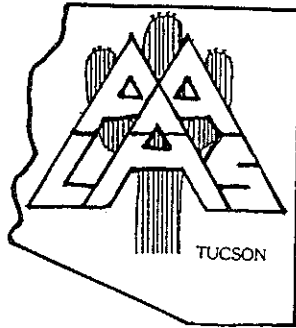


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FAREWELL FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Well, another year has come and gone. It has been a very interesting and educational experience serving as president of the Arizona Branch of AALAS. It has been a real pleasure to work with this year's board and getting to know more and more of the branch's diverse membership. The changes made to the constitution will hopefully lead to a stronger, more evenly represented organization where the members have more say as to what goes on. I am very happy to welcome aboard the new board members and look forward to serving as past president in 1996. I am also looking forward to our branch hosting the 1996 District Eight Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in May. Hope to see you all there!

Cindy Richner

HELLO FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

I look forward with great pleasure to serving as your President in 1996 as our branch hosts the District 8 meeting. This will be an exciting and informative year for us as technicians, researchers, veterinarians and vendors converge upon Tucson for the latest information and technology. Your assistance and advice would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue the education, information service and membership drive that has been the focus of our goals the past several years.

Jane Criswell

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ANNUAL DINNER SUMMARY

This year's annual dinner was held November 17, 1995 at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, in Tucson. There were 30 people in attendance including a few potential new members. The raffle was a great success with the branch raising almost \$500 for the Cancer Center's Childlife Activity Center. Many thanks go out to those companies who donated items for the raffle! Our thanks also to our banquet speaker, Dr. Mark Witten, for his refreshing speech, "Is it Better to be Lucky?" The winners of this year's branch awards are: Cynthia Richner for Technician of the Year and Louise Brooks for Member of the Year. Congratulations to each of them and our 1996 Officers: President-Jane Criswell, President-Elect-Tim Martin, Secretary-Treasurer-Grace Aranda, Board Member-Dennis Dreher & Technician Branch Representative-Leigh Kleinert. The new board is looking forward to working with you in 1996!

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In Appreciation

The Arizona Branch of AALAS is grateful to all those who worked so hard to ensure the smooth progression from planning through conclusion of our 9th Annual Dinner including the following:

Program/Speakers Committee: Grace Aranda, Jane Criswell, Don DeYoung, Tim Martin, Cindy Richner

Registration Committee: Grace Aranda, Louise Brooks, Jane Criswell, Beth Skovan

Awards Committee: Grace Aranda, Gail Burge, Jane Criswell, Cheryl Johnson, Tim Martin, Penny Trovillion

Accommodations Committee: Grace Aranda, Jane Criswell, Cindy Richner

Raffle Committee: Grace Aranda, Louise Brooks, Jane Criswell, Tim Martin, Kathy Stollberg, Ashley Walton

ATTENTION TECHNICIANS

AALAS is interested in your experience(s) as a technician. We would like to get involved and share your knowledge. Each time Contemporary Topics is published there is a section for technician tips. Please make an effort to submit an article for the COLAT BRIEF of Contemporary Topics. Call Leigh Kleinert (520)626-4707 if you would like help or need additional information.

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If you are interested in placing an ad in the newsletter the following price schedules are in effect:

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Each ad will run four times during the year. In addition, if your organization has any general announcements and/or articles which would be of interest to our members, please feel free to send them to us for publication. Please send copy to Editor: Univ of AZ, Bldg 101, Tucson, AZ 85721.

DISTRICT 8 CAUCUS REPORT

This is a report on the general assembly and District 8 caucus held at this year's national AALAS meeting in Baltimore, MD on October 15th 1995.

