Minutes

Date Wednesday, 01/08/2018
Time 08.30am
To Committee Members
At
Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance:

Apologies:

1. Minutes
   Minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising
   None.

3. Retrospective Reviews
   (a) The committee discussed the following:
   • The recommendation that Standard Condition 18 reports submitted are grouped under specific headings allowing for easier evaluation.
   • Several dates on the Standard Condition 18 reports submitted that do not match.
   • The recommendation that in the future further involvement with the NVS and NACWO is sought with the aim of refining end points.
   • The movement of text from Section 1.5 to Section 1.4 or 1.6 where it is more applicable.
   • Further detail required in Section 2.
   • The movement of text from Section 2.6 to Section 2.7 where it is more applicable.
   • The recommendation that publications and outreach that relates to the 3Rs is highlighted in bold.
   • Further explanation required in Section 3.1.
   • Further information required in regards to Protocol 8.
   • Further data required to cover the six calendar years the licence was live.
   • Further information in regards to Protocol 10.
   • Clarification around animal numbers required in Section 3.8.
   • Further information required in Section 4.
   • Further information required around the limitations encountered in Section 4.3.
   • Further information required around the scoring systems used in Section 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6.
   The committee agreed changes needed to be made.
4. Retrospective Assessments
(a) None.

5. Project Licence Applications
(a) 
The committee discussed the following:

- The request that the PPL applicant attends an annual 3Rs committee meeting to present their animal welfare monitoring data and 3Rs progress.
- The removal of specific names from the application.
- Information included in the application around iPSC’s in the 3Rs section.
- Specific sentences included in the application that require amending.
- The recommendation that the applicant excludes any protocols from the application they do not envision using in the next two to three years.
- Further explanation required around the increase in animal numbers from the previous licence.
- The recommendation that animal numbers throughout the application are checked for consistency.
- The recommendation that pilot studies are completed first for any new animal models the group are not familiar with.
- The recommendation that the applicant contacts other research groups who are publishing data referenced in the application.
- Further information required in regards to Protocol 18.
- Review of the information given in Appendix V.
- Several typographical errors that require amending.
- The recommendation that the application is proof read prior to submission.

The committee agreed changes needed to be made.

6. 3Rs information/reports
There is a new NC3Rs funding scheme available. is highlighting it to research groups using non mammalian models that fit the criteria.
NC3Rs have introduced a new checklist to support the assessment of welfare standards in overseas research.

has been made deputy editor of Laboratory Animals and will encourage research groups to send items to this journal.

also requested the committee had access to the 3Rs committee email distribution list; this is so information of interest can be circulated amongst the group. It was noted that in order to comply with the new GDPR a disclosure paragraph would need to be added to emails sent out to the committee and in order to receive these the committee members would need to have a @cam email address. Until then will email items to to distribute to the committee. He also requested that the 3Rs committee members and invitees be reviewed (in relation to the TOR) at the next meeting.

7. Minutes of NPC meeting*

8. Any other Business
None.
Date of next meeting: 05/09/18

*Items for information only unless un-starred by committee member