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**A Letter From the President:**

Happy March INAALAS! 🐷

I hope everyone is enjoying the slightly warmer weather! It is finally getting to be the time of year to clean up yards and start planning some outdoor fun. I know I am ready for some sunshine and warmth.

The countdown is ticking away to the D5 meeting! Our committees have been hard at work getting everything lined up to make this a fun and educational few days! Please make sure to visit our website for up-to-date information about registration.

There are several workshops available. Choose from: Compassion Fatigue, 3D Printing: Applications in Laboratory Animal Science, AALAS Certification Knowledge Escape Room, Alternative Training Methods and a VOEN White Belt Course. These are separate from your meeting registration. Spaces are limited for each workshop, so please make sure to sign up on our website. [District 5 Workshop Sign-Up | Indiana AALAS](#)

We are excited for the FREE Speed Networking Event on Wednesday night sponsored by Inotiv. Networking is a great way to expand opportunities for career growth and exchanging knowledge. Knowing how great the people are in our industry, you are likely to walk away with some new friends! Register here: [Speed Networking | Indiana AALAS](#)

Thursday night is our 1920's themed Ritzy Recognition Night with a buffet dinner, cash bar, and the D5 awards ceremony. We are honored to welcome our spotlight speaker, Jeff Wyatt, DVM, MPH, DACLAM, who will be speaking about "Healing the Planet with A Stethoscope."

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Be sure to come dressed like it's the 1920's if you dare! We hope to see the fellas in sharp suits, hats and snazzy ties. Ladies, let's represent the flappers!

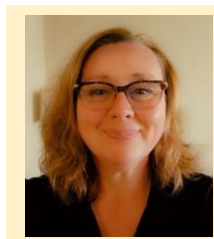
Almost every talk we are offering was RACE approved! This is a great opportunity for anyone needing their CE to rake in some hours!

Please make sure to book your hotel rooms! We will be starting early of the morning and I expect our evenings may run a little late having fun at Speakeasy Sing-along Karaoke and going out to celebrate our winners after the awards banquet. We have reduced rate block pricing locked in. Even if you are local – it will be a fun time hanging out with everyone at the hotel – I know I am staying and not making that drive when I don't have to! When you click the link, just put in the dates and it will lead you to our block:

[Indianapolis Hotel – Crowne Plaza® Indianapolis-Dwtn-Union-Stn](#) Our special rate is also available for Friday night in case anyone wants to sight see for an extra day here in Indianapolis!

Can't wait to see you there!

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# Sneak Peek of D5 Schedule

Wednesday, April 29th

	Vendor and attendee registration opens - located in lobby outside of The Grand Hall Union Station
3:00pm	
4-6pm	Vendor Set-up in the Grand Hall Union Station
	Speed Networking Event sponsored by Inotiv - Breakout Room
5:30-6:30pm	Speakeasy Social Welcome Event In The Grand Hall Union Station
6:30-8:00pm	Speakeasy Sing-Along Karaoke In The Grand Hall Union Station
8:00-10:00pm	

Thursday April 30, 2026

7:00-8:00 Breakfast			
8-8:50 Welcome with AALAS President Jori Leszczynski and Announcements			
	<b>Tract 1:</b>	<b>Tract 2:</b>	<b>Workshop/breakout:</b>
8:50-9:30	Platinum Vendor Talk - Allentown - 10 mins	Care With Intention: Behavioral Management That Advances Welfare and Discovery	
	Ophthalmology in Laboratory Medicine	Platinum Vendor Talk - LabDiet - 10 mins	
9:30-10:00			
10:00-10:30	Vendor time		
10:30-11:00	Outcomes of Two Amounts and Two Colors of Nesting Material	Appreciation At Work	Compassion Fatigue Workshop - 1 hr
	Supporting Animal Care and Facility Operations with Home Cage Monitoring		
11:00-11:30			
11:30-12:00	Poster presentations		
12:00-1:00	Lunch and vendor time		
	<b>Tract 1:</b>	<b>Tract 2:</b>	<b>Workshop/breakout:</b>
1:00-2:00	Platinum Vendor Talk - VRL - 10 mins	Peaceable Primate Sanctuary Talk	3D Printing Workshop - 2 hrs
	Beyond Prediction: How AI is Transforming Animal Welfare	Platinum Vendor talk - Tecniplast - 10 mins	
2:30-3:30	Herding Cats: A Interactive 55 Lecture for Operational Excellence in Laboratory Animal Science	Bridging Culture and Science: Experiences of a Laboratory Animal Vet in Asia	
3:30-4:00	Vendor Time		
4:00-5:00	Streamlining Adverse Event Reporting	Captive Nonhuman Primate Behavior	AALAS Certification Escape Room Workshop - 1 hr
5:00-6:30	Downtime to prepare for the awards and dinner		
6:30-8:30	Awards banquet - Spotlight speaker Jeff Wyatt - "Healing The Planet With A Stethoscope" - buffet dinner, cash bar - 1920s themed - dress the part!!!		

Friday, May 1, 2026

7-8:30 Breakfast			
	<b>Tract 1:</b>	<b>Tract 2:</b>	<b>Workshop/breakout</b>
8:00-9:00	Platinum Vendor talk - 10 mins	Happy Animals Equals Good Science	White belt course max 20 - 4 hrs
	"The Mighty, the Tiny, and the Kinda Silly: Nature's Strangest Creatures and the Science They Inspire"	Platinum Vendor Talk - 10 mins	
9:00-10:00	Controlled Substances	Pigment: Enriching Art from The Heart of Research - A Novel Multi-Species Art-Based Education and Outreach Initiative to Enhance Public Understanding of Laboratory Animal Science	
10:00-10:30	Break - vendor time		
10:30-10:45	Cross-Fostering as a Method to Eradicate Disease in Mice	Unity in the Workplace Then and Now	
10:45-11:00	Long Evans rat presented for hind limb paralysis		
11:00-11:30	Dry Heat Sterilization in Vivariums - A Sustainable Alternative for Sterilization in the Lab Animal Facility		
11:30-12:30	Contemporary Sentinel-Free Methods Improve Detection of Rodent Infectious Agents in Health Surveillance and Quarantine	Anthrozoology: What the Heck is it and Why does it Matter in Lab Animal Science?	



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# Poster Abstract Submission Now Open!

## 2026 District 5 AALAS Meeting – Indianapolis



### Indiana Branch AALAS is now accepting poster abstracts for the 2026 District 5 Meeting!

Share your research with the D5 community—Awards will be presented to the top 3 posters during the banquet.

[How to Submit](#)

- Follow the National AALAS [abstract](#) guideline and poster format.
- Submit a one-page (maximum) abstract to: [j.anderson@lilly.com](mailto:j.anderson@lilly.com)
- Deadline: March 2, 2026
- Authors will be notified of acceptance decision by: March 27, 2026

**Submit early! Space is limited to 20 posters!**



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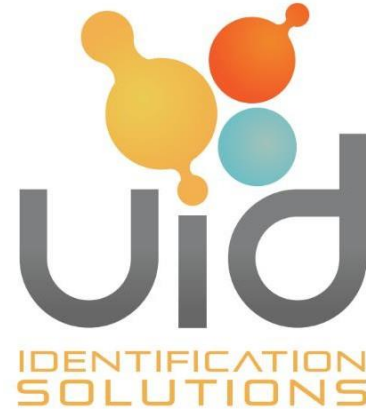
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