



EPAA 3R

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

PRIZE

Call for submissions
Deadline 16 september 2013



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For the first time, in 2013, EPAA will grant a €3000 prize to a laboratory technician involved in implementing and raising awareness of Replacement, Reduction and Refinement of animal testing.

PURPOSE

While most of the current Three Rs prizes and awards target scientists, much of the processes using animals for safety science are actually performed by laboratory technicians and animal care takers. The purpose of this prize is to target those actually implementing alternative approaches to animal testing and raise awareness of their role for the day to day implementation of Three Rs principles and, in particular, for seizing opportunities for further Refinement.

Refinement refers to improvements to scientific procedures and husbandry which minimise actual or potential pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm and/or improve animal welfare in situations where the use of animals is unavoidable.¹

PRIZE

The EPAA industry partners will sponsor a 3000€ prize every other year, starting in 2013. The EPAA 3Rs Laboratory technician/care taker awardee will be invited to the EPAA annual conference to receive the prize and briefly explain his contribution to the 3Rs. Prize can be given to an individual or shared by a team. The money awarded is a prize, not a grant therefore it does not require any justification to be used.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Therefore, application is strictly restricted to those who:

- 1) Work in a laboratory animal facility as a laboratory technician or an animal care taker
- 2) Contribute significantly to the development of a 3R method or implementation of a 3Rs approach
- 3) Work in European laboratory (EU 28 Member states and neighboring countries).

Any application not fulfilling the aforementioned eligibility criteria will be void.

¹ Animal technicians mainly contribute to one main 'R' – Refinement and this is what the prize should focus on. Most animal technicians are not working on replacement or reduction. In addition there are few prizes for the neglected R of refinement. It is the hardest R to provide sound scientific evidence on. Therefore, this prize is an opportunity to first, recognise animal technicians as opposed to scientists and second, promote refinement – the R that has the benefit for the animals that still need to be used in experiments.

QUALITY CRITERIA

- a) Impact on animal welfare – evidence based
- b) Creativity and innovation
- c) Practicality, applicability and relevance
- d) Potential for wider impact beyond immediate area
- e) Publication of data or potential for publication

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, eligible laboratory technicians/care takers shall send the following documents by email entr-epaa@ec.europa.eu to EPAA before the deadline of September 16th, 2013:

- a detailed CV listing laboratory work experience
- a cover letter (max. 500 words) explaining why the jury should consider the applicant's dossier
- a case study (max. 5 pages) clearly putting in evidence how the applicant meets the above quality criteria. Schemes, pictures, video motions and figures use is recommended for the case study.

The final decision will be taken by the EPAA Steering Committee based on the recommendations of a dedicated jury made of representatives of European Commission, industry and civil society. Decisions of the EPAA Steering Committee will be communicated to the applicants and are not subject to further exchange of views.

TIMELINES

- 16 June 2013: Launch of the call for applications.
- 16 September 2013: Deadline for submissions of applications.
- 25 October 2013: Winner to be contacted and invited to participate in the EPAA Annual Conference.
- 13 November 2013: Winner to be invited to speak at the EPAA annual conference.

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