

Message from the Chair



On December 11, 2017, the CCAC welcomed its new executive director, Mr. Pierre Verreault. We are very pleased to have Pierre join us as he brings with him a wealth of experience in both standards and policy development and change management, and is committed to fulfilling the CCAC's strategic goals and objectives and ensuring the long-term stability

and viability of the organization. He will have a strong role to play in determining the CCAC's strategic and operational way forward, and we look forward to working with him towards achieving our mandate. Please join the Board of Directors and I in welcoming Pierre to the organization.

This year marks the CCAC's 50th anniversary, throughout which we will be highlighting our achievements, and those of our community, over the past five decades. The theme of the anniversary is '50 Years of Animal Care', and we have launched an official website, www.50.ccac.ca, as a hub for the CCAC's anniversary celebrations. Through this website, the CCAC community can stay informed, entertained, and engaged as we add stories and photos throughout the year. We would like to sincerely thank all of our stakeholders for their support, involvement, and engagement over the years, which has been imperative to our success.

Dr. Eileen Denovan-Wright
CCAC Chair

GOVERNANCE

During our December meeting, the Board determined that the Secretariat, led by the Public Affairs and Communications team, should proceed with outreach strategies to build on CCAC's objective of being inclusive with a balanced range of perspectives, including that of the public. As the organizational mandate states, the CCAC acts in the interest of the Canadian public to ensure that, when animal-based science is necessary and no alternatives exist, it is done in accordance with high standards of animal ethics and care.

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Pedagogical Merit of Live, Animal-Based Teaching and Training

The Board approved a series of frequently asked questions concerning the *CCAC policy: Pedagogical merit of live animal-based teaching and training*, which were released in December 2017. These FAQs will help institutions effectively implement the policy, which went into effect on January 1, 2018. The CCAC also created a *sample form* that reviewers can use to assess the pedagogical merit of a live animal model in a teaching or training protocol. These documents are instrumental in advancing the CCAC's commitment to the Three Rs tenet and we look forward to working alongside our stakeholders to continue to promote alternatives in Canadian science.

Assessment Visits

Twenty-four institutions/sites were visited by either a CCAC assessment panel or associate director of assessment between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

REGULAR assessment visits	11
INTERIM assessment visits	10
SPECIAL assessment visits	2
ORIENTATION assessment visits	1



STANDARDS

The Board approved the terms of reference for the review of the *CCAC guidelines on: the care and use of wildlife* (2003), and a call has gone out for volunteer experts to examine the guidelines and help determine whether a full revision of the document is necessary. This is the first document to undergo the new maintenance and revision process for published guidelines documents.

CCAC NATIONAL WORKSHOP 2018

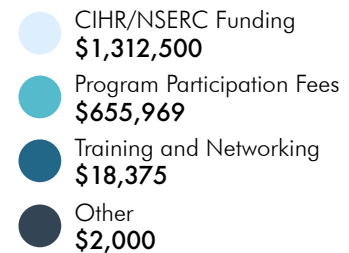
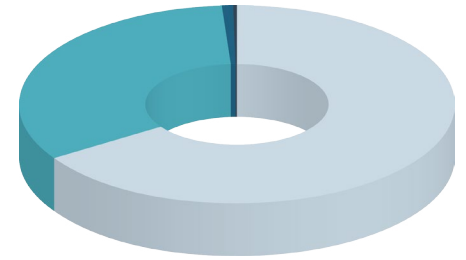
The next CCAC national workshop will be held in Québec City on May 5, 2018, preceeded by the annual general meeting on May 4, 2018. Back by popular demand, our workshop this year will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS) 57th Annual Symposium. The Board has also determined that we will continue to work in conjunction with CALAS for our 2019 national workshop.

WORKING TOGETHER

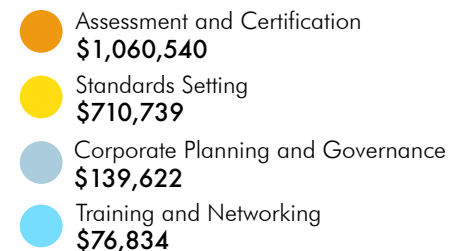
Member organization representatives and other volunteer experts were hard at work throughout the quarter, serving on CCAC's standing committees, subcommittees, and task forces (for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2017).

COMMITTEES	TELECONFERENCE	IN-PERSON
Assessment and Certification	✓	
Governance and Nominations	✓ ✓	
Public Affairs and Communications	✓	
Standards	✓	
SUBCOMMITTEES & TASK FORCES	TELECONFERENCE	IN-PERSON
Air Quality		✓
Animal Data Working Group	✓ ✓	
Animal Welfare Assessment	✓	
Categories of Invasiveness	✓	
Financial Sustainability	✓ ✓	
Mice	✓ ✓	
Rats	✓	
Teaching Program Certification	✓	
Zoos and Aquariums Certification	✓	

Revenues
\$1,988,844



Expenses
\$1,987,735



April 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
(subject to audit)

The next CCAC Annual General Meeting will be held in Québec City on
May 4, 2018

Get in Touch

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact the CCAC.



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