

Feature Story

AltTox Forums Update

In response to advice from members of the AltTox community, the AltTox Management Team has arranged for the following disclaimer to appear automatically at the end of all messages posted to the forums:

The views expressed in the AltTox forums are those of the individuals posting them and not necessarily those of their home institution.

Some AltTox members felt that such a disclaimer was necessary to indicate that statements posted by forum participants should not necessarily be construed as representing the views or policies of their home institution - whether a corporation, regulatory agency, or any other entity. The Management Team hopes that the new disclaimer adequately addresses this concern and that the change will encourage more open discussion of issues. Currently, the forum postings are largely informational in nature and generate little feedback. While these are perfectly appropriate for the forums, the Management Team also encourages the posting of views and perspectives that generate commentary from other members of the AltTox community.

7th World Congress Abstract Deadline Reminder

The deadline for abstract submissions to the 7th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences is **April 10**. This meeting will take place in Rome, Italy, August 30-September 3, 2009. The meeting website for the agenda and registration is: <http://www.aimgroup.eu/2009/WC7>.

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New on AltTox

Forum Postings

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

Toxicity Endpoints & Tests forum

- [In vitro skin irritation: acceptance as EU test method B.46 in COM regulation](#)
- [ACD and large molecular compounds](#)
- [In vitro tests for vaginal local tolerance](#)

Emerging Technologies forum

- [QSAR Application Toolbox: New Guidance Document just published](#)
- [New Way Forward Essay on Micro Cell Culture Analogs](#)
- [Applications with the greatest need for 3D cell culture](#)
- [Jove website](#)

Community of Practice: Chemical Reactivity - ChemReactTox

- [Surface4 plasmon resonance biosensor for skin sensitization studies - comments](#)

Programs & Policies forum

- [The Forinvitox Forum event in Stockholm 12-14 May, 2009](#)
- [CAAT grants and Animal Welfare Enhancement awards - call for proposals](#)
- [GAO recommends EPA require more safety data on chemicals](#)
- [NC3Rs release annual report](#)

Overarching Challenges & Opportunities forum

- [7th World Congress on Alternatives: Second Announcement](#)
- [CONNECTING INNOVATIONS IN BIOLOGICAL, EXPOSURE AND RISK SCIENCES: Better Information for Better Decisions](#)

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

- [ACC's Long-Range Research Initiative and the Future of Chemical Risk Assessment](#)

The Way Forward

- [Micro Cell Culture Analogs and What They Can Contribute to the Drug Screening Process](#) by Michael Shuler & Mandy Esch

Toxicity Testing Resource Center

- [Skin Irritation/Corrosion](#)
 - [Existing Alternatives](#)
- Informational Resources
 - [Meetings & Events](#)
 - [3Rs Awards](#)
 - [Education/Training](#)
 - [In Vitro Testing & Other Services](#)

Upcoming Events

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

- Society of Toxicology (SOT) Annual Meeting, March 15-19, 2009, Baltimore, Maryland, US
- 237th American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meeting, March 22-26, 2009, Salt Lake City, Utah, US
- British Toxicology Society Annual Congress, March 22-25, 2009, Coventry, UK
- NC3Rs Poster Event, March 25, 2009, Westminster, UK
- 5th SkinEthic International Workshop, March 26-27, 2009, Nice, France

[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. Please submit your suggestions for the Informational Resources or Events section to info@alttox.org.

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