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Dear colleagues

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT (RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY) CIRCULAR**  
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**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN RESPONSIBLE CARE AND USE OF LABORATORY ANIMALS  
(RCULA) NUS TRAINING COURSE**

Comparative Medicine (CM), together with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is initiating online training to replace the existing lecture series held once per month. Investigators requiring training will be assigned to complete Module 1A and/or 1B (1A: Biomedical Research and Teaching; 1B: Wildlife & Field Studies) depending on the nature of their work. These modules cover the regulated mandatory training related to animal care and use. The last (82<sup>nd</sup>) RCULA lecture will be held on March 20, 2013. Part 1A will be launched in April and Part 1B will be ready in August.

The modules will be available to do at the animal researchers' convenience rather than trying to fit into the monthly lecture. This will also allow new hires to start their research faster.

The hands-on sessions have also been restructured to provide smaller classes for better learning and to provide instruction that is more specific to the participants' project and species used. The sessions will be shorter and more streamlined because participants will be assigned other relevant online modules to complete, at their leisure, prior to the hands-on component. The hands-on sessions will be offered more frequently as needed, rather than once per month, to better serve your research needs.

I am pleased to announce that fees for training will be waived beginning 01 Apr 2013 for NUS faculty, staff and students, for at least one year.

We invite you to attend an informal Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday 10 Apr 2013, 3-4 p.m., Centre for Life Sciences auditorium, Level 1, where Mr. Tay Yi Quan (Shawn), CM Training Co-ordinator will give an overview of the revised training program and be available to answer your questions.

More information is available on the IACUC website at

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/iacuc/policies%20and%20guidelines/Policy%20on%20education%20and%20training.pdf>

Mr. Shawn Tay is available to answer questions you may have. Shawn can be contacted by email [lactayyq@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lactayyq@nus.edu.sg) or phone 6601-3005.

With best regards

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