

12th ecopa Annual Workshop "THE FUTURE OF THE 3Rs – FROM INNOVATION TO VALIDATION"

11-11-11, Madrid, Spain

organized by the Spanish Network for Alternatives to animal testing (REMA)

One year ago, the new directive 2010/63/UE on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes was adopted and will be implemented as of January 1st, 2013. This meeting will analyse the progress in strategies regarding alternatives to animal experimentation. The promotion of replacement, reduction and refinement of animal use in research, education and testing will be considered from a global perspective. The difficulties of formal validation of regulatory procedures will be also discussed.

REMA (Spanish Network for alternative Methods) is delighted to organize the *ecopa* (European Consensus Platform for Alternatives) annual workshop. During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with leaders and experts in alternatives to animal experiments coming from relevant EU member countries.



During the event, national consensus platforms on alternatives, as active members of *ecopa*, will present their activities and projects focused on identification and implementation of alternative strategies.

For the first time, a poster session will be organized to promote direct exchanges between young scientists and experts. Projects and investigations related to *in vitro* models, alternatives and animal welfare are welcomed.

In addition, companies that investigate, develop and propose models or assays as alternatives are encouraged to present their work in poster format.

Throughout the day, the agenda will offer several opportunities for sharing ideas and debating between scientists and experts. Within the projects presented, the most relevant will be selected and awarded by an oral presentation prize.





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PROGRAMME

9:00 - 09:15 Welcome

Nicolas Fabre (REMA), Jordi Estévez (REMA), Adela López de Cerain (*ecopa*), Guillermo Repetto (REMA)

09:15 – 10:15 SESSION I: New perspectives in Science and EU projects

Chair: Lisbeth E. Knudsen (U. Copenhagen, DE), Nicolas Fabre (Noscira, E)

9:15 – 9:35 : **SEURAT- safety evaluation ultimately replacing animal testing** Maurice Whelan. European Commission Joint Research Centre, Ispra, EU

9:35 -9:55 AXLR8 project Troy Seidle. Humane Society International, UK

9.55 - 10:15: **Carcinogenomics** Jose Vicente Castell, Hospital la Fé, Valencia, E

10:15- 10.35 **New advances** Sophie Deleu. National Knowledge Centre on Alternatives to animal use (NKCA), NL

10:35 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK and POSTER SESSION

11:30 – 12:30 SESSION II: EU legislation – critical issues and the way forward Chair: Philippe Vanparys (CARDAM, BE), Argelia Castaño (ISCIII, E)

11:30 - 11:50: **Joint CAAT-Europe / ecopa actions** Thomas Hartung. CAAT Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, US

11:50 - 12:10: **Inconsistencies in EU data requirements.** Roman Kolar. German Animal Welfare Federation, Eurogroup for Animals, GE

12:10 - 12:30: **Challenges for the implementation of the directive 2010/63/UE** Oscar Dignoes. Animal Welfare, Spanish Ministry for Environmental, Rural and Marine Affairs, E

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH and POSTER SESSION



14:00 - 16:00 SESSION III: The process of validation

Chair: Adela López de Cerain (U. Navarra, E), Guillermo Repetto (U Pablo de Olavide, E)

14:00 – 14:20 **The Future of Validation - scrutiny at stake?** Manfred Liebsch - ZEBET German Center for Alternatives, GE

14:20 – 14:40 **Using assay automation to support validation at ECVAM** Maurice Whelan. European Commission Joint Research Centre, Ispra, EU

14:40 - 15:00 The point of view of the industry

Philippe Vanparys - CARDAM Centre for Advanced Research & Development on Alternative Methods, BE

15:00 – 15:20 **The point of view of the pharmaceutical industry** Joan Albert Vericat, Noscira, E

15:20 – 15:50. **The point of view of the CRO** Serena Cinelli, RTC Spa, IT

15:50 – 16:20 COFFEE BREAK and POSTER SESSION

(The poster session is open to concerned issues of academia, industry and animal welfare organizations)

- 16:20 16:35 Challenges for the World Congress 2014 in Prague Dagmar Jírová - CZECOPA, CZ Chair: Roman Kolar, GE
- 16:35 17:00 Scientific communications (selected posters) and award(s) Chair: Nicolas Fabre, (REMA), Jordi Estévez (REMA) Award: National platform(s) and animal welfare groups. Alberto Díez, ANDA, E

17:00 - CONCLUSIONS AND END OF THE MEETING

Chair: Nicolas Fabre (REMA), Jordi Estévez (REMA), Adela López de Cerain (*ecopa*), Guillermo Repetto (REMA)

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- October 11th 2011 Deadline for abstracts submission. EXTENDED to 1st November
 October 11th 2011 Last day for Early registration rates
 November 6th 2011 Last day for online registration

REGISTRATION FEES

ONE DAY (Nov. 11th 2011): ecopa Annual Workshop

Registration fees	Until 11 th October 2011	From 12 th October to 6 th November 2011	On site registration
General*	150 €	300 €	350 €
Students**	100 €	200 €	250 €
Companies exhibition***	550 €	1100 €	1200 €

^{*}The meeting fees includes attendance to ecopa WORKSHOP on Nov. 11th, coffee breaks and working lunch. VAT included.

**The applications for students reduced fee have to be accompanied by a formal letter from their academic institution, testifying their status.

*** Please ask the organization for specific sponsorships.

TWO DAYS (Nov. 10th-11th 2011): (only for **ecopa members** and **NCP representatives**)

Registration fees	Until 11 th October 2011	From 12 nd October 2011
ecopa Members*	530 €	600 €
Member of a National Consensus Platform	530 €	600 €



(NCP)*

Hotel**** plus breakfast for 2 nights (Nov. 9/10)	286€
Seminar package for 2 days	200€
Dinner Nov. 10 th	44€
TOTAL	530€

Early registration is recommended. There will be no refund for cancellation received after 21st October. Name substitutions are always possible.

Information, registration and abstracts submission: <u>http://www.remanet.net/</u>