

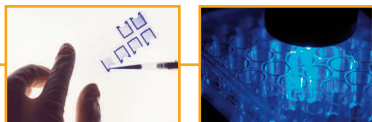
Scientific Information

Sessions

DAY I: Integrated Approaches, Chemical and Physical Methods, High-Throughput Technologies, Omics and Systems Biology, Non-Invasive Technologies, Non-Vertebrate Models, In Silico Models, Databases, In Vitro Technologies and Validation Concepts.

DAY II: Basic Research, Chemicals and Pesticides, Cosmetics, Pharmaceuticals, Food Improving Agents, Genetically Modified Organisms, Nanotechnology Applications, Vaccines / Biologicals, Education / Training and Animal Use Policies.

DAY III: Skin and Eye Toxicity I & II, Systemic Toxicity and Target Organs, Genetics and Carcinogenicity, Reproduction, Development and Fertility, Disease Models, Environmental Science, Animal Welfare Science, Immunology and Neuroscience.



Call for Papers

Registered participants wishing to make a presentation in one of the sessions or present a poster should submit an abstract of about 200 words. Abstracts should be submitted electronically through the official website of the Congress: www.aimgroup.eu/2009/WC7.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **April 10, 2009**.

Please be sure to follow carefully the abstract submission instructions posted on the website.

Registered participants who wish to apply for grants or awards for young scientists should submit additional documents by the same deadline (April 10).

WC7 Deadlines

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	April 10, 2009
APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL GRANTS AND AWARDS BY YOUNG SCIENTISTS	April 10, 2009
NOTICE TO AUTHORS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABSTRACTS	June 10, 2009
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS	June 30, 2009
HOTEL RESERVATION	July 31, 2009
STANDARD REGISTRATION	August 10, 2009

For registration, hotel accommodation, updates on the scientific and social program of the Congress, please, visit

www.aimgroup.eu/2009/WC7

or

contact the Organizing Secretariat



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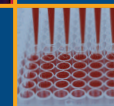
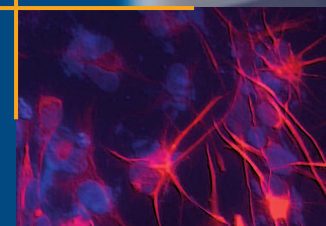


Rome (Italy)
August 30 - September 3, 2009

Calling on Science



VII World Congress
on Alternatives
& Animal Use in the
Life Sciences



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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

in about one year time, the 7th World Congress on alternatives and animal use in the life sciences will take place in Rome, Italy. The congress was given the motto "Calling on Science" in order to emphasize that scientific progress today goes hand in hand with progress towards the reduction, refinement and replacement of experimental animals (the 3-R's). The program itself promises to be somewhat "alternative" as well: the first three days will address alternatives and the use of animals from different angles in specific day themes as follows:

DAY I: INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, CONCEPTS AND APPROACHES

...addresses broad concepts, approaches and strategies, integrating new technologies such as genomics, proteomics, metabonomics and systems biology approaches.

DAY II: AREAS OF ANIMAL USE

...includes basic research, development of pharmaceuticals, safety assessment of specific product types and biologicals including vaccines. It also covers new developments in education and training and multi-annual animal welfare action plans and large-scale testing programs.

DAY III: PROGRESS IN LIFE SCIENCE DOMAINS

...addresses basic and applied research and specific hazard endpoints, including animal welfare science and environmental science.

HALF DAY IV: 50 YEARS AFTER RUSSEL & BURCH

...highlights scientific developments relevant to the 3-R's, with emphasis on the exponential progress in recent years, its implications for science, public health, and animal use and welfare. 2009 is marked not only by the 50th anniversary of Russel & Burch's definition of the 3-R's, but also by the European deadline for phasing out animal testing for cosmetics and the start of the REACH chemical test program.

Today we are at cross-roads where major policy decisions have to be made. Global collaboration is essential to reach the ultimate 3-R's targets.

Do not miss the opportunity to be part of these exciting developments.

Herman Koëter and Thomas Hartung

General information

City of Rome

It is hard to say what is most breathtaking about the Eternal City, the Vatican, the Forum, the Colosseum, just to name few of the most famous symbols of the Italian capital. This city is incomparable and part of its allure lies in its history, which proceeds side by side with legend. Through the course of the centuries, the city has acquired a unique appearance, which makes possible for the visitor to stroll through twenty-five centuries of history, architecture and art.

Airports

Rome has two airports: "Leonardo da Vinci"- Fiumicino for international flights and "Giovan Battista Pastine"- Ciampino, a smaller airport dealing mainly with charter and budget airlines. Both airports are well connected through trains, buses, underground and taxis to downtown Rome.

Congress Venue

The 7th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences will be held at:

CAVALIERI HILTON HOTEL

Via A. Cadlolo, 101 - 00135 - Rome (Italy)
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Located in highest residential area of Monte Mario Hill, the Cavalieri Hilton Hotel, overlooking the city's monuments, is just 5 minutes from the Vatican and 10 minutes from the historic city centre.

A 5 star hotel with a technological, sumptuous and functional conference centre.

Leonardo da Vinci Airport: 40 minutes
Termini Central Train Station: 15-20 minutes

Every hour a complimentary shuttle bus service is at the disposal of the guests accommodated at the Cavalieri Hilton Hotel to reach major city landmarks.