Minutes

Date  Wednesday, 03/08/2016
Time  8.30am
To  Committee Members
At  
Subject  AWERB 3Rs Committee

List of attendees

Invited

Apologies

1. Minutes of the 3Rs Sub-Committee Meeting held on 08/07/16
   Agreed

2. Matters arising from the minutes
   Action Point 1)  [requested amended copy of the 3Rs minutes from 4th May 2016 for signature.
   Action Point 3)  [responded to feedback from 3Rs on his RR and addressed the issues raised.
   In future, the committee secretary or Welfare Director will check amended RRs and decide whether the
issues have been addressed adequately and make a recommendation to the 3Rs committee if further
action is required.
   Action Point 3B) Completed.
   Action Point 3D) Ongoing. The committee discussed who should receive alerts. [to discuss with
Deputy Directors.

3. Retrospective Reviews
   a)  

Copyright on openness of animal research in Italy
The retrospective review had been triggered by [redacted] leaving the University of Cambridge. Another PPL holder will be taking on the licence.

The RR 3Rs section was reviewed and the following points discussed:

- Scientific progress was detailed and significant amount of work completed
- The number of animals. Licence was granted fairly recently so it was not possible to comment on the predicted and actual number of animals used. Section 3.7 should be changed from Yes to No
- The 3Rs committee felt that the new PPL holder should be offered support if required.

[black] to forward feedback to the AWERB Committee.

b) The licence is coming to the end of the 5 year period.

The 3Rs section was reviewed and the following points were to be recommended for inclusion in the new license:

- Justifications for current techniques (especially the Morris Water Maze) and possible alternatives should be discussed
- Experimental design should include randomisation and blinding where appropriate
- More information on how the animal numbers were reduced (as mentioned in section 4.9) should be provided
- Possibility of refining end points should be explored

[black] to forward feedback to the AWERB Committee. [black] to put [black] in touch with other PPL Holders who use alternative techniques.

4. Project Licence Applications
   None submitted

5. 3Rs information/reports
   [black] updated the committee on the development of the new Cambridge University 3Rs Tool. This will be circulated to the committee with a request for feedback from members during August. The database will be on the UBS website by September 2016.

   [black] noted that following the non-tail handling seminar, the LMB are organising a talk for staff regarding tail handling, its introduction and how best to integrate the ideas into daily practice.

   [black] and [black] are currently organising the Science and Neuroscience Festivals next year, and [black] and a list of ideas for the festivals were discussed. [black] volunteered to join the committee. [black] e-mailed committee members with photos taken of the Surgery Department stand at this year’s Science Festival. Ideas and suggestions for the festival were invited to be sent to [black].

6. Minutes of NPC meeting held on 15/07/16*

7. Any Other Business
   [black] noted there has been a delay with the Culture of Care Symposium at CI. Dates are yet to be confirmed but are likely to be in March 2017.

   [black] reported the East AWERB Hub symposium will be at the end of October 2016 and all AWERB members will be invited. Details to be confirmed.
8. Date of next meeting
   Wednesday 7th September 2016 8.30 am UBS

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