

Feature Story

AltTox Forums: A How To

One of the more innovative features of AltTox.org is its set of interactive forums dedicated to specific topics within the broader field of non-animal methods of toxicity testing. The forums enable stakeholders to exchange information and perspectives on types of toxicities and technologies, as well as government programs and policies and overarching challenges and opportunities. The forums serve partly as bulletin boards for alerting readers to some development (e.g., the availability of conference proceedings) and partly as discussion platforms for posting questions or perspectives and calling for feedback.

However, many people are unfamiliar with posting messages on online forums. To address this problem, the AltTox Management Team has drafted the following step-by-step instructions. Note: you do not need to register or log into the forums if you simply want to browse the forums and read postings.

- Go to the forum home page by entering <http://forums.alttox.org> into your web browser, or by clicking on "Enter Forums" in the AltTox Forums area of the AltTox home page, or simply click [here](#)
- Near the top of the AltTox Forum page click on "Register"
- Complete the registration form, check "I Accept", and hit the Register button at the bottom of page (keep a record of your user name and password)
- Click on the forum you want to post a comment to
- To start your own message thread, hit "New Topic"
- To read and reply to existing message threads, click on any of the listed message titles. Select the "Reply" button to add your comment
- To receive notifications of new topics on one or more of the forums, enter the forum(s) and hit the "Notify" button. To receive notifications of replies to specific topics within a forum, you must be within the message to hit the "Notify" button
- Browse other forum buttons for additional functions

Registration is required only once; on return visits you simply log in with your user name and password or choose "Forever" next to the password field (if you are using the same computer).

If you have any questions or encounter any problems, please email the AltTox Management Team at info@alttox.org. We hope to see you on the forums!

New on AltTox

Forum Postings

Some of the recent posts on the AltTox forums include the following:

- Cell-based Technologies forum: [Applications with the greatest need for 3D cell culture](#); [Real-time viability assay](#)
- Omics, Computational Toxicity & Bioinformatics forum: [ToxCast](#)
- (Q)SAR forum: [OECD \(Q\)SAR Application Toolbox](#)
- Programs & Policies forum: [Proceedings of the Sixth World Congress on Alternatives now available](#); [Thomas Hartung and ECVAM](#); [New EU Regulation and Streamlined Acceptance Procedures for Testing Methods](#); [REACH update – Guidance for Information requirements just published](#)

Be sure to visit the forums, respond to previous postings, or start a new message thread.

[Enter Forums >>](#)

New and Updated Information

The AltTox.org Management Team and Editorial Board strive to give readers the most up-to-date summary information related to non-animal methods of toxicity testing. Check out our latest material:

In the Spotlight

- [Thomas Hartung Leaving ECVAM](#)
- [New EU Regulation and Streamlined Acceptance Procedures for Testing Methods](#)

Toxicity Testing Resource Center

- Informational Resources: [Meetings & Events](#), [Organizations & Associations](#), [Other Literature/Websites](#), [Databases](#), [Education/Training](#), [In Vitro Testing & Other Services](#), [Testing Supplies](#), [Cells, Tissues,](#) [Software](#) and [3Rs Awards](#)

The Way Forward

- [Unifying the Effort Behind In Vitro Alternative Method Development](#), by Frank Barile

Upcoming Events

Here are some of the many upcoming events listed on AltTox that may be of interest to our readership:

- 7th International Conference on Early Toxicity Screening, June 5-6, 2008; Seattle, Washington, US
- 13th International Workshop on Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships (QSARs) in the Environmental Sciences, June 8-12, 2008, Syracuse, New York, US
- Applying Systems Biology, June 9-11, 2008, San Francisco, California, US
- Practical Methods in In Vitro Toxicology Workshop, June 10-12, 2008, Gaithersburg, Maryland, US
- NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Meeting, June 11-12, 2008, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, US
- SIVB: 2008 World Congress on In Vitro Biology, June 14-18, 2008, Tucson, Arizona, US
- 21st Century Approaches to Toxicity Testing, Biomonitoring and Risk Assessment , June 16-17, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- ICCVAM Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods, June 18-19, 2008, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, US

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User Participation

We welcome your participation in the AltTox forums, as well as your comments and suggestions, which can be submitted by using the online [Website Feedback](#) survey, or by e-mailing info@alttox.org. Please submit your suggestions for the Informational Resources or Events section to info@alttox.org.

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