Minutes

Date       Wednesday
Time       9:00 AM
To         Committee Members
At         Virtual via MS Teams
Subject    AWERB 3Rs Committee
Our Ref    Doc.AWERB.3Rs.06.09.23

1. Minutes
   From previous meeting - 02/08/2023 were approved

2. Matters arising
   The committee introduced themselves. In today’s meeting, there were 2 new observers. thanked everyone for joining the meeting in person. gave meeting newcomers a detailed description of the purpose of the 3Rs meeting, what is discussed in the meetings and why. also informed the committee why an email was distributed to request new scientists to attend.
   Action:  to circulate TOR to the committee.

3. Retrospective Reviews
   N/A

4. Retrospective Assessment
   N/A

5. Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments
   N/A

6. Standard Condition 18 Reports
   Total 36. This is a slight reduction to the usual numbers reported. requested a graph to show the growth and reduction in the number of reports. are going to collate this information and produce a document to submit to the next 3Rs meeting.
   Commonalities: Nose bleeds, microchip, tumour exceeding limits. More detailed information will be provided in future regarding these commonalities.
7. **3Rs information/reports**
   - Reporting *In Vitro* Experiments Responsibly is now available. This new set of reporting standards for *in vitro* experiments aim to improve the transparency and reliability of published *in vitro* research. [MetaArXiv Preprints | Reporting In Vitro Experiments Responsibly – the RIVER Recommendations (osf.io)]

   - There has been some interest in using marker pens to identify animals. Some information was disseminated via the researcher’s newsletter. (Name) will also send this via the 3Rs enquiry list. (Name) informed the committee that (Name) are looking into alternatives to microchipping.

   - (Name) is producing some new pocket ARRIVE guidelines. Please email if you would like some.

   - (Name) are going to be restarting the 3Rs drop in sessions.

   - NC3Rs are recruiting researchers to test the recommendations. If you would like to be involved in the test please email: river@nc3rs.org.uk

8. **Minutes of the AOC meeting**
   21/07/2023

9. **Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting**
   21/07/2023

10. **UBS 3Rs projects**
    Please review the following documents and bring your feedback to the meeting for discussion.

    - Tamoxifen guidance document.
      This information is what has come out of the tamoxifen workshop held in March. Please email (Name) if you have any feedback. (Name) asked if there was a standard document for PPL applicants. (Name) asked if it was possible to produce a document like this for gene-altering agents in general.

    - Surgery guidance document - [https://sway.office.com/aQtCLEbPQAULw7WU?ref=Link](https://sway.office.com/aQtCLEbPQAULw7WU?ref=Link)
      Awaiting further comments before the final document is published.

    - Please bring any ideas for future guidance documents, for example, irradiation, and food restriction.

      **Ideas for documents discussed were**
      
      Irradiation guidance
      Diabetes management guidance

11. **Any Other Business**
    (Name) informed the committee of LASA and what is happening there this year.

    **Date of next meeting:** 4th October 2023 via MS Teams