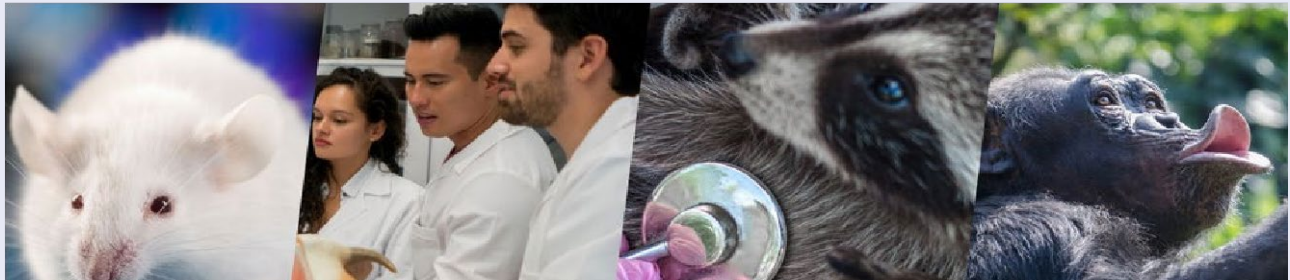


Open Questions in Laboratory Animal Science: The Next 25 Years— Webinar

Roundtable on Science and Welfare of Animals Involved in Research



Friday, April 17th, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00pm ET | 9:00 – 10:00am PT

Purpose This opening session launches the Roundtable’s *Global Dialogues on Laboratory Animal Science* webinar series and begins a question-driven, interactive conversation about where laboratory animal science may be headed and why. Developed with input from Dr. Marcel Frajblat, the session will focus on consequential questions facing the field rather than predictions. Discussion topics will include advances in genetics and model development, animal welfare and ethics, technological innovation, sustainability and facility realities, workforce challenges, and international perspectives on the global alignment of standards and expectations. Participants will be invited to respond to polls, share perspectives, and help identify priorities for future sessions in the series.

- 12:00pm–
12:07pm** **Roundtable Welcome and Webinar Introduction**
Sally Thompson-Iritani, Roundtable Chair
Nia Johnson, Senior Program Officer, Life Sciences and Biotechnology (LSB)
- 12:07pm–
12:10pm** **ICLAS Welcome and Speaker Introduction**
Jussi Helppi, President, ICLAS
- 12:10pm–
12:45pm** **Speaker Presentations**
Marcel Frajblat, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro and General Secretary, ICLAS
- 12:45pm–
12:56pm** **Discussion: Question & Answer Session**
- 12:56pm–
12:58pm** **Closing Poll**
Nia Johnson, Senior Program Officer, Life Sciences and Biotechnology (LSB)
- 12:58pm–
1:00pm** **Closing Remarks**
Sally Thompson-Iritani, Roundtable Chair

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