



IERB AND IACUC ORIENTATION

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The Research Orientation, organized by the CEU Institutional Ethics Review Board (IERB) and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) on September 27, 2023, utilized a hybrid approach, with Zoom accommodating online participants (398), and LAH Seminar Rooms 2&3 hosting in-person attendees (70). The primary aim of this event was to provide Research Coordinators/Advisers and Principal Investigators/Leaders with a comprehensive overview of the Research Protocol, IERB/IACUC Policies, and the necessary forms for Researchers to complete and submit.

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Julius O. De Leon, who serves as the Head of Political Science and also chaired the panel for Non-Science. Dr. Erna V. Yabut, the Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Institutional Development, then delivered her Opening Remarks. Following this, Dr. Marivic Villamor, the Vice Chair of CEU-IERB, proceeded to provide insights into the Guide to Protocol Writing.

Dr. Ronald D. Subida, the Chair of CEU IERB, covered various important topics during his presentation. These included requirements before registering with IERB, instructions for the IERB online course, payment procedures, the issuance of a protocol code after registration, guidelines for renaming files, the appropriate email subject for initial submission, the initial submission process, IERB forms, the process for the resubmission within a 90-day window, procedures for final reports and amendment applications, and an



overview of the STEPs involved in the research process. Following the presentation, the Chair and Vice Chair of IERB addressed inquiries from both online and in-person participants.

Following a brief 10-minute break, the IACUC Orientation began, covering essential subjects. Dr. Imelda Romero, who serves as the Head of the Biological Science Department, presented information on the Animal House Facility. Subsequently, Mr. Rogelio Cruz, the Coordinator of Biological Research and Facilities, offered valuable insights into the Policies governing the utilization of research facilities.



Dr. Florisa M. Vilorio, the Veterinarian, delivered a comprehensive presentation during the IACUC Orientation, covering a range of crucial topics. She began with an introduction to the IACUC Orientation and then delved into important considerations for designing and conducting research involving animals. The session included a discussion on animal rights and welfare, emphasizing the pivotal role animals play in biomedical research and offering guidelines for their responsible use in research. Dr. Vilorio also provided insights into different categories and types of laboratory and experimental animals, explained the classification of laboratory animals, and highlighted the significance of pertinent laws and regulations, such as Republic Act 8485, RA 10631, and DA, AO No. 40 Series of 1999. The presentation encompassed collaboration with the

IACUC, essential information required for IACUC submissions, the process for submitting research protocols to the IACUC, and the exploration of alternatives to the use of animals in research endeavors.

Dr. Ronald D. Subida brought this event to a close by delivering his concluding remarks, which were followed by the presentation of Certificates of Recognition to all the speakers.

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