



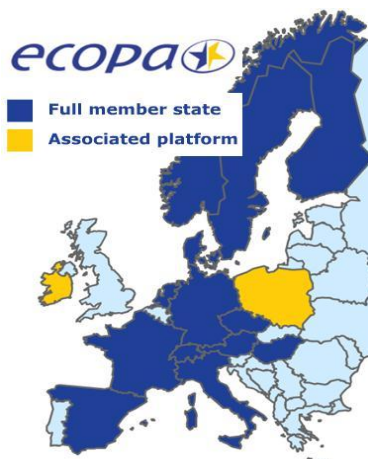
12th *ecopa* Annual Workshop “THE FUTURE OF THE 3Rs – FROM INNOVATION TO VALIDATION”

11th November 2011, Madrid, Spain

organized by the Spanish Network for Alternatives to animal testing (REMA)

One year ago, the new directive 2010/63/UE on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes was adopted and will be implemented as of January 1st, 2013. This meeting will analyse the progress in the alternatives to animal experimentation strategies within the EU countries thanks to the presence of the countries' relevant representatives. The promotion of replacement, reduction and refinement of animal use in research, education and testing will be considered from a global perspective. The difficulties of formal validation of regulatory procedures will be also discussed.

REMA (Spanish Network for alternative Methods) is delighted to organize *ecopa* (European Consensus Platform for Alternatives) annual workshop. During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with leaders and experts in alternatives to animal experiments coming from relevant EU member countries.



During the event, national consensus platforms on alternatives, as active members of *ecopa*, will present their activities and projects focused on identification and implementation of alternative strategies.

For the first time, a poster session will be organized to promote direct exchanges between young scientists and experts. Projects and investigations related to *in vitro* models, alternatives and animal welfare are welcomed.

In addition, companies that investigate, develop and propose models or assays as alternatives are encouraged to present their work in poster format.

Throughout the day, the agenda will offer several opportunities for sharing ideas and debating between scientists and experts. Within the projects presented, the most relevant will be selected and awarded by an oral presentation prize.





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PROGRAMME

9:00 – 09:15 Welcome

Organizing committee, *ecopa* and REMA chairmans

09:15 – 10:15 SESSION I: New perspectives in Science and EU projects

Chair: *ecopa* + REMA

9:15 – 9:35 : Alternatives in upcoming framework programs

European Commission (Speaker to be confirmed)

9:35 -9:55 SEURAT- safety evaluation ultimately replacing animal testing

Maurice Whelan. European Commission Joint Research Centre, Ispra, EU

9.55 - 10:15: AXLR8 project

Troy Seidle. Humane Society International, UK

10:15- 10.25 New advances

Janna de Boer. ZonMW, NL

10:15 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK and POSTER SESSION

11:00 – 12:30 SESSION II: EU legislation – critical issues and the way forward

Chair: *ecopa* + REMA

11:00 - 11:20: Joint CAAT-Europe / *ecopa* actions

Thomas Hartung. CAAT Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, US

11:20 - 11:40: Inconsistencies in EU data requirements.

Roman Kolar. German Animal Welfare Federation, Eurogroup for Animals, GE

11:40 - 12:00: Challenges for the implementation of the directive 2010/63/UE

Oscar Dignoes. Animal Welfare, Spanish Ministry of the Environment

12:00 - 12:30: Round table: status over Europe on critical issues (NCPs will present a short view on the implementation in their countries)

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH and POSTER SESSION



14:00 - 16:00 SESSION III: The process of validation

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14:00 – 14:20 Coordination of the validation strategies: the present status of validation at ECVAM

Joachim Kreysa. ECVAM, European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods EU (to be confirmed)

14:20 – 14:40 The future of the validation process

Manfred Liebsch - ZEBET German Center for Alternatives, GE

14:40 – 15:00 The point of view of the industry

Philippe Vanparys - CARDAM Centre for Advanced Research & Development on Alternative Methods, BE

15:00 – 15:20 The point of view of the pharmaceutical industry

Joan Albert Vericat, Noscira, E

15:20 – 16:20 COFFEE BREAK and POSTER SESSION

(The poster session is open to concerned issues of academia, industry and animal welfare organizations)

16:20 – 16:35 Challenges for the World Congress 2015 in Prague

Dagmar Jírová - CZECOPA, PL

16:35 – 17:00 Scientific communications (selected posters) and award(s)

Chair: **ecopa** + REMA

Award: National platform(s) and animal welfare groups

17:00 – CONCLUSIONS AND END OF THE MEETING

VENUE

Hotel Santo Domingo****
C/ San Bernardo, 1
Madrid - Spain

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **October 11th 2011** - Deadline for abstracts submission
- **October 11th 2011** - Last day for Early registration rates
- **November 6th 2011** - Last day for online registration



REGISTRATION FEES

ONE DAY (Nov. 11th 2011): **ecopa Annual Workshop**

Registration fees	Until 11 th October 2011	From 12 th October to 6 th November 2011	On site registration
General*	150 €	300 €	350 €
Students**	100 €	200 €	250 €
Companies exhibition***	550 €	1100 €	1200 €

*The meeting fees includes attendance to **ecopa** WORKSHOP on Nov. 11th, coffee breaks and working lunch. VAT included.

**The applications for students reduced fee have to be accompanied by a formal letter from their academic institution, testifying their status.

*** Please ask the organization for specific sponsorships.

TWO DAYS (Nov. 10th-11th 2011): (only for **ecopa members** and **NCP representatives**)

Registration fees	Until 11 th October 2011	From 12 nd October 2011
ecopa Members*	530 €	600 €
Member of a National Consensus Platform (NCP)*	530 €	600 €

Hotel**** plus breakfast for 2 nights (Nov. 9/10)	286 €
Seminar package for 2 days	200 €
Dinner Nov. 10 th	44 €
TOTAL	530 €

Early registration is recommended. There will be no refund for cancellation received after 21st October. Name substitutions are always possible.

Information, registration and abstracts submission: <http://www.remanet.net/>