



**CA 21139, COST Action IMPROVE  
3RS CONCEPTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE  
Istanbul Workshop Acibadem University Turkey 2-3 September 2024**

**Date:** 2-3 September 2024

**Venue:** Istanbul Acibadem University

**Participants:** The workshop is generally open for everyone and is planned as a hybrid event. COST Action IMPROVE will cover the travel costs for minimum 20 invited participants including 3 key note speakers and two co-chairs.

**Selection Committee:** Augusto Vitale, Nikos Kotsomitsopoulos, Yesim Isil Ulman

**Program**

**Monday, September the 2nd**

8.30-9.30 Registration, Opening welcome, Presentation of the workshop, Formation of discussion groups

Opening Welcome: Yesim Isil Ulman, PhD and Augusto Vitale, PhD. (Co-chairs of the Workshop)

9.30 -10.15 Keynote Lecture: Prof. Simone Pollo, "Does moral reflection improve the quality of biomedical research?"

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45 Work of discussion groups

11.45 – 12.30 Outcomes presentations from the discussion groups

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 14.30 Keynote Lecture: Prof. Nikos Kostomitsopoulos, "Ethical dilemmas in the use of animals as human organ donors"

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 -16.00 Work of discussion groups

16.00 – 16.45 Outcomes presentations from the discussion groups

GALA DINNER

**Tuesday, September the 3rd**

9.00 - 9.45 Keynote Lecture: Dr. Aurelie Thomas, "Making NAMs (New Approach Methodologies), the ethical solution to animal use"

9.45 – 10.15 Coffee break

10.15 – 11.45 Work of discussion groups

11.45 – 12.30 Outcomes presentations from the discussion groups

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 -14.30 Presentations from local officials

14.30 - Visit of the [Acibadem Univ.](#) Experimental Animals Application and Research [Center](#)

**Invited Speakers:**

- 1) Prof. Simone Pollo, Department of Philosophy, Sapienza University of Rome / National Biodiversity Future Center, Rome, Italy.
- 2) Prof. Nikos Kostomitsopoulos, Senior Research Scientist, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens, Athens, Greece.
- 3) Dr. Aurelie Thomas, AstraZeneca R&D Clinical Pharmacology and Safety Sciences, Animal Science and Technology, Cambridge, UK

**Co-Chair and Host of the Istanbul Workshop, COST-IMPROVE:**

Prof. Yesim Isil Ulman, PhD, Acibadem University School of Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey

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**Practicalities:** University is on the Asian side of [Istanbul](#), close to Sabiha Gokcen Airport ([SAW](#)), connected by Metro Lines M 4 (Kozyatagi Stop) and M 8 (Kucukbakkalkoy Stop).

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