Ease of Research Initiative Town Hall series
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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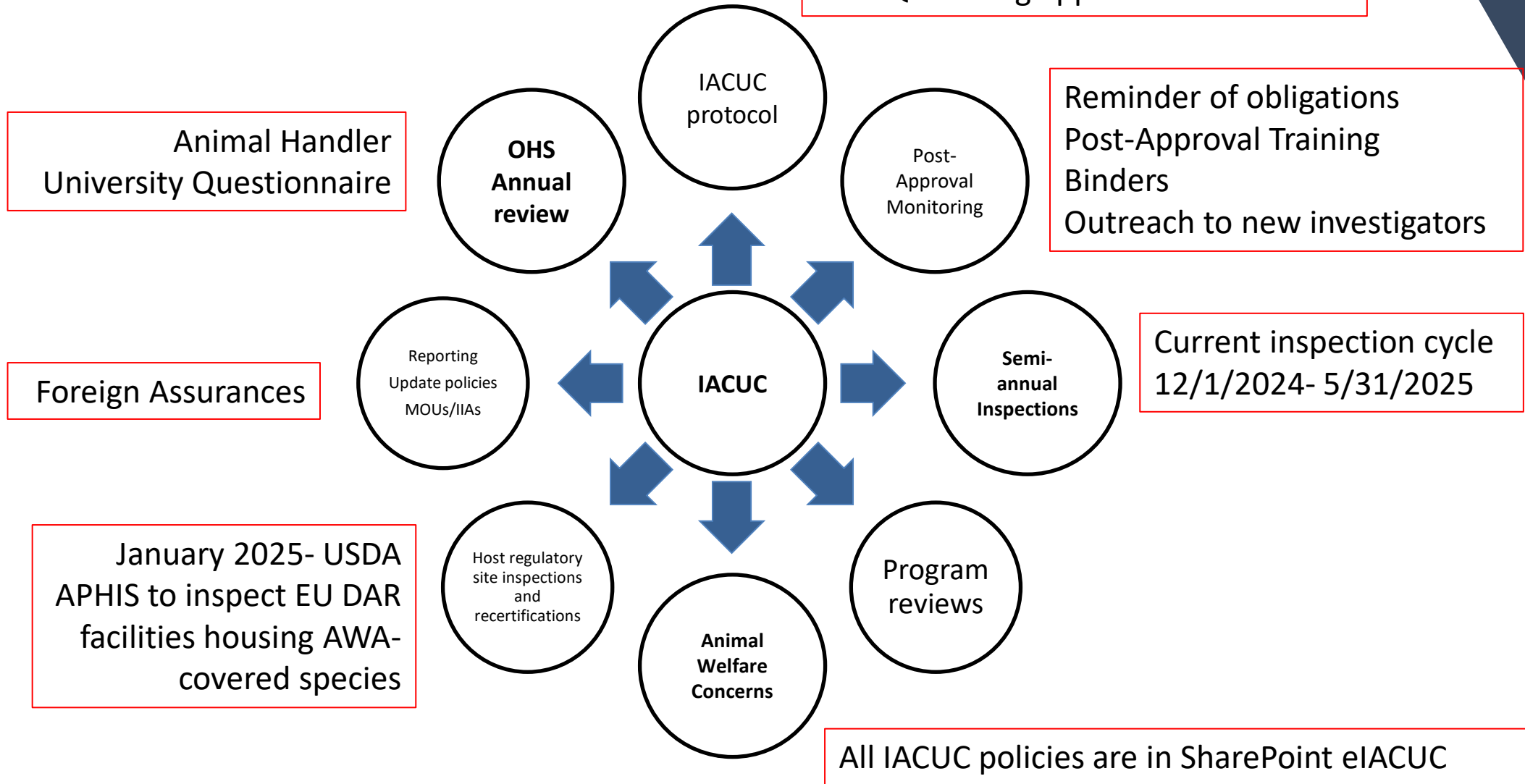3. Provide an update on upcoming changes

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Address micro-hurdles included in the Ease of Research Survey

Micro-hurdle	Current action
Protocol Review	
Inconsistent	>Guidance document for submission of new and triennial protocols. It is OK to cite this if reviewer question is outside the guidance. >Training of reviewers
Too picky	>The RPA supports the research teams to ensure that information needed is included, this is done mainly during the pre-submission
Changes to unrelated sections of a protocol when an amendment is submitted.	>Generally, the review of an amendment is limited to the amendment itself. However, there are a few exceptions.
Timeliness	
Overall review time is long	>The IACUC office monitors review times and review cycles >Encourage use of standard procedures
Onboarding of new personnel is long	>The IACUC office created two guidance documents for training and the onboarding process [SharePoint site]
IACUC Program	
IACUC wants things done their way	>IACUC policies are reviewed every three years or as often as necessary to ensure that reflect current practices and regulation >Encourage meeting with the veterinary staff to discuss experiments >IACUC is reviewing the policy that includes demerit points

Current functions of the IACUC

Use your assigned protocol analyst
DAR QA testing approval

Reminder of obligations
Post-Approval Training
Binders
Outreach to new investigators

Animal Handler
University Questionnaire

Current inspection cycle
12/1/2024- 5/31/2025

Foreign Assurances

January 2025- USDA APHIS to inspect EU DAR facilities housing AWA-covered species

All IACUC policies are in SharePoint eIACUC

IACUC protocol

OHS Annual review

Post-Approval Monitoring

Reporting Update policies MOUs/IIAs

IACUC

Semi-annual Inspections

Host regulatory site inspections and recertifications

Animal Welfare Concerns

Program reviews

Upcoming changes to IACUC

- Micro-hurdle: submission site is unwieldy, approvals take forever, and regulations are too stringent.

The protocol software, eIACUC, is included in the transition to Insight.
  - Discovery starts in January 2025
  - Expected go-live is Summer of 2026

eIACUC   Policies & Guidelines   Protocol   Pain and Distress   Training   Newsletters   Inspections   Events   OHS Form   Alerts to Researchers   ···   Edit   ★ Following   ⚮ Site access

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Welcome to the Emory IACUC Resources Repository

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee is committed to support researchers using laboratory animal subjects to advance their scientific goals while ensuring animal welfare.

The purpose of this SharePoint site is to provide tools to the research community addressing frequently asked questions pertaining to new and triennial protocol submissions, protocol amendments, site inspection findings, and non-compliance investigations.

https://emory.sharepoint.com/sites/eIACUC

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