



Ohio Scientific Education and Research Association

Annual Report

2014-2015

Research saving people, research saving animals.

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Mission:

To promote better understanding of biomedical and biological research and its ethical conduct for the improved health and well-being of people, animals and the environment. Our work centers on supporting excellence in science teaching, building connections between scientists and students, and strengthening the research community.



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A Message From The President:

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As we apply the finishing touches to the year 2014, OSERA has continued its journey along its new path, maintaining its commitment to its missions of connection and education in a time of polarity and conflict. OSERA was able to reach beyond its state borders for speakers and presentations for those committed to the responsible conduct of biomedical research.

The organization has succeeded in spite of a sluggish economy that has been especially unkind to non-profit organizations. Over the last few years, a number of OSERA's sister organizations supporting biomedical research and education in other states have downsized or folded entirely.

OSERA has also found that it must do more with less, as many of its member organizations still find that funding is difficult. However, OSERA continues to find support from individuals and groups that believe in its mission even as the organization and research environment change.

March was especially busy for OSERA. In place of the Annual Animal Forum, the organization presented a one-day Symposium in conjunction with the New Jersey Foundation for Biomedical Research entitled "IACUC Training Symposium-Managing the Issues and Challenges of the IACUC." Nearly 100 attendees from across the Midwest heard experts from Ohio and beyond discuss this vitally important aspect of animal-based research and teaching. Evaluation of the program and speakers was overwhelmingly positive and the organization wants to hear from its members about the interest and need for a similar event in the future.

OSERA was also pleased to honor three young scientists at Ohio's State Science Day in May with the OSERA Outstanding Award for Biomedical Research/ Bioengineering. They and their classmates are our present and our future. The winners and their projects may be seen at the organization's website, osera.org.

In 2014, we launched a new web presence. OSERA's new year will be one in which the organization expands and improves web access for both members and the public. OSERA will be able to provide educational materials at no or minimal cost via the web and provide links to news and content from other groups offering support to research. In the future, a secure members-only section will allow events to be publicized in a quick and efficient manner. Stay tuned.

In closing, I wish to thank the dedicated donors and members who make OSERA the vital and dynamic resource it is today. You should all be proud of the organization's accomplishments and its future, as you are part of both. I also cannot overstate the dedication and hard work by our Executive Director, Ms. Julianne Waldo. Julie continues at OSERA's helm, directing the organization through calm seas and more frequently, swift currents and turbulent storms.

OSERA's past gives it a solid foundation, the future is bright and we welcome your participation.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Corcoran, DVM JD
President, OSERA*



osera Benefits:

“Why Science Matters” Excellence in Scientific Education

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF FUTURE SCIENTISTS

OSERA sponsors awards at The Ohio State Science Day for the top three outstanding projects in the field of biomedical research and bioengineering. Board members serve as judges during science day creating an opportunity to interact directly with students.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

OSERA educates the public through programs designed to emphasize the connection between biomedical research, medical progress and the ethical use of animals.

SCIENTIFIC CAREER and DEVELOPMENT

OSERA serves as a resource for teachers and students by making available educational material related to life science, particularly animals in research. We can arrange for speakers to come to classrooms for science and career days.

CONNECTING SCIENTIST and STUDENTS

OSERA strives to increase interest in and understanding of biomedical research and biomedical engineering in Ohio schools.

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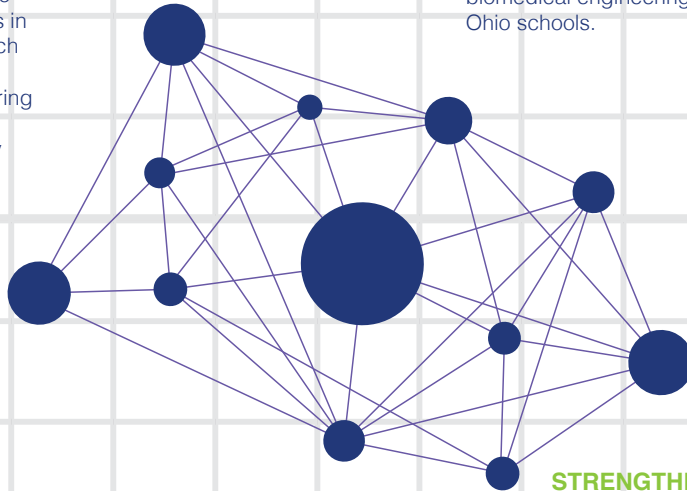
OSERA provides a centralized bank of information, research projects and resources for members, students, teachers, community and media.

ANIMAL WELFARE vs. ANIMAL ACTIVISM

OSERA promotes the responsible use of animals in biomedical research, teaching and testing.

STRENGTHENING THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

OSERA provides continuing education opportunities in the areas of IACUC Training, Animal Welfare Act, Bioterrorism, Biosafety Animal Rights Activities and more.



Accomplishments:

OSERA presented an IACUC symposium attended by nearly 100 people providing continuing education opportunities in the areas of IACUC Training.

OSERA provided continuing education opportunities about the Animal Welfare Act, Bioterrorism, Biosafety, Animal Rights Activities and more.

OSERA was in attendance at The Ohio State Science Day where over 1200 students were provided information on careers, education and biomedical research.

OSERA sponsored awards for the top three outstanding projects in the field of biomedical research and bioengineering.

Attended the National AALAS meeting.

Awareness

Communication

Education

Collaboration

Engagement

Interaction

Support

Outreach

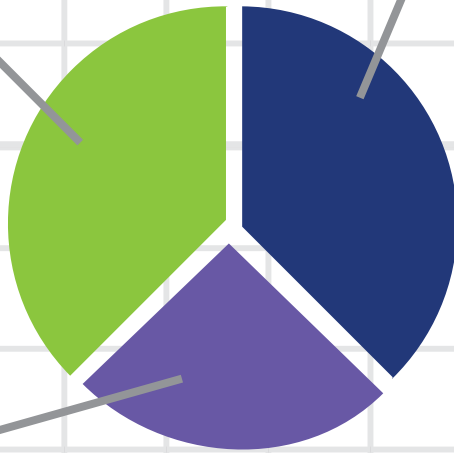
2016-17 Goals:

Increase Membership

- Face to Face Meetings
- Interactive Website
- Social Media
- Email Communications

Strengthen Current Member Relations

- Collaboration with SUBR to Maximize OSERA Potentials
- Host Spring Symposium
- Monitor Legislative Activities
- Create Stronger Partnerships with National Organization
- Nationwide Awareness Campaign to Provide Meetings and Educational Opportunities



Educational Outreach

- Ohio State Science Day
- New Educational Outreach
- Program for Students

Board Members:



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