Dear Investigators,

In the fall of 2011, the IACUC sponsored a two day training webinar for university animal based research groups. Both days, seating for this webinar quickly filled to capacity and the feedback received from those in attendance indicated that the information presented was very helpful. As this was a successful training tool, the IACUC would like to offer further training opportunities to individuals working with animals in research.

The IACUC is soliciting ideas from you and your research team for training topics you would like to see addressed.

Details:

- Selected topic proposals will be funded by the IACUC and made available to all animal researchers who wish to attend. Topics must be relevant to animal research and should be applicable on a programmatic level.
- Proposals for topics should include a description of the topic and of how the topic will benefit your research and the institutional program as a whole.
- Topics should be specific and include both species and procedures or methodologies to be discussed. Some topic examples are:
  - Rodent survival surgery, recovery, and post-operative care
  - Analgesia and pain management in porcine surgical models
  - Pain recognition in mice and rats
  - Managing rodent breeding colonies
  - Blood draw techniques in small animal models
  - Protocol writing, alternatives search, and procedural justifications
  - Large animal enrichment
- Any proposal identified as having a conflict of interest will not be accepted.
- Proposals must be received by August 31st

Please send your proposals, or any questions or comments you may have, to Jeremy DeRicco at dericcojs@upmc.edu