



- Newsletter from the Animal Facility at Biomedicine –

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1) Implementation of LAS in the Animal Facility at Anatomy April 2017

LAS is the new IT-system for the Animal Facilities at Faculty of Health. In brief, LAS is the application platform designed to help managing and registering your activities in the Animal Facilities. It will gather all the needed information regarding animals, billing and the yearly statistics reporting for the Animal Experiments Inspectorate. A relatively large amount of entry data such as user information, animal experiment licenses and animal strains have to be filled before the system is up running. Therefore, it has been decided to introduce LAS at the Department of Biomedicine in stages, beginning with the Animal Facility at Biomedicine South (Anatomy) from the 3rd of April 2017. Initially, LAS will be used predominantly for ordering of animals, but gradually other functions of LAS, such as animal management during experiments, breeding and billing will be introduced in close collaboration between the animal technicians and users. Implementation of LAS in the other Animal Facilities at the Department of Biomedicine will proceed as soon as possible hereafter. Information on time schedules will follow.

2) LAS workshops Friday the 31 March in room 1231-114 (9-11 and 12-14)

To support and ensure the best possible basis for introduction of LAS to the users of the Animal Facility at Biomedicine South (Anatomy), two workshops will be held Friday the 31st of March in room 1231-114 at 9-11 and 12-14, respectively. During these sessions, Filippo Peder D'Andrea and Peter Aakær Nielsen will introduce LAS and offer hands-on experience with the program having focus on: 1) Request, "Bestilling af dyr". 2) Animal Management, "Sætte dyr i forsøg, aflive og afslutte forsøg". 3) Billing, "Gennemgang af økonomi". 4) Breeding, "Gennemgang af avlsmodulet". Thus, please bring your laptop. No registration for the workshop needed.

Link to homepage where LAS is introduced and guidelines are available:

<http://clin.medarbejdere.au.dk/dyrefaciliteter/lasaudk/>





3) Statistics reporting from all permits (deadline 31 March 2017)

The Animal Experiments Inspectorate must receive statistic data from all permits which are or have been valid for all or part of a calendar year 2016. Statistics reporting must be submitted through the online application and reporting system, AIRD:

<https://dyreforsoegstilsynet.fvst.dk/Pages/default.aspx>

Even though no experiments have been conducted under a valid animal experiment permit (license), statistics reporting is mandatory.

4) Price reduction for assistance and help during animal handling and experiments

In order to support and increase the quality of handling of animals during experiments, animal technicians in the Animal Facility will offer assistance and help. Especially for new users and users with less experience with animal handling and procedures, we strongly encourage to accept this offer. Qualified assistance and help during animal handling lowers the level of stress on both animals and users and ultimately increase the scientific outcome and minimize the risk of unintended events. Please contact your local animal technicians in advance, so you can discuss your needs and make plans for assistance. To promote this initiative, it has been decided to reduce the price for animal technician assistance with about 50%. Thus, from the 1st of April 2017, the price for animal technician assistance will be 250 DKr per hour and will be billed on basis of factual time used. The price will be similar to the prices at KU and SDU, and will reflect the cost we have on the activity.

5) Reduction in animal transport costs by coordination of booking

The costs for transporting of animals, e.g., from Jackson Laboratories in USA to Denmark, are not negligible. To reduce the costs as much as possible, the Animal Facility offers to coordinate ordering and booking from several users on monthly basis. Thus, if you have plans for ordering animals, please contact your local animal technician (team leader) and we will try to coordinate a total order on a monthly basis. The level of cost reduction depends on different factors such as your time schedule, animal strain, number and age of animals ordered, and the ability of Jackson Laboratories to ship animals at the same time. Before ordering, we will be able to help you getting a cost estimate.





6) Zipper bags for mobile phones and disinfection wipes for accessories

To counteract the risk of introducing microbial organisms into the Animal Facility and, ultimately, the animal stock, plastic zipper bags for mobile phones and disinfection wipes for laptops and other accessories are available at the lock to the Animal Facility. Personal mobile phones must be kept in plastic zipper bags when used in the Animal Facility and other equipment and accessories must be cleaned with disinfection wipes.

7) Access to the Animal Facility restricted to qualified persons only

It is important to emphasize that access to the Animal Facility is granted only to persons who have passed the mandatory laboratory animal courses and have been introduced to the facility by the responsible animal technician (team leader). Access is effectuated by updating your AU card. The AU card is personal and must not be handed over to colleagues to allow them to enter the Animal Facility.

8) New welcome folder for users of the Animal Facility

The Animal Facility Management have addressed the need for making the most essential information on work flows in the facility more easily available and visible to users. A new welcome folder will very shortly be presented and will be handed out to all new users of the Animal Facility during introduction before access is granted. We hope this basic level of information will allow, especially new users, to become more assured and feel welcome when working in the facility. In brief, the folder will contain information on:

1. How to get access to the Animal Facility
2. Prerequisites for conducting animal experiments: License and Project Plan
3. Breeding of GMO animals
4. Requisition and ordering of animals
5. What to do when using chemical or biological agents in animal experiments
6. Contact information





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Information will also be available on the Animal Facility homepage, which will be updated regularly:

<http://dyrefaciliteter.au.dk/institut-for-biomedicin/>

Login: biomed-dyr, password: alpha

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<http://dyrefaciliteter.au.dk/en/department-of-biomedicine/>

Best regards,

on behalf of the Animal Facility Management, Jakob Harslund

This newsletter is sent to keep the users of animal facilities at the Department informed about conditions in the animal facilities ranging from organizational and management to the daily routines and guidelines

The newsletter is distributed to employees in - and users of – the animal facilities in Bartholin, Anatomy-, Biochemistry- and Physiology- Buildings.

Responsible for the newsletter is the Animal Facilities Management.

