



# Monthly newsletter

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## Notices and news

### Annual Reporting on the Use of Animals in Research and Teaching

Just a reminder that all Institutions are required to submit an annual report on the use of animals in research and teaching every year. This **annual report** is due for all 2014 animal use statistics. An email will be sent to all researchers requesting this information shortly.

Please ensure that you return this information to our office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

## Training opportunities this month

### Research Animal Care and Ethics Training

#### RACE Training: Module 1 - Introduction to Animal Research

Our [Research Animal Care and Ethics Training on-line course](#) is up and running.. The link to the online course is as follows: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/index.php>.

This training has replaced the current Working With Research Animals Workshop which was held bi-annually.

Once you have successfully completed the course, please advise [animal.ethics@mq.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@mq.edu.au) by email and we will arrange to issue you a certificate, the recording of which will allow you to begin/continue to work with research animals at Macquarie University.



### RACE Training: Module 2 - Research Animal care, handling and basic research techniques

Contact Macquarie Animal Research Services (MARS) at [robyn.gentle@mq.edu.au](mailto:robyn.gentle@mq.edu.au) or [animal.ethics@mq.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@mq.edu.au) to enrol for **Module 2 - Research Animal care, handling and basic research techniques**, with both practical and theoretical components.

### Animal Research Review Panel Animal Ethics Seminar

#### 1. Animal Research Review Panel Animal Ethics Seminar - keep the date free!

The biennial Panel Animal Ethics Seminar will be held on Tuesday 29 September 2015. The Australian Catholic University has again kindly provided the use of its facilities at its North Sydney campus. The program is shaping up to be stimulating and engaging. As always, there will be significant participation by "the practitioners" - from AEC members to animal care staff. The willingness of these people to contribute is greatly appreciated.

A program and registration form will soon be circulated and published on Animal Ethics Infolink.

#### 2. Animal Welfare Symposium

A free animal welfare symposium, sponsored by ANZLAA and Tecniplast is to be held at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research on Thursday 21 May 2015. The program covers a range of interesting topics. A copy of the program can be found at: <http://epublishbyus.com/ebook/ebook?id=10040506#/o>.

#### 3. Dr Robert Dixon Animal Welfare Memorial Symposium

A question and answer format symposium on "Why animal welfare matters in veterinary education" will be held at the University of Sydney on Monday 23 March (2.30pm - 4.30pm). Further details are available at: [http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/about/annual\\_lectures/robert-dixon/index.shtml?utm\\_source=Sign-Up.to&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=27921-21156-Dr+Robert+Dixon+Animal+Welfare+Memorial+Symposium+2015](http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/about/annual_lectures/robert-dixon/index.shtml?utm_source=Sign-Up.to&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=27921-21156-Dr+Robert+Dixon+Animal+Welfare+Memorial+Symposium+2015)

#### 4. RSPCA UK lay member resource

The RSPCA UK has released a revised edition of its guide for independent / external members of animal ethics committees. The revision has aimed at making it more applicable to an international audience. It is available at: <http://view.pagetiger.com/EthicalReviewJanuary2015>

## Animal Ethics Calendar

### Next Application submission deadline date 2015

Monday 30 March 2015

### Next Animal Ethics Committee Meeting date 2015

Thursday 16 April 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](http://www.research.mq.edu.au/for/researchers/how_to_obtain_ethics_approval/animal_ethic)*