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AALAS is Dedicated to the Humane Care and Treatment of laboratory animals and the Quality Research that leads to scientific gains that benefit people and animals.

National AALAS has eight separate districts. Minnesota is part of district six which is made up of central Illinois, Chicago, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and southern Wisconsin.

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Mark your Calendar

August 8th, 2007

The Minnesota Branch of AALAS invites you to our Recognition Program and Annual Banquet

Schedule of Events:

August 8th, 2007

1230-1630

Come early and visit the park, zoo and conservatory
Recreation Park and rides, Paddle boats on the lake, Swimming pool

(Free Parking – some fees charged for some activities)

<http://www.stpaul.gov/depts/parks/activities/>

St. Paul Como Park

Black Bear Crossing

(Only Building on the Lake)

1360 N. Lexington Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55103

http://www.comozooconservatory.org/como_park/index.shtml

Tropical Encounters

The Como Park Zoo and Conservatory's new exhibit, Tropical Encounters, is now open!

The new \$2.1 million exhibit is a total immersion experience which allows guests to visit an authentic neo-tropical rainforest and explore the relationships between plants and animals. Tropical Encounters is the first new exhibit at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory in over two decades as well as the first that combines both the plant and animal worlds. The two-story exhibit is located on the South end of the new Visitor Center which opened in 2005.



Tropical Encounters takes guests on an adventure through a Central and South American rainforest through the eyes of experienced Minnesotan field researchers and hundreds of plants and animals. Guests will encounter such animals as freshwater stingrays, giant river turtles, frogs, toads, fish, free-roaming birds, an anaconda and Chloe the sloth. They will also view rainforest trees and plants including strangler fig, kapok, cecropia, annatto, mahogany, peach palm, balsa, ice cream bean and more. An integral part of the natural ecosystem is the insects that are essential to its survival, including the leaf-cutter ants and tailless whip scorpions that will be featured in Tropical Encounters.

The exhibit also highlights a fallen "canopy giant" tree designed by Bios, Inc of Bainbridge Island, Washington. The tree's upper branches, which are covered in epiphytes and normally located 100' or more overhead, are now lying on the ground with bromeliads and orchids at eye level. The fallen canopy giant will also create a light gap in the dense rainforest. This light filled area is infused with a profusion of vines, lianas and seedlings which regenerate the forest.

Another feature of the exhibit is a rainforest farm that illustrates the importance of sustainable agriculture to indigenous farmers and to the US on export crops such as cocoa, avocado, banana, papaya and coffee. A vast number of products come from the rainforest such as rubber bamboo and red dyes used by indigenous people for body paint and western women for lipstick. Plants that provide medicine for indigenous people of the forest and are studied in modern medicine will also be exhibited.

Rainforests now cover less than 6% of Earth's land surface. Scientists estimate that more than half of all the world's plant and animal species live in tropical rainforests. Tropical rainforests produce 40% of Earth's oxygen.

Today, rainforests are faced with a rapid and recent destruction of habitat as a consequence of human intervention. Rainforest clearing is destroying the homes and biodiversity in one of the most prolific animal and plant biomes on Earth. Species have formed interdependent relationships, all of which are dependent on the trees. With the loss of the forests, thousands of these species will become extinct before they can be discovered.



Driving Directions go to: www.mapquest.com or www.randmcnally.com

For Those that want to Golf



Please contact Terrie Grove at 763-255-0224 or 651-238-0538 for information

9-holes \$18.00

18-holes \$29.00

Club & cart rentals available

Check out the New MN Branch Web Site:

www.mnaalas.org

Past Award Winners

2006	<p>Jason Kilvington Jason Woehrle Heidi Fust Dave and Terry Theise</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award Vendor Appreciation Award</p>
2005	<p>Holly Coleman Cheryl Griese No Nomination</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
2004	<p>No Nomination Julie Hudak Mary Knudsen</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
2003	<p>Susan Coopmans Larry Johnson No Nomination</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
2002	<p>Robin Miller No Nomination Terrie Grove</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
2001	<p>Chris Webb Julie Schindler James Byrne</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
2000	<p>Mary Jane Courtney Pete Stielow No Nomination</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
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1998	<p>Paula Bazille Suzanne Ford No Nomination</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
1997	<p>Tyra Witt Suzanne Ford Ed Moffat</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>
1996	<p>Dave Johnson Jill Hart Dale Cooper</p>	<p>Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award</p>

