

Challenging Refinements



4th April 2019

GSK - Stevenage, UK

What are the aims of this meeting and who should attend?

The main focus of the meeting will be to help those involved in the use and care of animals in science to predict, recognise and reduce pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm. In particular, this meeting will focus on ways of refining models and procedures in which this can be challenging (e.g. humane endpoints in regulatory tests and analgesia provision in pain models). Delegates will be able to share experiences and expertise and will take away practical recommendations and action points for applying refinements.

What will it involve?

This one-day meeting will be held in Stevenage, UK on Thursday 4 April from 10am until 4.30pm. Plenty of time for facilitated discussion has been incorporated into the programme. The meeting will focus on a series of case studies by speakers from industry and academia, highlighting how pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm has been successfully reduced or avoided in specific models or procedures. Topics already confirmed include neuropathic pain, collagen-induced arthritis, experimental diabetes, evident toxicity in regulatory tests and environmental toxicity testing in fish. In addition, there will be a presentation on how local AWERBs can assist in developing strategies to apply refinement in 'challenging' models. The meeting will close with a discussion session directed towards strategies to improve dissemination of information on refinement.

We are pleased to announce that there will be **NO delegate fee** charged for attending. However, places are limited and those with direct involvement in the care and use of animals will be prioritised. Refreshments, and lunch will be provided.

A full and detailed programme is available on request, and will be sent to all registered and confirmed participants. Any questions or requests for further information should be directed to: research.animals@rspca.org.uk

Register for this meeting

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