The brief general assembly introduced incoming President, Hugh Haroff. Hugh got things rolling with a joke and I believed set the tone for the upcoming year. Under his leadership the national organization intends to fulfill the previously set long range strategic plan by expending lots of energy on completing ambitious goals such as updating the technician certification educational materials and bringing the regional meeting or module for district and local meetings to the members in an initial "Train the Trainers" workshop. However, he made it clear he intends to set a high priority on improving national & branch relations by providing more, better service to the members and by showing that being a part of national can be a lot of fun! In fact, one of his first plans is to modify the plenary session by having a veterinary humorist instead of a scientist give the keynote address and explore moving the time of the session to allow more visibility to national award recipients. He also kicked off the "1996 AALAS Branch Challenge".

Sixty-five people representing all of the district's branches attended the caucus. Ten branch representatives gave reports on their activities:

- 1) Arizona - Mark Barton, Board of Directors, 110 members, preparing to host the next District 8 Meeting in Tucson on May 19th thru the 22nd, 1996.
- 2) Utah - Jack Taylor, member, 100 members, summer picnic and December meeting.
- 3) San Diego - Sam Hernandez, President, 130 members, couple of education meetings.
- 4) Orange County - Joe Sandoval, President, 130 members, exam certification meeting, enrichment seminar, Labor Day Picnic, host for this year's tribranch Christmas party.
- 5) Southern California - Patty Watts, TBR, 150 members, summer picnic and tour of Santa Barbara Zoo also have a seminar planned at Amgen this fall.
- 6) Palms to Pines - Teri Krisch, TBR, education symposium at UC Riverside and Christmas party.
- 7) Northern California - Ardis Roseberry, President, 497 members, annual awards banquet in May with guest of honor being Science Fair award winner, two rabbit/rodent workshops, aseptic technique workshop, Symposium in December theme High Tech with Debra Blum.
- 8) Oregon - Monte Mathews, member, 65 members, workshop, wet lab and 3rd annual rafting trip.
- 9) Northern Rocky Mountain - Leta Eng, President, one annual meeting at scenic location in May.
- 10) Washington - Cindy Pekow, President, 100 members, awarded honorary lifetime membership, including newsletters, to Washington teachers, annual BBQ at Ron Orta's, Christmas party.

Ron Orta announced that Beth Ford was stepping down and introduced, Peg Murphy-Hackley, as the new Trustee. Ron and Peg expressed their thanks to Beth for her outstanding service to the district. The 2000 AALAS annual meeting will be held in San Diego and a summary of the October 15th Board of Trustee Meeting will be distributed to branch leadership.

P.S. Peg will be serving as the BOT liaison to the nominations committee headed by Dr. R. Faith of Baylor Medical College in TX.

Sincerely,

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AZ AALAS TO HOST 1996 DISTRICT EIGHT MEETING

The founders of AALAS saw a need for education in our field and began meeting regularly to share information. We are continuing this aim by hosting the 1996 meeting in Tucson, Arizona and we need volunteers to make this meeting a success. The following committees still need volunteers:

- Audiovisuals** - arranges for audiovisuals and technicians to operate them
- Autotutorials** - arranges room, equipment & supplies
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- Financial** - deals with all financial matters
- Moderators** - arranges for moderators
- Posters** - arranges poster presentation room
- Preregistration** - preregistration mailings
- Printed Program** - puts together the meeting program
- Registration** - mans the registration/information table
- Scientific Program** - arranges speakers including a keynote and banquet speaker
- Security** - arranges for security measures personnel
- Social Events** - arranges tours and other social activities
- Transportation** - arranges for travel labs and other events
- Wetlabs** - arranges for the hands-on wet labs
- Vendors** - arranges vendor exhibition room

If you would like to volunteer contact Jane Criswell or Grace Aranda at (520)621-1330.

CERTIFICATION EXAMS

How do I get a certification application or information about the AALAS Animal Technician Certification Program?

Call Grace at (520)621-1330 for an application pamphlet.

