General information to potential working group candidates

The Scand-LAS “Committee on Education and training” (ET Committee) can appoint ad hoc working groups for specific tasks. The tasks of the working group (WG) are specified in the Terms of Reference for the specific WG. The ET Committee is responsible for evaluating nominated candidates and appointing the members to such working groups.

The working group should produce a report with the gathered information on the topic of the WG. The aim of the report is to enhance animal welfare, scientific quality, and harmonisation by providing guidance on education and training in animal research. The aim is to publish the report in the Scandinavian Journal of Animal Science (SJLAS), after the review process by the ET Committee. All WG members will be co-authors of the report, together with the ET Committee.

The target audience of the WG report are all persons related to or involved in education and training in animal research. WG publications also target responsible national and local authorities to assist the harmonizing process of legislation and decision-making.

Candidates for the working group can be nominated by any Scand-LAS member, or by self-nomination. Nominated candidates should have the competence and expertise as defined in the Terms of reference of the WG and submit their nomination on the forms and within the deadlines provided in the call for WG candidates. Candidates do not have to be members of Scand-LAS.

Before you agree to be nominated as a working group member, you should be aware of the time and workload (face-to-face and digital meetings, gathering information, writing the manuscript, reviewing the manuscript and including comments from ET Committee, etc.).

Usually, the WG will be composed of six members, including the convener, chosen by the ET-Committee. The working groups should normally finish their work (with a manuscript/report ready for review and publication) in a time frame of two years. The convener will organize several meetings during these two years. Preparation of the manuscript is usually the most time-consuming. You should therefore carefully evaluate your ability to fulfil this additional workload beside your daily duties.

Working group members who miss two or more consecutive meetings and/or do not contribute to the joint report may be excluded under proposal of the convener submitted to the chair of the ET Committee and validated by the ET Committee.

If you are willing to dedicate the necessary time to the WG your expert knowledge and input are highly appreciated and needed to make the working group successful!