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2015 Animal Ethics Seminar


A seminar for members of Animal Ethics Committees and their Executive Officers, and animal researchers, is to be held at the Australian Catholic University, North Sydney, on 29 September 2015.

The seminar is being run by the Animal Research Review Panel in conjunction with the Animal Welfare Unit, NSW Department of Primary Industries. The programme promises to be packed with information, with presenters from varying areas of expertise sharing their knowledge.

We are again grateful to the Australian Catholic University for providing its excellent facilities for this seminar.

More information:

- Programme - 2015 ARRP Animal Ethics Seminar
- Registration form - 2015 AARP Animal Ethics Seminar
- Australian Catholic University - getting there

Important AEC Information

Application Resources

http://www.research.mq.edu.au/current_research_staff/animal_research_ethics/application_resources
Primary Investigators nomination of appropriate staff during Absence from Facility

It is essential for Primary Investigators to nominate appropriate staff members during the PI's absence and whilst animals are being held at Macquarie University. This is a requirement of the "Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition (2013)"

2.4 Responsibilities of investigators

2.4.1 Investigators have personal responsibility for all matters that relate to the wellbeing of animals that they use, including their housing, husbandry and care. This responsibility extends throughout the period of use approved by the AEC until provisions are made for the animal at the conclusion of their use.

2.5.3 If more than one person is responsible for the care of animals (e.g. animal technicians caring for animals in one or more animal breeding and holding facility, team of animal technicians and researchers caring for animals in a project, team of researchers and wildlife carers involved in the care of wildlife in a research project, several teachers and students caring for animals in a school), a person must be identified who has ultimate responsibility for the care of these animals. Depending on the situation, this person may be the facility manager, or the investigator with ultimate responsibility for a project. Identification of a person with ultimate responsibility for the care of animals does not relieve the individual responsibility of each person who provides care for animals.
Animal Ethics Calendar

Next Application submission **deadline date 2015**
Monday 24 August 2015

Next Animal Ethics Committee **Meeting date 2015**
Thursday 17 September 2015

Animal Ethics Committee Meeting dates 2015

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If you would like to contribute to the Animal Ethics monthly newsletter, kindly email that content for the next month’s newsletter.

Should you have any queries regarding your research, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Alternatively, for more information about AEC policies, procedures, forms and ethical clearance requirements, please go to our webpage at http://www.research.mq.edu.au/for/researchers/how_to_obtain_ethics_approval/animal_ethic