1995	Richard Sandoval Cherylann Gieseke DeWayne Walker	Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award
1994	Mary Hopp Duane Grussing Dale Nelson	Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award
1993	Unknown Unknown Unknown	Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award
1992	Suanne Ford James Byrne Dr. Paul Zollman	Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award
1991	Penny LaPlante Craig Atkinson Unknown	Technician of the Year Technologist of the Year Patrick J Manning Award

Congratulations to all of our past winners and a very special Thank You for all your hard
work
MN Branch of AALAS



About Our Organization...

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How to Become a Member of Minnesota AALAS

The Minnesota Branch of the [American Association for Laboratory Animal Science](#), Inc. (MN AALAS) is an organization of laboratory animal professionals with the mission of: "Promoting Training and Education of Laboratory Animal Technicians and the Public in the use of Laboratory Animals in Research."

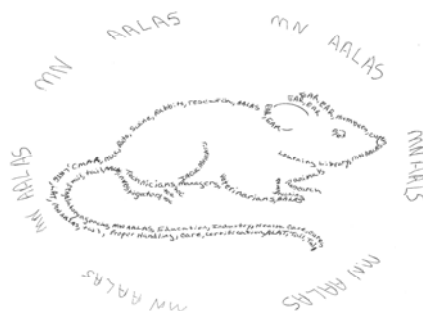
Membership is open to anyone employed in, or with an interest in the field of laboratory animal medicine. New members must be sponsored by a current MN AALAS member.

Membership in MN AALAS gives you these educational, career development & networking opportunities on the local level:

- Educational programs with CE credits by the MVMA and MN Veterinary Board
- Development of a "Training Network" to bring the collective skills of MN AALAS members to your fingertips
- Quarterly Newsletter with information and vendors for all your laboratory needs
- Networking with nearly 150 fellow laboratory animal professionals
- Annual Banquet with fun, food, prizes and a speaker
- Awards to recognize excellence in laboratory animal science
- Development of a K-12 outreach program to teach kids about animal care and the importance of research, including a World-Wide Web site at: <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/rar/MNAALAS/>
- Just a good bunch of people (and their animals)!

For more information, complete a [membership form](#):

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American Association for Laboratory Animal Science Inc.
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Laboratory Animals in Research.

2007 Minnesota Branch Application for Membership

I hereby apply for membership in the Minnesota Branch of the American Association for
Laboratory Animal Science

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Name: _____

Institution: _____

Street Address/Bldg: _____

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City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Fax: (____) _____ - _____

Please send me an electric copy of the newsletter: Yes _____ No _____
(in order to reduce printing costs we are working on sending most newsletters
electronically)

Membership status: (Note: Membership expires December 31, 2007)

New _____ Renewal _____

National Member ____ Yes ____ No

If applying for new membership, please complete sponsors name and sponsor signature:

Name of Sponsoring Member: _____

Signature of Sponsoring Member: _____

Type of Membership: Note (Membership expires on December 31, 2007)

____ Individual Membership: Dues \$15.00/Year,

____ Corporate Sponsor: Dues \$25.00
(Includes 2 Complementary Individual Memberships plus Link on MN Web Page)

(Make Checks Payable to MN AALAS)

Send Applications to: Heidi Fust, AALAS Treasurer, Heidi.fust@medtronic.com

Medtronic, 11520 Yellow Pine St SW, Minneapolis, MN 55448-3108, Phone 763-514-6983, Fax 763-514-6889

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Date: ____/____/____ Processed By: _____ Copy for Newsletter Mail list

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