Report on 2021 Pathology of Laboratory Animals Meeting

The 2021 Pathology of Laboratory Animals was conceived entirely as a online experience as a result of the pandemic. This year, due to the unavailability of Dr. Sarah Bro, who has directed Current Lab Animal Seminar Series, it was a standalone course. Dr. Bro is already on board for a 2021 course in conjunction with 2021 POLA.

The 2021 Pathology of Lab Animals Course was the largest moneymaker of 2020 courses for the Foundation, with 154 participants bringing in a total of $52K. There are a number of reasons for its success – a combined audience of lab animal medicine practitioners and pathologists, as well as a staggered price scheme for members and non-members of $300 and $400, respectively. There was no rebroadcast scheduled which increased the number of international attendees.

The course handouts, schedule and activities were made available to the participants via Canvas, and two mock exams were given. The faculty was a combination of veteran presenters (Cory Brayton and Amanda Beck) and a number of first time presenters (Emily Corbin, Sarah Cudd, and Jason Thornton of the JPC, and Laura Cregar of Charles River Laboratories). The Course Director was Dr. Robert Kim of the US Armed Forces Institute of Infectious Disease, and the Zoom host was Bruce Williams.

Plans are underway for the 2021 course, with hopes for a hybrid meeting for CLASS/POLA.