The Centers for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the University of Konstanz in collaboration with the journal ALTEX are proud to announce the forthcoming establishment of the 3Rs Hall of Honor. This initiative is designed to honor and celebrate the groundbreaking contributions made to the field of animal testing reduction, refinement, and replacement – principles collectively known as the 3Rs – by distinguished pioneers in the field.

The Hall of Honor, which will be officially launched later this year, will ceremonially enshrine luminaries in the field who have propelled forward the science and ethos of the 3Rs, enriching the community with their profound contributions. The inaugural inductees beside the venerable William M. S. Russell and Rex L. Burch themselves will be the late Franz P. Gruber and Martin L. Stephens.

Franz P. Gruber, a visionary in the 3Rs landscape, transitioned from a veterinary career to championing alternatives to animal experimentation in academia. As the transformative Editor-in-Chief of ALTEX, he elevated the publication to international prominence. His leadership as president of the Doerenkamp-Zbinden foundation led to the creation of endowed academic chairs worldwide, embedding the 3Rs into academic discourse. Gruber, with his humility and inspirational spirit, significantly impacted the careers of countless researchers.

Martin L. Stephens, as a Senior Research Associate at CAAT and the Founding Director of EBTC, made indelible marks on the advancement of animal alternatives. His extensive service with the Humane Society and his role in reuniting Russell and Burch underscored the enduring influence of their seminal work, fostering a rejuvenated engagement with the 3Rs principles. Stephens is remembered for his gentle demeanor and steadfast commitment to ethical scientific practices.

Inductees will be honored with a commemorative plaque and featured in an exclusive digital archive on the CAAT website, ensuring their legacies endure. The nomination process for future inductees will be curated by CAAT’s advisory board, embodying a broad spectrum of perspectives from industry, academia, government, and advocacy, to uphold the distinguished standards of the 3Rs movement.

We invite the community to propose candidates for this esteemed honor by submitting nominations to caat@jhu.edu. We welcome recommendations for individuals whose careers, now complete, have made significant impacts in the field of alternatives to animal testing. Each nomination will be rigorously evaluated by our advisory board to recognize only those who have demonstrated unparalleled excellence and influence in the domain of animal testing alternatives.