Certification Procedures and Tips

1. Submitting a personal check to Professional Examination Service (PES) will result in a delay of approximately 10 working days before the processing of any paperwork (request for Handbook examination application) can proceed.
2. It takes as long as 4-6 weeks to process a candidate's application. If you have not heard from PES within a month of requesting an Application Handbook or submitting your application, please contact the Certification Department at the AALAS office, (901)754-8620, and give Jill Worley the pertinent information for follow-up. If we do not hear from members about problems with the certification program, we assume there are none; however, we DO know that some people ARE dealing with problems as they are presented, but we cannot deal with them unless we know about them.

3. Preliminary test scores are released at the test site. The preliminary results are **INCONCLUSIVE**; therefore, a final score cannot be released until the examination scores have been finalized.
4. Once your application is approved by PES, you are allowed 6 months to schedule an examination date. You will **FORFEIT** your examination fee should you fail to schedule your examination within 6 months. If you are involved in a situation beyond your control, please submit a letter explaining your circumstances to the Certification Board for action.
5. The Certification Board and the AALAS office **DO NOT** process candidate applications, do they see the paperwork until long after the candidate has tested (for auditing purposes only). PES process and tracks all of the paperwork. If you are experiencing difficulty with the application process, please call the AALAS office. Staff members there will assist you in tracking the status of your application with PES. The AALAS Certification Department will be in touch with you or will ask you to keep them posted should you experience additional difficulties.
6. Candidates who have any questions about the certification program should contact the Certification Department at the AALAS office (901)754-8620.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEWS?

Your Suggestions and Abstracts Wanted for 1996 National Meeting

Do you have suggestions for seminar, workshop, and round table topics you would like to see presented at the 1996 National Meeting? If you do, we want to hear from you. Look for the "1996 Topic Suggestion Forms" coming to you in the mail soon. These forms give you a "voice" for how the 1996 program is tailored. The deadline for submitting your suggestions for topics is February 2, 1996.

Also enclosed with your Topic Suggestion Forms will be the "Call for Abstracts" form, the official document for submitting abstracts for presentation at the National Meeting in Minneapolis. All accepted abstracts also are published in AALAS' Contemporary Topics in Laboratory Animal Science. The deadline for submitting abstracts is March 8, 1996.

Win a Free Trip to Minneapolis

When you enter the 1996 Supergoal Membership Sweepstakes, you automatically qualify for great prizes! The grand prize winner receives a trip to the 1996 AALAS National Meeting in Minneapolis!

How do you qualify for the drawings? If you're already an AALAS National Member, you simply renew your membership by March 31, 1996. If you're not an AALAS National Member, just join by the March 31 deadline. Call the AALAS National Office at 901-754-8620 and request a membership application.

And the winning doesn't stop there, however! You could win a 3-day, 2-night stay at any Marriott hotel in the continental United States. This prize is for the National AALAS member who recruits the most new members. In case of a tie, a drawing will determine the winner.

In 1995, over 1,100 new members joined National AALAS. We hope you will continue this strong effort by encouraging more of your fellow lab animal professionals to join us.

With the new membership categories of Gold, Silver, and Bronze, everyone can be a member of National AALAS in 1996! You have a chance to win some great prizes!

1996 ILAM/CELL

The 1996 session of ILAM has reached capacity for year I. Those eligible for year II, please send in your application as soon as possible.

Applications for the 1996 Continuing Education Lectures and Laboratories (CELL), "Effects of the Revised Guide on Laboratory Animal Facility Management," have been mailed out to those requesting them. If you would like to receive an application to CELL, contact Carol at the AALAS office.

Application Handbook Coming

In early 1996, the new edition of the Candidate Application Handbook for the AALAS Certification Program will be available. This edition has been extensively reorganized and streamlined in order to make completion of the computerized application forms easier and more logical.

One significant change in the process, effective January 1, 1996, will be a shortened time period in which a candidate has to take an exam. Candidates will be required to schedule their appointment with Drake so that they sit for their exam within 12 weeks from the date printed on the PES approval letter.

