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Notices and news

ONLINE FORMS ARE COMING!

If you are a Primary Investigator and have plans to submit a New Application at the next AEC Meeting, why not have a “dry-run” at submitting this using the online system. The system is not fully functional, but we will be able to provide a hardcopy for consideration at the December meeting. Please contact Dr Dian Utami if you are interested.

Understanding and Selecting Surgical Suture and Needle – ALN article

The selection of needle and material can be critical in maximising welfare and research outcomes in your protocol. The article [here](#) summarises some important aspects to this often overlooked aspect of surgical techniques.

Ethical review of the use of animals in research: a reflection on the journey

Since 1969, the use of animals for scientific purposes in Australia has been governed by the various versions of The Code. In this article, Margaret Rose reflects on the challenges of the past both in Australia and overseas. More importantly, valid and constructive suggestions for improvement to the current framework are discussed.

http://www.altex.ch/resources/281288_Rose31.pdf

Tips and Hints for your applications

NC3Rs stresses need to maximise information published on animal research to reduce the potential for unnecessary animal

The [link](#) provides information regarding the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research recent call for Universities to improve reporting of animal research. The article explains the need for documentation of information pertaining to current research is critical in shaping and informing future scientific studies and policy.

Please ask for help

The AWO and experienced researchers who sit on the AEC are all available and happy to provide feedback and advice on your applications before you submit for AEC consideration.

Important AEC Information

REMINDER: LAST AEC MEETING OF 2013

The Meeting on the 5th December 2013 will be the last meeting for 2013. Submissions for this close on the 18 November 2013. The first meeting of 2014 will be 20th February 2014 (Closing date for submissions – 28th January 2013)

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)

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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