

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

### **Report of the Meeting on 15 September 2021**

1. Declarations of Interest/Conflicts of Interest  
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
2. Report of the Meeting of 27 May 2021  
The minutes of the meeting 27 May 2021 were adopted and approved.
3. Matters Arising  
There was nothing to report.
4. Training event September 2022  
The NCPA discussed the organisation of a stakeholder training event to be held on 22 September 2022 was proposed as the date to hold the National Committee event. The Committee members agreed this date subject to consultation with the HPRC Corporate Affairs department.
5. ALURES Statistical EU Database and ALURES NTS EU Database  
The searchable ALURES NTS EU Database is now live to the public. All projects approved from January 2021 must be published within 6 months of approval. There are approximately three and a half thousand non-technical summaries (NTS) published on the website prior to this meeting.  
The ALURES Statistical EU Database is also live and accessible to the public. Statistical data currently includes data up to 2018 at an EU level. National level data will be available from 2023.
6. Review of feedback from AWBs on Lessons Learned from Covid Experience  
Following on from the September 2020 meeting, NCPA members were asked if they had received any feedback from Animal Welfare Bodies (AWBs) in relation to this matter. No direct feedback has been received.
7. Members whose term of office expires in January 2022  
The NCPA noted that a number of the committee members' terms are due to expire on 8th January 2022. The Chairman thanked those members for their services and wished them well for the future.
8. Date of next meeting  
The proposed date for the next meeting in 2021 is Wednesday, 18 May 2022.
9. AOB  
Proposal for an AWB Training Requirement Guidance Document  
It was suggested that a draft document could be developed in time for the training event in 2022 for review by participants for feedback and amendments. Feedback at the 11th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences held in August

2021 suggests that there are limitations on available training for AWB members. It was suggested to condense available resources on the topic rather than duplicate existing work and focus on placing the information into the context of operating in an AWB in Ireland. It was agreed that a couple of Members will create a draft template document for this purpose.

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