



USDA Animal Care/Animal Welfare Information Center
Workshop

Considering Alternatives; Making a Difference

Date:

September 23-24, 2009

Location:

USDA Beacon Building
6501 Beacon Drive Kansas City, Missouri 64133

Learning objectives:

At the end of the workshop participants should:

- Be familiar with the "3Rs" of alternatives (reduction, refinement, replacement)
- Know the basics of database searching for alternatives
- Understand how alternatives are implemented in research protocols
- Understand the role of the IACUC in evaluating the consideration of alternatives and be aware of available resources

Course Description:

This course is based on the highly-successful AWIC workshops usually held at their headquarters in Beltsville, Maryland. In addition, you will hear real-life examples of various ways the 3Rs have been incorporated into research protocols and evaluated by IACUCs, and you will be given the USDA regulatory perspective on this topic.

Who should attend:

IACUC members, principal investigators, attending veterinarians, research administrators, members of the general public.

Registration:

There is no cost to attend this workshop. All participants must register through the website at: <http://awic.nal.usda.gov/workshops>

Hotel and Transportation :

All participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. A block of rooms (\$107.00/night) has been reserved at the: Hyatt Regency Crown Center
2345 McGee Street
Kansas City, MO
(816) 421-1234
<http://crowncenter.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mkcrkusda2009>

Shuttle will be available to/from the training location.

Agenda:

DAY ONE

8:30 am Welcome/ Introduction
9:00 am Animal Welfare Legislation
10:00 am Definition of "Alternatives"
10:15 am Break
10:30 am Speaker #1 (Scientist)
11:00 am Speaker #2 (Biostatistician)
11:30 am Speaker #3 (Instructor)
12 noon LUNCH (on your own)
Cafeteria on the premises
1:00 pm Speaker #4 (Scientist)
1:30 pm Speaker #5 (Veterinarian)
2:00 pm Speaker #6 (Veterinarian)
2:30 pm Break
2:45 pm AWIC services and databases
3:15 pm Introduction to search strategies
4:30 pm END

DAY TWO

8:30 am Review of previous day
9:00 am Small group discussion
9:45 am Hands-on database searching
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Presentations of group findings
12 noon LUNCH (on your own)
Cafeteria on the premises
1:00 pm Continue database searching
2:45 pm Break
3:00 pm USDA Animal Care perspective
3:30 pm IACUC Chair perspective
4:00 pm END

For more information, visit our website at:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/