New Educational Opportunities x 3

AALAS has agreed to work with Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma, to present a Laboratory Animal Technologist Correspondence Program. The LATG program will be available in early spring 1996. The program, which will be offered for either a certificate of completion or for college credit, will be administered by Redlands and will be endorsed by AALAS.

Another item that will be available shortly after the first of the year will be revised and updated Basic Course Outlines for all certification levels. These documents outline the areas of study for technicians preparing for their certification examinations and are also helpful to those organizing classes or course work for technicians.

Also watch the January issue of Contemporary Topics for questions that offer you CEU points! Being a silver or gold member will be the only way you can get these additional CEU points!

For more information on the Redlands program, the course outlines, or CEU points, contact Jill or Carol at the AALAS office.

AALAS on the Web

The long-awaited AALAS home page on the World-Wide Web is now up and running. Using your favorite web browser program, you can find the page at: <http://www.aalas.org>

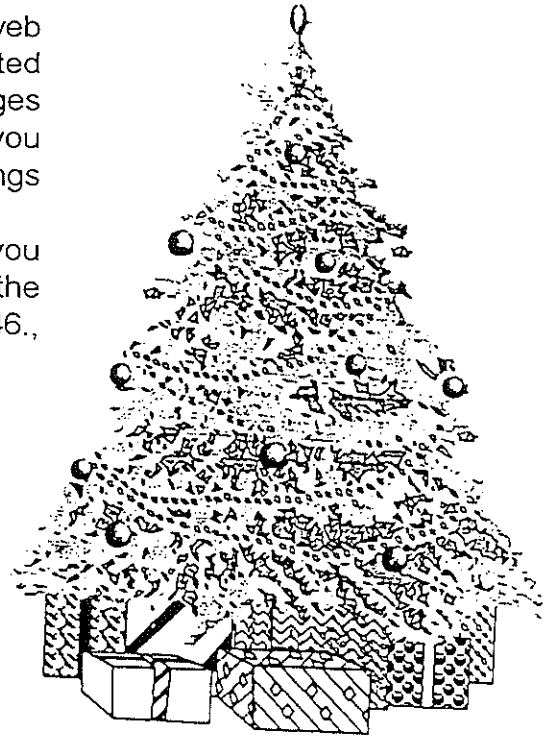
We've provided information we hope will be of interest both to the membership and to the public. At the moment, all the pages are open to anyone (even if we indicate that you need a password). In the future, some pages will be restricted to National AALAS

members only. See the January issue of Contemporary Topics for the pages currently available on the Web.

Please bear in mind that some parts of the AALAS web site are still "under construction;" road signs are clearly posted when that's the case. Also note that the AALAS web pages use some enhanced Netscape coding, which means that if you are not using the Netscape Navigator browser, some things (graphics, in particular) may look a little strange.

Give our web pages a visit, and let us know what you think. Address your comments to Victor McDonald at the AALAS National Office: (901)754-8620 or fax: (901)753-0046., e-mail: victor.mcdonald@aalas.org.

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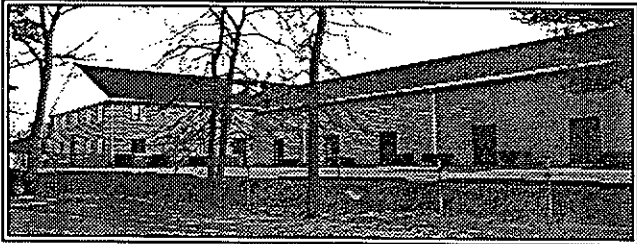

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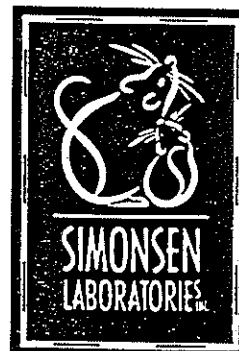


