

KALAS Strengthens Animal Welfare Across Research, Education, and Public Engagement in 2025



Photo 1 - KALAS Winter Symposium, Pyeongchang (February 2025)/Photo credit: KALAS Secretariat

To reinforce ethical competencies in laboratory animal science, the Korean Association for Laboratory Animal Science (KALAS) began 2025 by focusing on practical researcher training. On February 6, Symposium 2 (KLAT Education I) addressed pain management for laboratory animals, followed by Symposium 7 (IACUC) on applying alternative testing methods during protocol review.

These programs helped establish a stronger foundation for the adoption of the 3Rs, which is expected to expand further in the coming years.



Photo 2 - Vision Declaration Ceremony: “One Health, One Welfare”, Jeju (July 2025)/Photo credit: KALAS Secretariat

Building on this foundation, a major milestone was achieved during the 2025 KALAS International Symposium, held July 23-26 in Jeju. On the opening day, the President of KALAS

officially declared the association's 40th-anniversary vision: "One Health, One Welfare", which emphasizes harmonizing scientific progress with animal health and welfare.

Ethical governance was further strengthened through Symposium 3 (IACUC) on July 23, and collaborative oversight for post-approval monitoring was discussed during Symposium 9 (KCLAM) on July 24.

Refinement strategies were shared through Symposium 6 (KLAT 1) on July 23, while responsible management of genetically modified animals was discussed in Symposium 18 (KLAT 2) on July 25.



Photo 3 - KALAS Outreach Booth, Busan (September 2025)/Photo credit: KALAS Secretariat

Later in the year, KALAS expanded public engagement by operating an outreach booth at the first national Animal Protection Day festival in Busan in September 2025. Through interactive displays and scientific webzines, visitors were encouraged to understand research ethics and the value of protecting animals used in science.

This initiative demonstrated that ethical laboratory animal research can respect animal dignity while supporting global health – aligned with the vision of "One Health, One Welfare."

Through sustained education, international collaboration, and public outreach, KALAS continues to lead laboratory animal science toward a humane and sustainable future.