

June 30, 2010



Jutamaad Satayavivad, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Academic Affair
Chulabhorn Research Institute
54 Vibhavadee-Rangsit Highway, Lak-si
Bangkok, 10210
Thailand

Dear Dr. Satayavivad:

The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Chulabhorn Research Institute, Bangkok, Thailand. The management and staff are commended for providing and maintaining high quality facilities and programs for the care and use of laboratory animals. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative support for and commitment to the program; the good training program to assist technical staff in attaining AALAS Certification; the comprehensive functioning of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and the capable Chairperson, Dr. Daam Settachan, as well as the detailed and well documented meeting minutes; the thorough training program and its availability to all program participants; the healthy animals; the well maintained and clean facilities; and the development of an Emergency Response Plan at the Division level, and the ongoing efforts to integrate the Division Plan with the Institutional Plan. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, NRC 1996. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** is awarded.

Council acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated May 12 and April 2, 2010 indicating actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: ensuring certification of all fume hoods, as well as the biological safety and laminar flow cabinets; purchasing new differential pressure gauges; developing standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the enrollment of visitors and maintenance personnel in the occupational health and safety program; analyzing drinking water for heavy metals and revising the SOP accordingly; purchasing filter-top rodent cages to transport animals in common areas; improving vermin control practices by removing cardboard boxes from the storage room and placing vermin monitoring traps; addressing concerns regarding the use of ultraviolet lights; augmenting the Semiannual Program Review and Facility Inspection Reports by including time tables for corrective actions and designating personnel responsible for follow-up; ensuring that the applicable review items in the Semiannual Program Review and Facility Inspection Checklist are designated as "minor deficiency" or "acceptable"; revising the protocol review process to ensure occupational health and safety approval prior to IACUC approval; and installing safety eye wash and shower stations.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

Jutamaad Satayavivad, Ph.D.

June 30, 2010

Page 2

AAALAC International requires an annual report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. Submission of this report is a requirement for continued accreditation. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Should you have any questions regarding your participation in the AAALAC International accreditation program, please feel free to contact the staff at the Executive Office.

Sincerely,



Dorcas P. O'Rourke, D.V.M., M.S.
President Pro Tem, Council on Accreditation

DPO:cmw
001349