

## **National Committee for the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes**

### **Report of the Meeting on 7 May 2025**

1. Declarations of Interest/Conflicts of Interest  
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
2. Report of the Meeting of 9 October 2024  
The minutes of the meeting 9 October 2024 were not included in the meeting papers but were adopted subsequently by written procedure.
3. Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.
4. Training event 2025  
The Committee discussed the arrangements for the training event for stakeholders on the following day. The Committee was given a live demonstration of the EURL ECVAM BioMedModelHub (BiMMoH) AI-driven Replacement database by a JRC representative. This database is designed to collect and organise data on non-animal methodologies used in biomedical research, and leverages automated technologies to extract and structure information from the extensive body of published scientific literature. The database, which is expected to go live at year-end, will also be demonstrated during the stakeholder training event.
5. Forced swim test  
The Committee noted that the draft advice requested by the HPRA is in preparation currently. It is expected that it will be finalised over the coming months and adopted at the next meeting.
6. Update on a national Animal Welfare Body network  
The Committee was updated on the establishment of a national AWB network, which held its first meeting on 3 March 2025. The Committee noted this development as a positive one.
7. FELASA/ECLAM/ESLAV  
It was noted that an updated FELASA/ECLAM/ESLAV guidance on the role of the Designated Veterinarian (DV) is expected to be published before year-end.
8. Dates of next meetings  
The date for the next meeting of 24 September 2025 was agreed.
9. AOB  
There was nothing to report.

ENDS.