

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

### **Report of the Meeting on 18 May 2022**

1. Declarations of Interest/Conflicts of Interest  
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
2. Report of the Meeting of 15 September 2021  
The minutes of the meeting 15 September 2021 were adopted and approved.
3. Matters Arising  
There was nothing to report. The Chairperson informed Members that one of the Members had resigned from the NCPA due to other commitments.
4. Training event September 2022  
The NCPA discussed the organisation of a stakeholder training event to be held on 22 September 2022. The HPRA will open registration for the event in mid-June. It was agreed to encourage registrants to submit topics of interest and particular issue in advance of the event to further structure discussions during the event. The Chairman encouraged all members to attend. NCPA members will attend a NCPA meeting the day before the event.
5. Animal Welfare Body Training Requirement Guidance Document  
An update was provided on the creation of a draft guidance document for training requirements for animal welfare body (AWB) members. It was noted that there are several existing detailed documents such as those by the HPRA, LASA, EC and RSPCA. As opposed to duplicating the information in these detailed documents, it was decided to create a poster style checklist document instead. The checklist would indicate the best source of more detailed information where relevant and encourage readers to familiarize themselves with the Terms of Reference of their local AWB.
6. S.I. 205 of 2022 European Union (Amendment) Regulations 2022  
The NCPA noted the above legislation, which removes the requirement for applications for individual authorisation to include details of the specific techniques. The revision simplifies the HPRA process and removes unnecessary bureaucracy without adversely affecting animal welfare standards.
7. Date of next meeting  
The proposed date for the next meeting is 21 September 2022.
8. AOB  
There was nothing to report.

ENDS.