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Dear Global Ranavirus Consortium (GRC) Colleagues,

We are writing to provide you with an update of recent activities and to let you know about some upcoming opportunities.

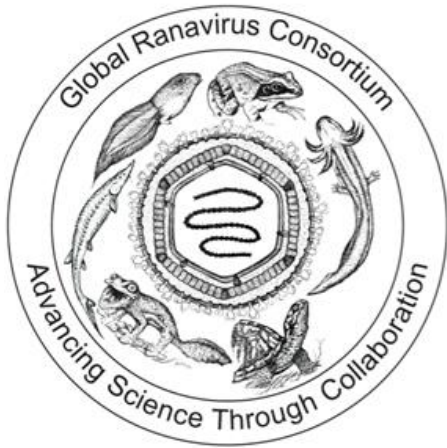
Please take a look at Dr. Amanda Duffus's publication touting the 6th ISR hosted by Dr. Ellen Ariel of James Cook University in Townsville, Australia in 2019 (<https://bioone.org/journals/journal-of-herpetological-medicine-and-surgery/volume-30/issue-4/JHMS-S-20-00020.1/Report-of-the-Fifth-International-Symposium-on-Ranaviruses/10.5818/JHMS-S-20-00020.1.full>). Unfortunately, due to the global emergence of SARS-CoV-2, the 7th International Symposium on Ranaviruses (ISR) that was scheduled to happen in Brazil in 2021 but had to be cancelled. We are now exploring opportunities to hold an in-person meeting in 2022. Please stay tuned for an upcoming surveymonkey poll on some exciting opportunities/venues for the upcoming 7th ISR. As a preview, Dr. Matt Gray has suggested to the board some really exciting upcoming opportunities for the 7th ISR to piggyback with other upcoming organizations/ meetings (e.g., WDA) that share similar goals as the GRC. So please keep an eye out for additional information in an upcoming message via the GRC listserv and please respond to survey so we get membership feedback!

Please don't forget to sign up for your 2021 GRC membership. It can be paid online at the GRC website (www.ranavirus.org).

Despite setbacks in 2020-2021, GRC members are still doing great things! Dr. David Lesbarrères and Dr. Ellen Ariel have put together a wonderful collection of ranavirus related papers in the journal FACETS. The collection entitled 'Ranaviruses: 10 years of Global Collaborations' is open access and available to all ([Ranavirus research: 10 years of global collaboration \(facetsjournal.com\)](http://Ranavirus_research:10_years_of_global_collaboration(facetsjournal.com))).

If you work in the area of amphibian ranaviruses and you missed submitting to the collection above, there is Special Topics in Frontiers on Emerging Infections and Diseases in Herpetofauna. Please follow the link for more information (<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/13267/emerging-infections-and-diseases-of-herpetofauna>). Submissions are due no later than June 30th, 2021.

Also, the GRC will be holding elections soon for all positions. Please consider serving on the GRC Executive Board. Please stay tuned for more information about this in the coming weeks.



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Finally, the GRC board wants to reengage with our global community in 2021. We have been discussing several ways to facilitate this such as hosting focused online workshops on various ranavirus topics such as: Taxonomy/Phylogenetics, Ecological Modelling, Necropsy/Pathology.

In closing, the GRC is alive and kicking! We have missed interacting with friends and colleagues as a result of this pesky pandemic. However, we are moving to reconnect with our global community in 2021! Please keep an eye out for upcoming emails regarding on how our membership can guide us on the best venue for the 7th ISR in 2022, upcoming GRC elections, and upcoming GRC sponsored workshops in 2021! Please stay tuned for upcoming information.

Sincerely,

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