



The European Partnership
for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing



The 2017 EPAA Refinement Prize

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on behalf of the Evaluation Committee



The 2017 EPAA Refinement Prize

The Refinement Prize

taking over from EPAA Laboratory Technician Award
is granted biannually

This Year with an increased

Award 6000€

**Laboratory Technician, Animal Caretaker or Technologist
specifically focussing on Refinement**

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Purpose



The prize targets those actually implementing alternative approaches to animal testing and raise awareness of their role for the day-to-day application of the Refinement principles.



Refinement refers to the modification of any procedure, husbandry and care practices with laboratory animals along their entire lifetime, so as to minimise pain and distress and enhance their well-being.








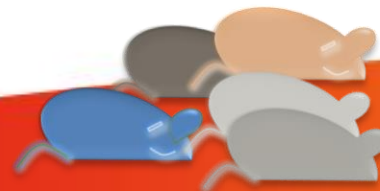
Technicians are at the frontline of work using animals and are the first to be involved in the application of Refinement strategies



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Selection Criteria

-  Impact on animal welfare – evidence based
-  Creativity and innovation
-  Practicality, applicability and implementation potential to regulatory testing and/or quality control
-  Potential for wider impact beyond immediate area
-  Publication of data or potential for publication



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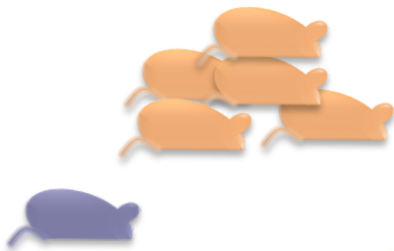
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The Call

-  Launched on April 10, 2017
-  The call was opened for four months
-  9 applications were received from all over Europe, all of very good quality
-  Maximum Rating of 150 (30 *per* Member)
-  4 applications scored more than 100/150



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The 2017 Winner

'Handling and Training of Mice and Rats results in Calmer Animals during experimental Procedures'

Ranked 1st with 123/150

Solid & Scientifically based study

Very well presented

Addressing all the criteria of the Call

With a broad applicability

Candidates showing high commitment to disseminate good practices

 **"Broad applicability, positive impact (stress reduction) during all standard experimental procedures"**

 **"Extremely strong diffusion of benefits"**



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'Handling and Training of Mice and Rats results in Calmer Animals during experimental Procedures'

Camilla Bengtsson & Marie Eriksson



Swetox, Swedish Toxicology Sciences Research Center, Sweden



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