

## Feature Story

### **First Announcement Made for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences**

Details on the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences were recently released by co-chairs Herman Koëter and Thomas Hartung. The premier conference on alternatives to animal use is now being held every 2 years. The upcoming event will be held August 30-September 3, 2009 in Rome, Italy. The motto for the congress is "'Calling on Science' in order to emphasize that scientific progress today goes hand in hand with progress towards the reduction, refinement and replacement of experimental animals."

Each of the 4 days' sessions fall into the following themes: Innovative Technologies, Concepts and Approaches; Areas of Animal Use; Progress in Life Science Domains; and 50 Years After Russell & Burch.

Key deadlines and dates are as follows:

April 10, 2009: Abstract submission  
April 10, 2009: Applications for special grants and awards by young scientists  
June 10, 2009: Notice for acceptance of abstracts  
June 30, 2009: Early bird registration  
July 31, 2009: Hotel reservation  
August 10, 2009: Standard registration

Previous congresses were held in Tokyo, Japan (6<sup>th</sup>); Berlin, Germany (5<sup>th</sup>), New Orleans, US (4<sup>th</sup>); Bologna, Italy (3<sup>rd</sup>); Utrecht, Netherlands (2<sup>nd</sup>); and Baltimore, US (1<sup>st</sup>).

For more information, please visit their [website](#).

## Forum Postings

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

### [Toxicity Endpoints & Tests forum](#)

- [Draft OECD guideline for skin irritation - Inclusion of IL-1a endpoint?](#)
- [Newly Approved Ocular Safety Methods Reduce Animal Testing](#)
- [Draft OECD TG for in vitro skin irritation testing endorsed by experts](#)

### [Emerging Technologies forum](#)

- [Current EU Framework Projects: OSIRIS](#)
- [iCBBE2009 Call for Paper\(Ei Index\)LF](#)
- [VirtualToxLab™ - a tool for prediction of endocrine disruption](#)
- [Stem Cells in Predictive Toxicology](#)

### [Programs & Policies forum](#)

- [Updates to EPA ChAMP Announced](#)
- [New grant applications invited by Dr Hadwen Trust](#)
- [Draft Revisions of Five OECD In Vivo Test Guidelines Announced](#)
- [Release of ICCVAM's biennial progress report](#)

### [Overarching Challenges & Opportunities forum](#)

- [New information on 7th World Congress on Alternatives](#)

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## 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

- [EFSA Releases Expert Opinion on marine Biotoxin Testing](#)
- [Q&A with Rodger Curren on IVVS/ARDF Alternatives Forum: Spotlight on Ingredients](#)

## Toxicity Testing Resource Center

- Informational Resources: [Meetings & Events](#), [3Rs Awards](#), [Organizations & Associations](#), and [Other Literature/Websites](#)

## Upcoming Events

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

- EPAA Annual Conference: Research into alternative approaches (3Rs) in regulatory testing: Are we on the right track?, November 3, 2008, Brussels, Belgium
- CAAT's TestSmart DNT 2, November 12-14, 2008, Reston, Virginia, US
- 1st International Conference on Risk Assessment, November 13-14, 2008, Brussels, Belgium
- NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Meeting, November 20-21, 2008, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, US
- EPAA Workshop: In vitro ADME in Safety Testing, November 24-25, 2008, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 9th Annual ecopa Workshop: Cosmetics Directive, REACH legislation and novel Directive 86/609: realistic 2009/2013 - factual status?, November 29-30, 2008, Brussels, Belgium
- Society of Toxicology of Canada (STC) Annual Symposium 2008. Toxicity testing tomorrow: What does the future hold?, November 30-December 2, 2008, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

[More Events >>](#)

## 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](mailto:info@alttox.org). Please submit your suggestions for the Informational Resources or Events section to [info@alttox.org](mailto:info@alttox.org).

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