

IABS conference

3Rs alternatives and consistency approach in vaccine lot release testing

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IABS is an independent, nonprofit scientific organization that focuses on establishing regulatory dialogue on specific issues among manufacturers, scientific researchers and national regulatory control authorities. Issues include quality, standardization, and efficacy of biological products. Our primary activity is organizing and sponsoring international conferences on selected topics with the objective of developing a consensus and an action plan to achieve regulatory progress.

Vaccine development and quality control includes models based on studies in laboratory animals, substantial numbers of which are used. Increasingly, however, regulations on animal experimentation and testing now urge the use of non-animal methods, reduction of animal numbers in tests still being performed and refinement of animal procedures and animal husbandry practices; the principle which is generally known as the 3Rs. This need for humane science aligns with a broad wish to make vaccine development and quality control more science based, more economic and less time consuming. Substantial progress in 3Rs implementation in vaccine development and quality control has been achieved; several non-animal models are being validated and a new testing strategy which integrates analytical tools, in vitro assays and quality systems, the consistency approach, is now under study.

The IABS conference will be the focal point for well recognised experts presenting the latest developments on the most important 3Rs topics in vaccine development and quality control. The conference will be THE platform for exchange of information on the 3Rs and testing strategies with representatives from industry, academia, guideline bodies and regulatory authorities. There will be a mix of presentations and interactive sessions offering an excellent opportunity for all those who are interested in state of the art vaccine quality control in the context of improving animal welfare.

Hotel Zuiderduin
Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands

Hotel Zuiderduin is located in Egmond aan Zee, a small seaside town about 30 kilometers North-West of Amsterdam. The hotel is a few minutes from the town centre with restaurants and terraces and just 100 meters from the dune area and the beach. There are plenty of opportunities for walking and cycling. The historical city of Alkmaar with its weekly cheese-market is nearby and Amsterdam is approximately 30 minutes from Egmond aan Zee. More information about the area can be found on www.vvvhartvannoordholland.nl.

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