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Notices and news

(a) AE Compliance tips:

Reporting Adverse Events

Remember whenever you submit an Adverse event form to the Secretariat you **MUST** send a copy to the manager of the facility in which your animals are kept.



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Reporting Form for Unexpected Adverse Events
(Version 2.2 – May 2012)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Reference no.: _____ Date received: _____
AEC meeting date: _____

- It is the policy of the Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) that unexpected adverse events, including unexpected deaths, are reported to the Animal Welfare Officer (AWO) within 72 hours. Email animal.ethics@mq.edu.au (Att: AWO) or call (02) 9850 7758 or 0439 497 383
- An unexpected adverse event is an outcome that is not described in the AEC approved protocol and one that has a negative effect on animal welfare, i.e. is not good from the animal's point of view (e.g. the experience of pain and/or distress).
- An unexpected death is a death that occurs prior to the approved experimental endpoint. This includes death as a result of unplanned euthanasia and death under anaesthesia.
- The information in this form is required under sections of the Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes (NH&MRC 2004 7th Ed.) that relate to keeping records and reporting unexpected and/or adverse events/impacts/effects (Sections 2.2.27, 2.2.28, 3.1.9 and 3.1.12).
- Information provided in this report will be presented by the AWO at the next scheduled AEC meeting after the date of receipt. The report will be filed with all other records pertaining to your animal research protocol.

Instructions for Submission of this form

- Attach any supporting documents (e.g. veterinary or pathology reports)
- The form must be typed (not hand written) and signed by the Principal Investigator or their delegate
- Please email completed forms to BOTH animal.ethics@mq.edu.au (Att: AWO) AND to the manager of the facility in which the animal is being held.



(b) Recording adverse events by photo or video

If you have an adverse event you can always record the event (or the post-mortem findings) with the cameras which are now available in the laboratories (see Leonie Diment, Robby Miller or Christine Sutter).



(c) New JoVE videos of interest:

A Zebrafish Model of Diabetes Mellitus and Metabolic Memory

http://www.jove.com/video/50232/a-zebrafish-model-of-diabetes-mellitus-and-metabolic-memory?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=weekly_20130307

Seminars

There are no seminars to report this month.

A useful video which all researchers may wish to view is on Pos-Mortem Technique. This video is on mice but could apply equally o rats

<http://www.jove.com/video/2966/diagnostic-necropsy-selected-tissue-sample-collection-rats>

Tips and Hints for your applications Helpful hints to reduce AEC delays:

Please include relevant references in your application if they support your request for a particular model, technique or process.

Animal Ethics Calendar

“Working with Research Animals Workshops” in 2013

It is mandatory that all researchers undergo training in the ethical conduct of research. If you have attended an animal ethics course in the past then we will attempt to keep a copy of your evidence of attendance on file at the research office. All new researchers who have not already attended a course in **the ethics of animal based research** must attend a workshop, held here at Macquarie University.

2nd Session date: Thursday, 25 July 2013

Visit [our website](#) to register.

Refresher courses in the current legislation and the ethical conduct of research will be offered in the future for experienced researchers.

Animal Ethics Committee Meeting dates 2013

For 2013 as follows or view the Animal Ethics [web site](#).

Meeting Dates and Closing Dates for 2013

Closing Dates for Submissions	Meeting Dates
<i>Friday 25 January 2013</i>	Thursday 14 February 2013
<i>Monday 25 February 2013</i>	Thursday 14 March 2013
<i>Monday 25 March 2013</i>	Thursday 18 April 2013
<i>Monday 29 April 2013</i>	Thursday 16 May 2013
<i>Monday 27 May 2013</i>	Thursday 13 June 2013
<i>Monday 24 June 2013</i>	Thursday 18 July 2013
<i>Monday 29 July 2013</i>	Thursday 15 August 2013
<i>Monday 26 August 2013</i>	Thursday 19 September 2013
<i>Monday 30 September 2013</i>	Thursday 17 October 2013
<i>Monday 18 November 2013</i>	Thursday 5 December 2013

Next Application submission deadline dates 2013

The next application deadline is Monday 25th March for the meeting on 18 April 2013.

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 me:

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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_ethics