animal care and consider a program to accredit laboratory animal facilities.	The first edition of the <i>Guide for Laboratory Animal Facilities and Care</i> is published.	A test accreditation program involving 26 site visits is conducted.	AAALAC is incorporated as a non-profit in Illinois on April 8, and holds its first meeting on April 30. The Council on Accreditation holds its first meeting in May.	The first list of accredited institutions is published.	NIH issues "Policy on Humane Care of Laboratory Animals" in which compliance could be assured through AAALAC accreditation.	AAALAC adopts its first "Position Statement" on the care and use of farm animals. More than 300 programs are accredited.	AAALAC restructures, revises bylaws and writes Rules of Accreditation.	AAALAC relocates office to Rockville, Maryland. The first European program earns accreditation.	Site visitors begin using the <i>Agricultural Guide</i> as a reference document.	Exit briefings become part of the site visit process. AAALAC adopts a new Strategic Plan.
1996	1997	2000	2004	2005	2006	2008	2009	2011	2012	2014	2015
AAALAC becomes "AAALAC International." The number of accredited programs tops 600.	The Program Status Evaluation (PSE) service becomes available.	The Council Emeriti Program is initiated.	A European Section of the Council on Accreditation is created. Pacific Rim activities are coordinated from Hawaii office.	AAALAC International develops an Education & Outreach Program and initiates the AAALAC International Fellowship Award.	AAALAC International relocates office to Frederick, Maryland.	AAALAC International opens a full-time European office.	A Pacific Rim Section of the Council on Accreditation is created, and a Southeast Asia office is opened.	AAALAC adopts Three Primary Standards to be used by site visitors, the Guide, Ag Guide and ETS 123.	There are now 100 accredited programs located in Pacific Rim countries.	AAALAC adopts a new Strategic Plan.	More than 950 programs are accredited in 41 countries. AAALAC celebrates 50 years!
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020/21	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
AAALAC International's "Global 3Rs Awards" program is initiated.	AAALAC adopts a new governance structure with a Board of Directors and Member Organization Delegates.	The number of accredited programs in Europe breaks 100 throughout 18 European countries.	AAALAC International reaches the milestone of 1,000+ accredited programs, with 200 programs in Pacific Rim region.	AAALAC hosts accreditation workshops in Colombia and Cuba. Pacific Rim region adds a second Council section.	The World Veterinary Association and AAALAC International sign agreement to promote animal health and welfare worldwide.	The global pandemic provides AAALAC with opportunities for resilience and innovation, including hybrid site visits.	The first recipients of the AAALAC International Delegate Service Award are announced.	AAALAC adopts a new Strategic Plan with an updated mission and vision.	Council on Accreditation forms committee to review accreditation standards.	Pacific Rim office renamed to Asia-Pacific. AAALAC receives trademarks in P.R. China.	More than 1,100 programs are accredited in 51 countries. AAALAC celebrates 60 years!