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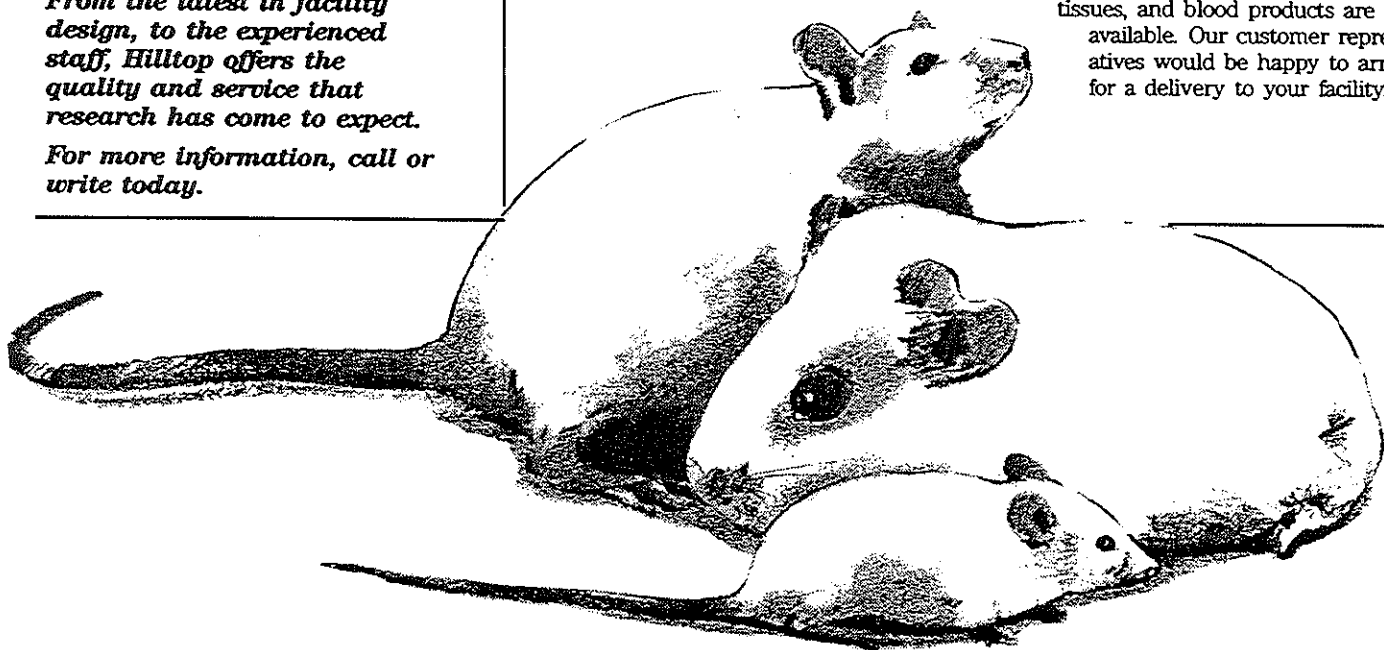
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