

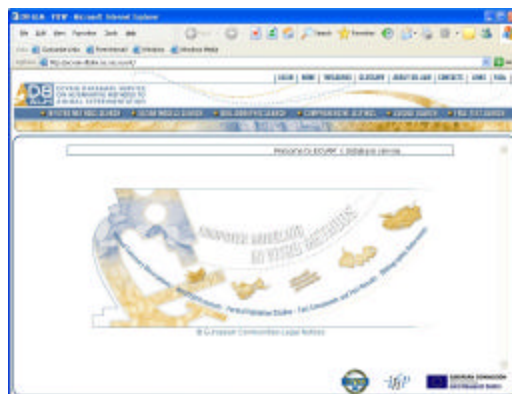
ECVAM database on alternative methods- *online*

On occasion of the 15th anniversary of the existence of the Validation Centre, ECVAM has launched *via* the Internet its DataBase service on ALternative Methods to animal experimentation (DB-ALM). DB-ALM owes its origin to a Communication from the European Commission to Council and European Parliament - SEC (91)1794.

DB-ALM provides *ready-to-use* information presented as *evaluated* data-sheets on various aspects of advanced and alternative techniques at any stage of development and/or validation. Main focus is given to toxicology assessments of chemicals and/or formulations.

The following information is made available:

- ***Method-summary descriptions and protocols (INVITTOX) for their performance in laboratories***
- ***Evaluation studies***
- ***Details on formal validation studies***
- ***Individual test results***



The data sector *INVITTOX* will, moreover, be used within the context of the REACH legislation on chemicals to ensure the use of adequately documented and suitable methods to test chemicals.

So far, DB-ALM can refer to 672 registered users from already 57 countries with a weekly increase of ca. 25 new registrations covering user profiles, such as principally scientists, but also National authorities, the animal welfare movement and, obviously, Commission services.

<http://ecvam-dbalm.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

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