Date: Wednesday, 02/03/2016
Time: 08.30
Room: 
Subject: AWERB 3Rs Committee

Apologies: 
Others referred to in text: 

MINUTES

1. Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2016 were not approved. The changes that were recommended need to be addressed and the final minutes circulated for approval.

2. Actions from previous meetings
   a) The provision of statistical and experimental design support to in vivo scientists has been discussed with [ ] and pro VC. [ ] to report back on progress.
   b) An excel sheet showing selected Projects, protocols and animal numbers was considered. It was agreed that the retrospective reviews for 4 project licences will be considered at future 3Rs meetings.
   c) There was a detailed discussion about the dates, times and locations of future meetings. It was stressed that the timing of the minutes should enable as many committee members to attend the meetings as possible. Early morning, lunch time and late afternoon meetings were all discussed. It was agreed at the meeting that the 3Rs meetings will take place at 8.30am on the first Wednesday of every month at Greenwich House. This was the time (and location) that was approved by the majority of those present and also those that previously had expressed a preference by email. Times/dates of the 3Rs meeting to be reviewed in 6 months.

3. Retrospective reviews
   No retrospective reviews submitted.

4. Project Licence Applications
   3 project licences circulated to 3Rs committee members for comment. There were no comments for two of the licences. For one of the licences the list of 3Rs comments will be collated and forwarded to the PPL holder together with comments from AWERB.
5. 3Rs information/ reports
No further updates discussed

6. Minutes of NPC Meeting held on 19/02/2016
7. Any other business and matters arising from February 3Rs committee meeting
   a) The symposium on non-tail handling methods for mice will be held on the 29th June 2016.
      Date and venue to be circulated to relevant people
   b) [Name] as a potential speaker for the culture of care symposium was suggested. Date for
      conference and speakers need to be confirmed. Progress on this item should be reported
      at the next meeting.
   c) [Name] suggested that animal research and 3Rs was presented at the Cambridge Science
      Festival in March 2017. [Name] was approached and is in support and will be able to provide
      some resources for this. Discussion on this and agenda item 7d) should be included as a
      separate item at the next meeting.
   d) [Name] discussed Cambridge Neuroscience Festival 16-18th September 2016. UAR is also
      involved with this conference. Framework of our contribution will be discussed at the next
      meeting. [Name] and [Name] will also be contacted so that they can attend the meeting in April
      2016.
   e) Information on deadlines for NC3Rs research grants has been circulated as part of the
      Camtech newsletter. A separate email with a link to the UBS website was thought to better
      engage PIL and PPL holders. Monitoring of the number of UBS website “hits” on this topic
      should be explored. [Name] agreed to contact the NC3Rs to ascertain what proportion of the
      2015 funding was awarded to Cambridge.
   f) An analgesiometric assessment tool was discussed and the paper on this will be
      circulated.

Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 6th April, 0830hrs