# Brief History of ISGIDAR

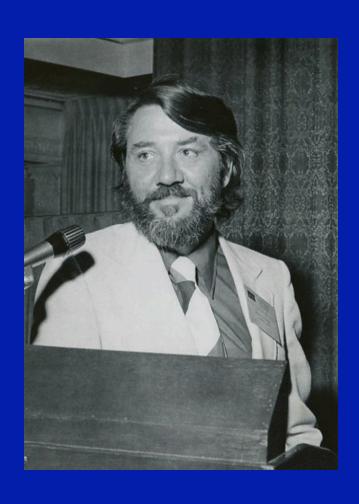
#### First 10 Presidents

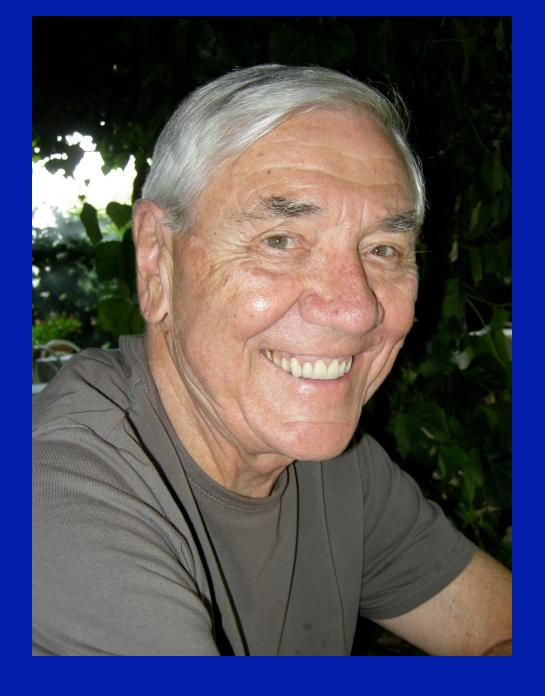
- Bob Schuster
- Roland Griffiths
- Bob Balster
- Chris-Ellyn
  Johanson
- Marilyn Carroll

- Bill Woolverton
- Nancy Ator
- Harriet de Wit
- Dick Meisch
- John Hughes

Woods and McCarthy highly involved

# First President





#### **Interesting Factums**

- ISGIDAR has always met at CPDD
- Newsletters since 1973
- Supported by Parke-Davis until 1993 (CPDD refused)
- International in scope
- Met with SSPD in the 80s

- From 1988 on took active role in animal welfare issues
- Sponsored several symposia at international meetings
- Began new investigator award in 1984
- In 1990, S Evans led jazzercise class

#### **Early History**

- Satellite meeting at CPDD meeting in 1972 devoted to self-administration in primates: Suggested standardization
- In 1973, CPDD (specifically Eddy) invited a group to meet to discuss a cooperative effort to standardize test methods in order to develop better strategies to predict human abuse liability
- Attended also by FDA, NIH and BNDD

# **Early History**

- Small group (sort of a clique) of individuals who were conducting primate self-administration studies as well as national and international agencies
- Even smaller working group
- Cooperation was key

### Working Committee

- Deneau
- Dren
- Gill
- Goldberg
- Harris
- Hoffmeister
- McCarthy

- Malis
- Meisch
- Romer
- Schuster
- Villarreal
- Wakeley
- Woods
- Yanagita

Notice who is missing from the "working" committee

# Recognized Advantages of Standardization

- Comparison across labs avoiding unnecessary duplication
- Acceptance of reliability of data
- Avoidance of unnecessary minor variations
- Potential acceptance by regulatory agencies

#### Drawbacks

- Stifling of innovative strategies
- Difficulty of introducing new strategies without jeopardizing usefulness of historical controls
- Lack of funding to implement standard procedures

#### Risk-Benefit

"It seems likely that the benefits to be realized by close inter-laboartory cooperation, regardless of the degree of standardization can only hope to further scientific progress at a more rapid rate than continued fragmentation of effort especially as it related to the immediate practical need in defining potentially abusable substance before they reach the point where they may develop into abuse problems."

### **Projects**

- Assemble all self-administration data, disseminate it to members and examine the influence of procedural differences
- Filling in the gaps and assessing reliability (Balster talk)