



# Monthly newsletter



## November 2013

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## Notices and news

### RSPCA - 2014 Scientific Seminar Public Lecture Tour

In 2014 RSPCA Australia is adapting its usual Scientific Seminar format to host a series of public lectures and mini-symposia on the future of non-animal models in biomedical research and toxicology. The 2014 series will be presented by Professor Thomas Hartung, current Director of the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) and former Director of the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM). Professor Hartung has devoted his career to promoting a paradigm shift in toxicity testing to drive the uptake of non-animal methods.

**10 Feb 2014** – Sydney – evening Public Lecture

More details including venue and exact times will be available soon.

### SENTIENCE MOSAIC

An interesting debate on "How can we address animal welfare and sentience in invasive species management?". Dr Bidda Jones, Chief Scientist from the RSPCA is a participant.

<http://www.animalmosaic.org/sentience/Debates/past-debates/default.aspx?page=0&debate=tcm:46-35798>

## DISEASE-SPECIFIC STEM CELL LINES PLACED ON NIH STEM CELL REGISTRY.

6 human embryonic stem (hES) cell lines have been approved by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) and placed on their Stem Cell Registry,

<http://www.technologynetworks.com/news.aspx?ID=158145>

## THE BIG ANIMAL RESEARCH DEBATES

The Big Animal Research debate saw 30 universities as well as a number of schools hold debates on animal research over the course of four days as part of their Biology Week.

You can watch the debates here:

<http://www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk/news/2013/10/this-house-would-not-ban-all-forms-of-animal-research/>

## Tips and Hints for your applications

### Reminder to all Researchers:

### *Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes*

Animal Ethics would like to remind researchers that AEC and Institutional reporting requirements are set to ensure compliance with the *Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes*. It is the PI's responsibility to provide annual reports on approved projects regardless of the duration of the project.

- **Ensure animal number calculations are very clear and mathematically correct** - a table format to show numbers required in different experiments is extremely useful

## Important AEC Information

### On-Line Application Forms are here!!

The Research Office has launched the New Application online form. With some PI's volunteering to assist us by lodging online this month, the AEC Meeting scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> of December will be the Committee's first opportunity to explore the "back-end" of the forms and finalise the format for the coming year.

The Online form can be accessed with your **MQ One ID** & password

<https://iris.mq.edu.au/rmenet/>

## Training opportunities this month

Please contact the AWO for any training requirements.

New Researcher training has been incorporated into the CAF Induction process. The format of this training will be refined over the next few months to ultimately deliver the best possible service to new researchers or any researcher looking to refresh their skills.

## Animal Ethics Calendar

### Next Application submission deadline date 2013

Monday 18 November 2013

### Next Animal Ethics Committee Meeting date 2013

Thursday 5 December 2013 (*Last AEC meeting of the year*)

### Animal Ethics Committee Meeting dates 2014

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS	MEETING DATE
<i>Tuesday 28 January 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 20 February 2014</i></b>
<i>Friday 28 February 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 20 March 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 31 March 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 17 April 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 28 April 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 15 May 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 26 May 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 19 June 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 30 June 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 17 July 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 28 July 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 14 August 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 25 August 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 18 September 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 29 September 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 16 October 2014</i></b>
<i>Monday 24 November 2014</i>	<b><i>Thursday 11 December 2014</i></b>

## 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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