Culture of care in animal research - The International Culture of Care Network

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Background

The EU working document on Animal Welfare Bodies and National Committees states:

- Ensuring an appropriate culture of care is in everyone's interests, as it will promote improved animal welfare.
- Simply having animal facilities and resources which meet the requirements of the legislation will not ensure that appropriate animal welfare, care and use practices will automatically follow.

The aims of the Culture of Care Network

To provide a forum for the quick and efficient dissemination of ideas and efforts to create a culture of care

- To promote a mindset and behaviour that continuously and proactively works to advance laboratory animal welfare and the 3Rs.
- To aim for more than a culture of compliance.
- To encourage a culture of challenge, rather than accepting established practice.

Interested in joining?

As a member, you are expected to work actively with culture of care. Please write to: CultureOfCareNetwork@gmail.com



Our members

The Network consists of people with a large range of backgrounds:

- Laboratory animal scientists & technicians
- Laboratory animal veterinarians
- Members of Animal Welfare Bodies
- Representatives of National competent authorities
- Communications experts
- Members of animal welfare organisations

This diversity of competency and perspectives ensures that the network encourages a culture of care both for the animals used in research and for those working with them.

We are currently 38 members in 16 countries.



References:

- The legal framework for a culture of care: https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/pdf/e ndorsed_awb-nc.pdf
- A Quick Start Guide:
- https://norecopa.no/CoC/quick-start-guide
- An overview of culture of care resources: https://norecopa.no/CoC/resources