

ASPA e-Newsletter: May 2012

European Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes

We are expecting to publish the Government response to the public consultation on the options for transposition of the Directive on the 17 May. It will be posted on our website at:-

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/animal-research/>

We expect to publish regulations to transpose the provisions of the Directive into UK legislation in July, before the start of the summer recess.

Dispute Resolution

A process has been introduced for dealing with disagreements between inspectors and individuals at establishments. It aims to resolve issues at the earliest possible stage following recognition of the problem. Full details can be found on our website at:-

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/animal-research/dispute-resolution/>

The Laboratory Animal Science Association (LASA)

Full details of the forthcoming LASA meetings can be obtained from:-

LASA,
PO Box 524, Hull HU9 9HE
Telephone: 08456 711956
email: info@lasa.co.uk

28 to 30 November, 2012

LASA Winter Meeting, 2012

North-West England

www.lasa.co.uk/lasa_meetings.html

26 to 28 November, 2013

LASA's 50th Anniversary Meeting, 2013

www.lasa.co.uk/lasa_meetings.html

Helping animals through welfare science - RSPCA Science Group Review of 2011

The RSPCA Review which provides an overview of the key activities undertaken by the RSPCA's specialist scientific and veterinary staff during 2011 can be read in full at:-

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/sciencegroup>

The National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs)

The latest newsletter can be found at:

<http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/news.asp?id=15>

Understanding Animal Research

The latest newsletter can be found at:

http://www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk/latest_news/research_news

Harmonisation of the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research

Electronic registration is now open for the international consensus meeting on Harmonisation of the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research, from 26-28 September 2012 at Gardermoen airport, Oslo.

<http://www.norecopa.no/sider/tekst.asp?side=21>

This meeting offers state-of-the-art lectures from internationally recognised experts within agricultural animal science and will provide an update on current knowledge as well as an opportunity to discuss research needs in an informal atmosphere.

Topics will include, but will not be limited to update on changes in European legislation and international guidelines, positive welfare indicators, husbandry and environmental enrichment, humane endpoints, update on the latest research in comparative medicine and group work to produce a consensus statement on the way ahead, including research needs

Primates: A Practical Environmental Enrichment Workshop

This workshop is held from the 3rd to 5th of September 2012. For more information please visit:

http://www.animalconcepts.eu/AnimalConcepts/Events/Entries/2012/9/3_Entry_1.html

Please contact Sabrina Brando if you have any questions on

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Animal Procedures Committee

The Animal Procedures Committee, in conjunction with the Home Office Animals in Science Regulation Unit Inspectorate, is conducting a review focussed on the assessment of cumulative severity in non-human primates (macaques) used in neuroscience research and related fields. Further details can be obtained by contacting the APC Secretariat

apc.secretariat@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

Terms of reference for the review have been produced and are available here:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/agencies-public-bodies/apc/review-cumulative-severity-tor?view=Binary>

**Animal use in Research and the New EU Directive Conference:
14 – 15 June 2012**

This conference will address the ethical, legal and scientific issues raised by the new EU Directive (2010/63/EU) on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes.

This conference is hosted by Northumbria University School of Law in association with the Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education and the Centre for Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh.

For more information and to register for the conference please visit the website at www.law.unn.ac.uk/animal_law

FRAME Training School in experimental design

Arrangements for the latest FRAME Training School in experimental design have been finalised and applications are now open. The school will be held in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, on July 11 - 13.

Further details, and an application form, can be found at:

http://www.frame.org.uk/page.php?pg_id=244