

**Research into alternatives to animal experimentation  
(reduction, replacement and refinement)**

*Jointly organised by DG Research and DG Joint Research Centre (JRC)*

**Brussels, 9-10 July 2002**

**Draft Conference Programme**

**9 July 2002**

*9.00-10.10 - **Session I: Opening: Involvement of the Commission in the Three Rs.***

Commissioner Philippe BUSQUIN

Danish Presidency Delegate - the European strategy for life sciences and biotechnology and the outlook for FP6

Mrs. Dagmar ROTH-BEHRENDT (PSE, DE) - The importance of animal welfare and protection for the European Parliament

Professor Michael BALLS

*10.10-10.50 - **Session II: Implications of the latest progresses in genomics and biotechnology on animal experimentation and alternatives***

Dr. Phil BOTHAM (Syngenta, UK)- Overview of the latest scientific developments on animal models and alternatives

Dr. Jean-Marie BUERSTEDDE (GSF, DE)- Coordinator of an EU-funded project

*10.50-11.05 - **Coffee break***

*11.05-11.45*

Dr. Jane SMITH (RSPCA, UK) - Reflections on the latest developments

Ms. Vicky COWELL (SIMR, UK) - The patients point of view

*11.45-12.30 - **Session III: The principle of the Three Rs : definition and practice***

Dr. Flavia ZUCCO (CNR, IT)- History and definition of the Three Rs

Prof. Bert VAN ZUTPHEN (Utrecht University, NL) - Implementation of the Three Rs through education

Dr. Hanne GÜRTLER, (Novo Nordisk, DK)- The Ethical Use of Experimental Animals - a company's strategy

Dr. Herman KOETER (OECD, FR) - Example of implementation of a replacement method

*13.00-14.00 - **Lunch***

*14.00-15.10 - **Session III (cont'd)***

Prof. José CASTELL (Hospital La Fe, Valencia, ES) - State of the art of reduction alternatives

Dr. Herman BORGHYS (Johnson&Johnson Pharmaceutical R&D, BE) - Example of reduction and refinement in practice

Dr. Argelia CASTAÑO (CISIA-INIA, ES) - Ecotoxicology and the Three Rs

*15.10-15.25 - Break*

**15.25-16.45 - Round table discussion 1: How can scientific advances contribute to the Three Rs ?** Chair: Mrs. Inger SCHÖRLING, (Greens/ALE, SV)

All speakers. Mrs. Magda AELVOET, Belgian minister for consumers, public health and the environment. Other invited guests.

## **Day two**

### **10 July 2002**

*9.00-10.40 - Session IV: The Three Rs in the policy context*

DG RTD representative: The Three Rs in EU funded research

DG JRC representative: Alternative methods and their relevance beyond cosmetics

DG ENV representative: (title pending)

DG ENTR, Mr. Paul Weissenberg, Director - Cosmetics and Alternative Methods - Achievements and Prospects in the framework of the Directive 76/768

DG SANCO, Prof. Vera ROGIERS (VUB, BE) - Contribution of the SCCNFP and the Animal Health and Animal Welfare Committees to the the Three Rs

Prof. Alan GOLDBERG (Johns Hopkins Centre for Alternatives, USA) - The international dimension of the Three Rs

*10.40-10.55 - Break*

**10.55-12.15 - Round table discussion 2: Drivers and barriers for research in the Three Rs**

Chair: Dr. Horst SPIELMANN (Zebet, DE).

Do we still need animals in research? Where are we in the Three Rs in the EU in research, in regulation, in industry? Why is there a need to develop alternatives to animal testing? How and what can the new technologies contribute? Do we need new guidelines for animal research and experimentation?

All speakers and participants. Invited guests.

**12.15-13.00 - Closing remarks**

European Commission representative

European Council representative

European Parliament: Professor NISTICO' (PPE,IT)