

MEETINGS

2016

30 October–November 3

AALAS National Meeting

Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

www.aalas.org/national-meeting#.V36LmI6plTY

7-11 November

AFLAS Congress 2016

Singapore

www.aflascongress.com

8-10 November

Biotechnische Dagen

Venray, The Netherlands

<http://biotechnischevereniging.nl/congres>

15-18 November

2016 ESLAV-ECLAM

Lyon, France

www.alphavisa.com/eslav-eclam/2016/

16-18 November

Managing Resources in the Modern Animal Facilities

Italy

www.fondazioneguidobernardini.org/

22-24 November

LASA Annual Conference

London, UK

www.lasa.co.uk/winter_meeting.html

6-7 December

EU Conference: Non-Animal Approaches–The Way Forward

Brussels, Belgium

www.euconf.eu/non-animal-approaches-the-way-forward/en/registration/index.html

13-15 December

British Pharmacological Society Annual Meeting 2016

London

www.bps.ac.uk/news-events/future-scientific-meetings/2016/pharmacology-2016#Overview

2017

26 January

Named Persons' Workshop

Central London, UK

http://media.wix.com/ugd/a30180_d2c160bb222541e2bffb0fcea00dba.pdf

21-24 March

IAT Congress 2017

Western UK

www.iat.org.uk/congress

22-24 March

The 8th Charles River European Short Course on Laboratory Animal Science

Berlin, Germany

www.criver.com/eushortcourse

30 May-2 June

Scand-LAS, Do We Need Animal Experimentation?

Copenhagen, Denmark

<http://scandlas2017.dk/org.html>

11-13 September

GV-Solas

Cologne, Germany

www.gv-solas2017.de

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Norway's National Consensus Platform

<https://norecopa.no/about-norecopa>

Norway's National Consensus Platform (Norecopa), founded in 2007, according to the homepage, is "for the advancement of 'the 3 Rs' (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) in connection with animal experiments." Although partially funded by the Norwegian government, the organization has an independent four-member board.

But more important than the organization of Norecopa is its massive amount of information related to the 3Rs. According to a press release (on the site) that announced the launch of its new website in March of this year, the site's collections reflect 25 years of work, done in collaboration with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and the US Department of Agriculture, collecting and evaluating these materials.

The major pages are at the top of the page within a blue ribbon: 'About Norecopa,' 'Alternatives,' 'Databases & Guidelines,' 'Education & training,' 'Legislation,' 'Meetings,' 'News,' 'Other resources,' 'Species' and 'Feedback.'

There are subtopics, besides, immediately under the blue ribbon. Most of these are related directly to Norecopa, but there are links and more links. For example, under 'Annual meetings,' there is a link to a slide presentation, 'How to construct a proper literature search when planning an experiment,' by Alice Tillema of Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Links take the reader to websites all over the world, explaining the basics of the 3Rs (and also Carol Newton's 3 Ss—good science, good sense and good sensibilities). At the end of each page is a question: "Did you find what you were looking for" to be answered in the positive, the negative or ignored. A negative response allows the visitor to explain what he or she was looking for and did not find.

Each explanation includes links to other tabs on the Norecopa site, other websites or documents and may have a bibliography, besides. For example, the tab 'Culture of care' links to a tab labelled 'EU Directive 2010/63,' which leads to the Directive, the previous directive and many other resources relating to the Directive, including upcoming events, EC posters and guidance documents, and at least a dozen additional links leading to even more links.

The 'Databases & Guidelines' link leads to a list of databases, including NORINA (A Norwegian Inventory of Alternatives), which is a collection begun in 1991 of audiovisual aids for education and training. The 'Our 100 favourite products' link leads to 101 different educational products arranged alphabetically by title that can be sorted by source.

The 'Species' tab leads to information about fish, farm animals, lab animals, wildlife and wild fish, cephalopods and other aquatic animals. These links lead to other links.

This is an incredibly large, up-to-date, easy-to-use and easy-to-read compendium of just about anything you need to know about the 3Rs. We give it a perfect score! It reflects Norecopa's years of painstaking work.

Ratings:  Basic to      Excellent

Ease of Use     

Content     

Up to Date     

Visual Impact     

Overall Score     