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» **TestSmart DNT (Developmental Neurotoxicity) Symposium: Creating a Humane and Efficient Approach to Developmental Neurotoxicity Testing,**
March 13-15, 2006,
Hyatt Regency Reston,
Reston, Virginia.

This symposium is the first of a series that will bring together leading stakeholders from around the world to develop the Developmental Neurotoxicity (DNT) testing methods of the future. Current methods for DNT testing are complex and expensive in terms of scientific resources, time, and animal use. Given the increasing number of chemicals that need to be tested and the increasing amount of information needed about them, we must look for new approaches to meet the demands for identifying developmentally neurotoxic agents with speed, reliability, and respect for animal welfare. For further information please contact the website <http://caat.jhsph.edu/dnt/>.

» **Alternative Pyrogen Testing Conference,**
March 23-24 2006,
Bacharach/Frankfurt,
Germany.

True *In-vitro* Pyrogen Tests (IVPT) have been developed in several European countries (United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany) in national and international research projects. The tests imitate the central step of human fever reaction, i.e. the activation of human monocytes by endotoxin as well as non-endotoxin pyrogens. Standardisation and user friendliness of these tests are key issues which have to be addressed. At the same time, regulatory authorities have to support this progress. These improvement must be taken into account for up-

dates of regulatory demands e.g. the European Pharmacopoeia. All these challenging topics will be discussed during the conference. Conference organisation:
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<http://www.pyrogen-conference.com>.

» **46th European Tissue Culture Society (ETCS) Meeting / 3rd International Joint Meeting AICC-Celltox on "In vitro cytotoxicity mechanisms",**
26-29 March, 2006,
GlaxoSmithKline Conference Centre,
Verona, Italy

"Omics" and methodological advances in cell culture technology, pharmacotoxicology of natural products, mechanisms of intracellular transport, *in vitro* models for innovative anticancer therapies, the role of xenobiotic metabolism and genetic polymorphisms in toxicology, ecotoxicology, environmental pollution and biomarkers, stem cell cultures and applications, immunotoxicity.

Information:
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» **13th Congress on Alternatives to Animal Testing,**
10th Annual Meeting of MEGAT – Middle European Society for Alternatives to Animal Testing,
2nd – 4th June 2006,
Linz, Austria.

Congress languages: English and German, with simultaneous interpretation. Subjects: Legal and ethical aspects in animal experimentation; ecotoxicology; good cell culture practice; *in vitro* models for testing long term (chronic) toxicity; target organ toxicity; acute toxicity testing; REACH; free speeches; poster sessions. Exhibition: An appropriate exhibition will take place at the congress site. Awards: A thesis award and poster awards will be given. Submission deadlines: Lectures: 31st January 2006, Posters: 28th February 2006. Scientific committee: Thomas Hartung (ECVAM), Walter Pfaller (zet), Horst Spielmann (ZEBET). Congress office: zet – Centre for Alternative and Complementary Methods to Animal Testing, P.O. Box 210, 4021 Linz, Austria Tel.: +43-732-770325, Fax: +43-732-770325-13, E-mail: linz2006@zet.or.at, www.zet.or.at/kongress/Linz2006.

» **Quality of Life: The Heart of the Matter, UFAW/BVA Ethics Committee Symposium,**
13-15 September 2006

The aim of this symposium is to bring together leading scientists, practicing veterinarians, animal scientists and keepers, and medics to discuss: recent advances in the science underpinning our understanding of animals' feelings;



recent advances in methods for assessment of quality of life in man and other animals; species variation in factors affecting quality of life, ethical and practical implications for veterinarians and others of advances in understanding in this field; and, in so doing, to emphasise and to promote concern for quality of life at the centre of care for companion animals. While the main focus will be on animals kept for companionship, which covers a wide range of species including some which are also kept as farm and laboratory animals, we hope that contributions will be made to conference by experts in farmed and laboratory animal welfare to help inform and guide thinking about quality of life in companion animals.

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» **14th International INVITOX workshop,**
2-5 October 2006,
Thermae Palace Hotel,
Ostend, Belgium.

The scientific programme will include state-of-the-art lectures, workshops, original communications and poster sessions. INVITOX 2006 will cover strategies to develop sensitive and specific molecular markers (genes and proteins), the use of advanced cell technology, how to address sensitive subgroups e.g. children, ecotoxicology and testing for endpoints related to major human health effects, e.g. teratogenesis, endocrine disruption and immune effects. For now, the registration will be 800 Euro, which is an "all in" price including accommodation, meals and participation to the scientific and social programme. Conference secretariat:
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» **6th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences.**
21-25 August, 2007,
Tower Hall Funabori,
Tokyo.

Japan Main subjects (tentative):
Concepts of 3Rs, Education, Animal welfare, Moral and ethical issues of animal usage, Information and database systems, Toxicology, New science and technology, Policy and regulation, International cooperation.
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