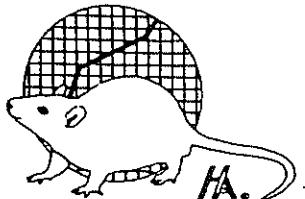
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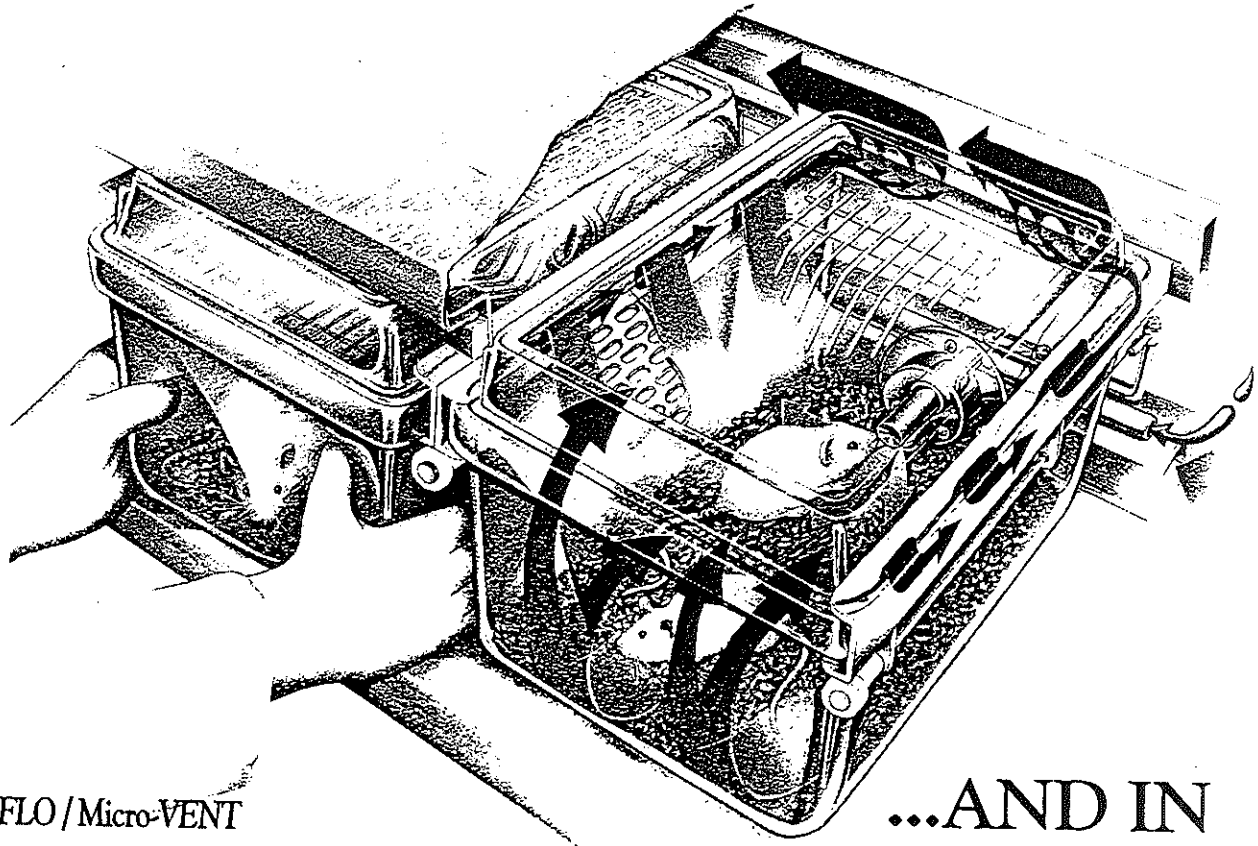


