

National Committee for the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes

Report of the Meeting on 12 September 2023

1. Declarations of Interest/Conflicts of Interest
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
2. Report of the Meeting of 21 September 2022
The minutes of the meeting 21 September 2022 were adopted and approved.
3. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
4. Animal Welfare Body brochure and poster
An update to the Brochure developed previously by the Committee for Animal Welfare Bodies (AWB) was agreed in principle. A poster for AWB was also agreed. The documents would be finalised in consultation with the HPRA's Communications Unit and made available shortly.
5. National Committee logo
The Committee considered a number of logo options and agreed in principle to a preferred option. The logo will be used when Members of the Committee give presentations on behalf of the Committee, as well as official correspondence.
6. Training event 2025
The Committee discussed the feasibility of hosting a training event for stakeholders in Spring 2025. The matter will be considered further at the next meeting.
7. Membership expiry
The Committee noted that terms of office of four members of the Committee would expire in January 2024. Two had expressed their willingness to continue in office if appointed for a second term, while two others would leave office in January. The HPRA expressed gratitude to Members for their voluntary service. The HPRA noted that the Chairman having served the Committee since inception in 2014 was amongst those retiring, and drew attention to the sterling work done in establishing the Committee's working and communication methods.
8. Changes to the National Committee's website
The Committee noted that the HPRA is upgrading its website in line with government requirements. As the National Committee's website is hosted by the HPRA, the content of this part of the website will also be reviewed and updated. The new website is expected to go live in 2024.
9. Date of next meeting
The proposed date for the next meeting is either 8 or 15 May 2024. The final date for the next meeting will be agreed once the new members have been appointed.

10. AOB

The Committee noted the reports of a PARERE workshop in Italy on 30-31 March 2023 as well as a recommendation of a subgroup of EU National Committees on non-animal derived antibodies dated 7 July 2023. Both reports had been provided to the Committee for information.

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