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*The Science Behind Consumer Product Safety Testing: New Directions*

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**Session Title:** The Science Behind Consumer Product Safety Testing: New Directions

**Session Type:** 90-Minute Symposium

**Primary Category:** Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Session Start:** 2/17/2008 1:45:00 PM

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**Location:** Room 202

**Description:** This symposium touches on issues at the the heart of the debate on animal testing, chemicals, health, the role of big business, and the duty of policy-makers to protect citizens. Work toward the greater safety control of cosmetics has helped to pioneer other areas of science that, in turn, have generated new toxicological toolboxes. Speakers provide insights into the latest challenges involving industry and academia worldwide as they leverage the progress afforded by the biotechnology revolution to tailor a new generation of predictive toxicologies. The panel also examines the global effect of European Union legislation stipulating that safety assessments must be animal free beginning in 2009. The stakes are high for industry and policy-makers alike, and the ramifications are truly global.

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**Presentations:**

Moderator--**Andrew Rowan**, The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, DC, DC

Europe as the Pacemaker for Alternative Methods--**Thomas Hartung**, Joint Research Centre, Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, Ispra, Italy

The Most Humane Science, the Best Science?--**Alan Goldberg**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

The Science Behind Consumer Product Safety Testing: New Directions--**Barbara Hall**, L'Oréal Recherche, Paris, France