

Save the date: SEURAT-1 Stakeholder Event

5th September 2013, Centre Borschette, Brussels

A unique opportunity to learn about the latest achievements of the largest ever EU research initiative to develop non-animal methods for the safety assessment of chemicals

SEURAT-1 aims to fundamentally change the way we assess the safety of chemicals. The goal is simple - to move away from traditional animal experiments that rely on observing toxicity towards a paradigm based on using mechanistic understanding of toxicology to intelligently integrate the latest computational and in vitro tools into predictive systems that support safety assessment.

SEURAT-1 - Safety Evaluation Ultimately Replacing Animal Testing - launched in 2011, is a 50 million Euro 5-year research programme which is co-funded equally by the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation and Cosmetics Europe, the industry personal care association. It comprises a cluster of five research projects, plus one project that provides a data and knowledge warehouse function, and a coordination action. The consortium represents a community of over 70 research partners from 16 EU Member States, including the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, working together towards the reduction and replacement of animals used for repeated dose systemic toxicity testing.

SEURAT-1 is midway through its programme and this first Stakeholder Event reaches out to policy makers, regulators, industry, animal welfare groups and the general public to provide information on the progress made so far by this unique consortium. The latest success stories will be presented in a practical and accessible manner to explain how the extensive research efforts are being translated into solutions for safety assessment that will reduce the need for animal testing. Highlights include microfluidic bioreactors with integrated sensors for cultivating liver tissue, toxicity assays based on human stem cells produced by reprogramming adult cells, and computational models for predicting safety thresholds.

The European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA), whose vision is the replacement, reduction and refinement (3Rs) of animal use for meeting regulatory requirements through better and more predictive science, is partnering SEURAT-1 for this stakeholder event thereby ensuring broad dissemination through its extensive member-network covering seven sectors.

The SEURAT-1 partners will also launch their annual 'book' at the event, which provides a comprehensive overview of the research programme and the achievements of the past 12 months. The book also includes invited articles from international experts who provide their opinion on the state-of-play in regulatory safety assessment and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Agenda

A detailed programme will soon be available.

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12:00-13:00 : Networking lunch

13:00-16:00 : Presentations and panel discussions

16:00-17:00 : Cocktail

Venue and Directions

The SEURAT-1 Stakeholder event will be hosted at the Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette (CCAB), European Commission, 36 Rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

You can reach the venue via Metro Lines 1 & 5, Station Schuman (within 5 minutes of walking distance)

From Brussels Airport, a taxi journey should take 30 minutes and cost no more than 45€. Bus Line n°12 is a shuttle service between the airport and the EU-district. Tickets costs 3 to 5€ and journey takes approximately 35 minutes.

From Brussels Midi Train Station, a taxi journey should take 20 minutes and cost no more than 25€

Mandatory registrations - Very Important

Please note that only a limited number of registrations is available on a first come first served basis. Therefore, we kindly ask you to register as soon as possible via email to stakeholders-event@eurtd.com