

Industry Calendar

6–8 NOVEMBER 2008

INVITROTRAIN "Reproductive Toxicology" Workshop
Berlin, Germany

8 NOVEMBER 2008

Pain Management: Current Perspectives in Pain
Recognition and Treatment
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
www.aslap.com

9–13 NOVEMBER 2008

National Meeting of the American Association for
Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

12–14 NOVEMBER 2008

TestSmart Conference on Developmental
Neurotoxicity and the Search for Alternatives
Reston, Virginia, USA

19–21 NOVEMBER 2008

LASA Winter Meeting 2008
UK

25 NOVEMBER 2008

NC3Rs Primate Welfare Meeting 2008
London, UK
NC3Rs.org.uk

3–4 DECEMBER 2008

Imaging, Genetic Control and Protocol Evaluation:
Tools to Promote the 3Rs
Jerusalem, Israel

4 DECEMBER 2008

RSPCA ERP Lay Members Forum 2008
Central London, UK
Enquiries: erp-laymembers@rspca.org.uk
www.rspca.org.uk/lay

4 DECEMBER 2008

Drug Discovery and Development in the 21st Century
Royal Society of Medicine
London, UK

8–9 DECEMBER 2008

New Horizons in Toxicity Prediction
University of Cambridge, UK

8–9 DECEMBER 2008

SCAW Winter Conference 2008
San Antonio, Texas, USA

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■ **NEW U.S. LAW PROTECTS RESEARCHERS** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed University of California backed legislation into law this weekend, tackling several provisions designed to shield researchers from anti-science violence onto existing state statute.

Assembly Bill 2296, the Researcher Protection Act of 2008, arose from a series of extreme acts of anti-animal research against UC employees. Recent incidents include the fire bombing of two UC Santa Cruz faculty members' homes, over 20 reports of animal rights-related vandalism inflicted on UC Berkeley researchers' homes, and an ongoing FBI investigation into a strand of highly threatening emails received by UC Berkeley researchers.

The newly ratified legislation takes effect immediately and enacts several new misdemeanour laws to legally shield scientific researchers from further intimidation and violence. The law specifically bans publications describing researchers' appearances or residences, and legally bars individuals from entering a researcher's home with the intent to commit a crime.

■ **GREEK INITIATIVE IN LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE TRAINING** Thirty-five delegates from Greece, other European countries and Asia participated in the second intensive two week training course in laboratory animal science at the Alexander Fleming Research Centre, Vari, Greece. The course, which is a joint venture between the University of Utrecht and The Alexander Fleming Research Centre, meets with the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations, (FELASA) category C requirements. With the focus on laboratory rodents, the course included seminars, lectures and practical training on European legislation, ethics of research, experimental techniques pathology and research paper preparation. The training was delivered in English by both expert in-house lecturers and visiting lecturers from other European countries and the USA. Further courses are planned yearly.

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