



Monthly newsletter

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Notices and news

2015 Animal Ethics Seminar

<http://www.animaethics.org.au/animal-ethics-committees/2015-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

Governing principles

Each person involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes must consider the governing principles in Section 1 when applying the Code to their specific circumstance; in particular:

- (i) Respect for animals must underpin all decisions and actions involving the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (see Clause 1.1).
- (ii) The obligation to respect animals, and the responsibilities associated with this obligation, apply throughout the animal's lifetime, including acquisition, transport, breeding, housing, husbandry, use of the animal in a project, and provisions for the animal at the conclusion of their use (see Clause 1.4).
- (iii) Institutions, animal ethics committees (AECs) and people involved in any aspect of the care and use of animals for scientific purposes must be aware of and accept their responsibilities, and act in accordance with the Code (see Clause 1.31).
- (iv) All activities, including projects, that involve the care and use of animals for scientific purposes must:
 - (a) be subject to ethical review, approval and monitoring by an AEC
 - (b) commence only after approval has been granted by an AEC
 - (c) be conducted in accordance with the AEC approval
 - (d) cease if approval from the AEC is suspended or withdrawn (see Clause 1.32).

Responsibilities

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 those 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

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS*	MEETING DATE
Tuesday 27 January 2015	Thursday 19 February 2015
Monday 23 February 2015	Thursday 19 March 2015
Monday 30 March 2015	Thursday 16 April 2015
Monday 27 April 2015	Thursday 14 May 2015
Monday 25 May 2015	Thursday 18 June 2015
Monday 29 June 2015	Thursday 16 July 2015
Monday 27 July 2015	Thursday 20 August 2015
Monday 24 August 2015	Thursday 17 September 2015
Monday 28 September 2015	Thursday 15 October 2015
Monday 23 November 2015	Thursday 10 December 2015

Contributions

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