

## Protocol Maintenance: Modifications and Addendums

Most Animal Utilization Proposals (AUP) will need modifications or addendums to meet changing research directions or to improve the overall research plan over the 3-year life of the document.

All changes to the original AUP **must receive IACUC approval prior to initiation** of the new procedure(s).

Significant changes to the AUP would encompass issues such as:

- A change in the overall aims or objectives of the study;
- A change which may involve an increase in the levels of pain, distress, and/or discomfort;
- A change from non-surgery to surgery, from minor to major surgery, from non-survival to survival surgery, or from single to multiple survival surgery;
- An increase (greater than 5%) in the approximate number of animals used;
- A change in the genus or species of animals used;
- A change in the PI for an AUP;
- The addition of the use of hazardous agents in animal procedures; or
- A change in the method of euthanasia.

(This list is not meant to be comprehensive.)

All changes to an AUP require a written request to the IACUC. Be sure to use the most recent forms, available on the IACUC website.

## New IACUC Chair Appointed

David Crews, a longtime member of the IACUC, has been appointed as the new IACUC Chair, effective June 1, 2008. Dr. Crews arrived at UT in 1981 and his research has focused on the behavioral and neuroendocrine adaptations of different kinds of reptiles. He has also worked extensively with other organisms, including flies, fish, frogs, birds, rats, and genetically modified mice.

## Semi-Annual Inspections: Complete!

The May 2008 Semi-Annual inspections are complete. Sixty-three (N=63) **minor deficiencies** were identified (N=55 minor deficiencies were identified from November 1 to November 19, 2007; an increase of eight (N=8) deficiencies from six months ago).

The University of Texas at Austin IACUC is working hard to ensure that our Animal Care and Use Program is the best that it can be. Thanks for doing your part in helping us achieve this goal.

## Tip of the Month

The IACUC has established their meeting calendar through August 2009. The IACUC meeting dates and submission deadlines can be found on the web:

<http://www.utexas.edu/iacuc>

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **July 14, 2008**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **July 2, 2008**.