ORAd Highlights:

Jack Hershey (CMR), Shoreh Miller (Research Services), and Lauren Zizza (ORRA) were awarded a $6,588 grant from the ACLAM Foundation for the project titled “The effect of sanitation on a common rodent behavioral assay of anxiety.” The project examines the effect of sanitation (or lack thereof) on outcome the Elevated Plus Maze, one of the most common assays currently used in behavioral research.

Mariel Nigro and Leslie Bird placed second with their poster “Implementing a Sanitation Verification Program for PI Testing Chambers and Surgical Equipment”. Their poster has just been accepted for the National AALAS meeting to be held later this year.

Liz Dodemaide participated in a Train the Trainers Institute program to develop IACUC member training modules. This is a collaborative program with government agencies - USDA, OLAW, NIH, FDA, NSF and the Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) group, as well as invited participants from across the US.

Rutgers Newark CMR was granted Full Continued Accreditation program by AAALAC (Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care). This was our first site visit to include both legacies. Congratulations to our Newark colleagues on a job well done! AAALAC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through voluntary accreditation and assessment programs. Although it is voluntary for institutions to participate in triennial site visits, most world renowned and respected research institutions work tirelessly to achieve accreditation.

ORAd Finance & Administration has established an office in Newark to support our animal care program. It is located in Aidekman Hall, 3rd Floor.

Nancy Rossi won first prize in the institutional poster category at the recent AALAS TriBranch Symposium, poster titled “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle for Rodents”.

New Hires & Promotions!

ORAd recently welcomed two new employees to our amazing team:
* Hande Gumuskemer, Business Specialist Supervisor – Finance & Administration, Newark
* Steven Cancellieri, Supervisor, CMR Busch – Piscataway

Congratulations to David Miller who was promoted to manager of CMR New Brunswick facilities and operations

Congratulations to Jorge Ramirez and Felipe Franco who were recently promoted to Senior Laboratory Animal Care Technician after successfully passing the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) exam and receiving their ALAT (Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician certification).