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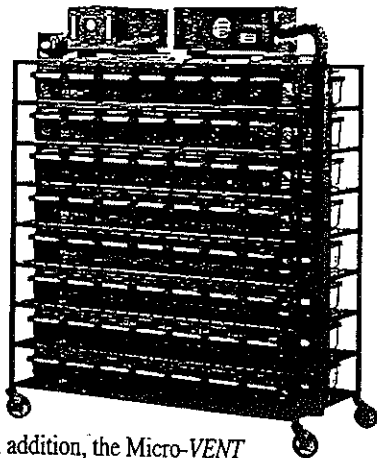
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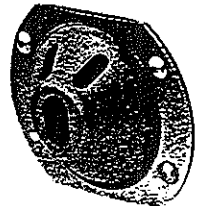
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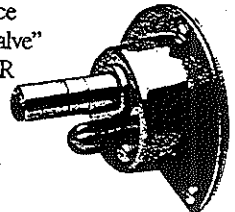
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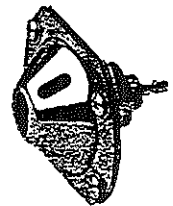
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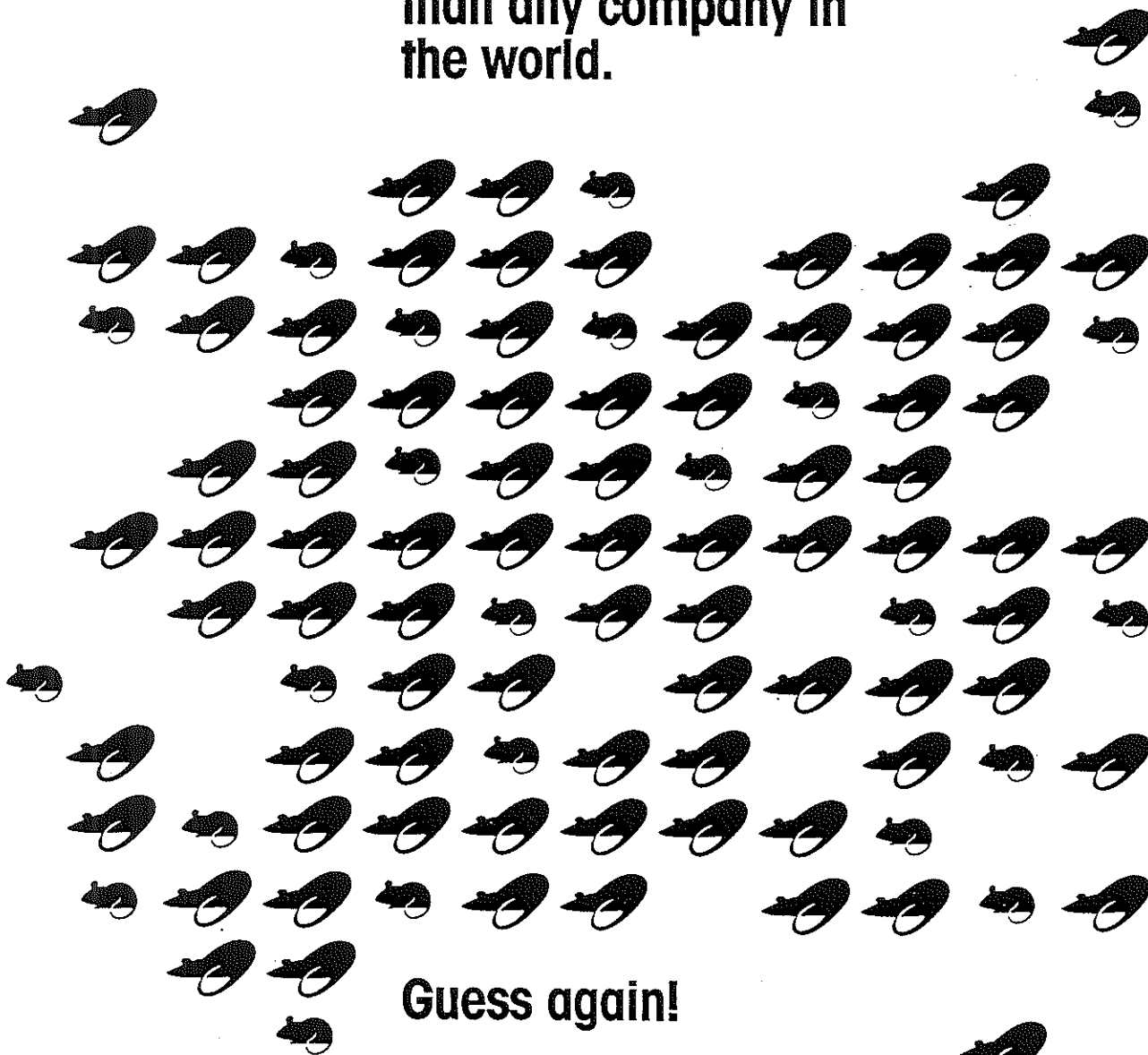
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