**The 3rd annual Laboratory Animal Science Associations Conference in Russia (Rus-LASA).**

**September 25-28, ICG SB RAS, Novosibirsk**

*First information letter*

Dear colleagues!

The 3rd annual Laboratory Animal Science Associations Conference in Russia (Rus-LASA) will be held on September 25-28, 2013 at the Institute of Cytology and Genetics, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences (ICG SB RAS, Novosibirsk). The Conference is dedicated to the problems of laboratory animal housing and care and animal facility management. Modern strategies in research development on the grounds of animal facilities will be discussed.

Topics:

1. Animal house management
2. Husbandry and breeding of laboratory animals
3. Animal welfare and health monitoring
4. The role of reproduction technologies in animal husbandry
5. Cutting-edge research tools in animal science
6. Bioethics of research schemes and the “Three R” principle in animal experimental practice

The conference will include:

* A workshop on animal handling principles
* The annual report (2013) from Rus-LASA administration

If you wish to organize a roundtable discussion within the conference framework, please, send your suggestions to: ruslasa2013@bionet.nsc.ru

There will be oral presentations and poster sessions at the Conference.

**Organizing committee:**

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**Participation in the Conference**

The Conference allows for one report only: this may be an oral or a poster presentation. The oral presentations will be given in Russian and in English. The committee will grant an oral presentation to selected participants based on the abstract submitted, other participants will be able to present a poster. Abstracts that are out of the Conference framework or submitted after the registration deadline will not be considered.

Registration fees will be paid upon arrival. The costs of the fees are:

* Rus-LASA members – 1000 rubbles (participant package)
* MS-students and PhD-students – 600 rubbles (participant package)
* Non-Rus-LASA members – 2000 rubbles (participant package)

Commercial organization representatives (research equipment and laboratory consumables manufacturers and vendors) will be given an opportunity to present their products within a separate session, as well as to place their promo information in the Conference booklet. For more information, please, contact ruslasa2013@bionet.nsc.ru

**Registration of participants takes place at the Conference website:** [**http://conf.nsc.ru/ruslasa2013**](http://conf.nsc.ru/ruslasa2013)

*Please, share this letter with your colleagues that might feel interested.*

To submit your abstract, please, register at the Conference website and then send your abstract to ruslasa2013@bionet.nsc.ru

The abstract should contain the following:

* The title of your report
* Authors and affiliations
* Correspondence e-mail

Pictures, tables and references should not be included. Abstracts should be no more than 3600 symbols (including authors’ information) with spaces and sent as **.doc** or **.rtf** files.

We look forward to see you at Rus-LASA 2013!

Organizing committee.