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### Disaster Management in Animal Facilities

During the course of 2011, a number of Australian and New Zealand research institutions have been affected by one form of natural disaster or another. While these challenges have generally been handled extremely well, there have been some lessons learnt and experiences shared - hopefully to the benefit of all. Some of these experiences and lessons are covered [here](#).

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### Conference News:

#### 2012 ANZCCART Conference

#### “Thinking outside the cage: a different point of view”

The 2012 ANZCCART Conference will be held in Perth, Western Australia from Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 July. The Conference is for Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) members, ethics administrators and teachers, researchers, animal technicians and carers who work with animals and will explore a wide range of issues associated with animal welfare in research and teaching. ANZCCART would like to now call for Conference Abstracts. More information about the Conference is available [here](#).

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### Awards: Honorary Life Membership of ANZCCART

Honorary Life Membership of ANZCCART is regarded as the ultimate recognition of outstanding service to ANZCCART over a number of years. ANZCCART would now like to call for nominations for the 2012 Honorary Life Membership Award. Nominations close on 31 January and the recommendations from the Board will then be put to the ANZCCART Annual General Meeting of members in April for ratification of the award. Read the complete article [here](#).

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### ANZCCART AEC Member of the Year Award

This award has been created by ANZCCART to recognize the excellent service offered to Animal Ethics Committees by their members. ANZCCART would now like to call for nominations for the 2012 AEC member of the year award and would welcome nominations for outstanding AEC members who are currently serving on one or more AECs in Australia or New Zealand. The complete article can be read [here](#).

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### ANZCCART NZ Animal Care Technicians' Individual Project Award

Following on from the first article on Disaster Management, the effects of the recent devastating earthquakes and thousands of aftershocks in Christchurch,

New Zealand have been briefly summarized by a dedicated animal care staff. Read his story [here](#).

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### **Articles of Interest: Monkey brains 'feel' virtual objects**

The world of bionics and the Six Million Dollar Man may be a step closer with the development of brain implants that allow macaques to "feel" a virtual object with a virtual arm. This is a significant step towards the development of prosthetic limbs or robotic suits that might improve the mobility of disabled people.

[http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111005/full/news.2011.576.html?WT.ec\\_id=NEWS-2011011](http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111005/full/news.2011.576.html?WT.ec_id=NEWS-2011011)

### **Animal talk**

This article highlights the difficulties being experienced in some countries when it comes to getting animal welfarists and researchers whose work involves animals together to discuss their differences. It might be suggested that this highlights the advantages we enjoy in this part of the world that come from operating within an open and publicly accountable system of regulation and also the importance of the role played by organizations like ANZCCART.

[http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v478/n7370/full/478427b.html?WT.ec\\_id=NATURE-2011027](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v478/n7370/full/478427b.html?WT.ec_id=NATURE-2011027)

### **India to cut out animal dissection**

It has been reported in the 20th December issue of the journal *Nature* that the University Grants Commission (UGC), the national body in New Delhi that funds and governs Indian universities, has announced new rules that would see almost all animal dissection being phased out and replaced with computer simulations and models.

[http://www.nature.com/news/india-to-cut-out-animal-dissection-1.9680?WT.ec\\_id=NEWS-20111220](http://www.nature.com/news/india-to-cut-out-animal-dissection-1.9680?WT.ec_id=NEWS-20111220)

### **US chimpanzee research to be curtailed**

The US Institute of Medicine (IOM) has released a report questioning the use of chimpanzees in many currently approved projects and recommended curtailing government-funded research on chimpanzees. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), which funds research on chimpanzees then announced it would suspend awarding new grants and review currently funded work that involved the use of chimpanzees.

[http://www.nature.com/news/us-chimpanzee-research-to-be-curtailed-1.9663?WT.ec\\_id=NEWS-20111220](http://www.nature.com/news/us-chimpanzee-research-to-be-curtailed-1.9663?WT.ec_id=NEWS-20111220)

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