



National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee

NAEAC is a statutory committee, established under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). NAEAC's role is to advise the Minister for Primary Industries on welfare issues arising from the use of live animals in research, testing and teaching (RTT). Its other functions include giving advice on the codes of ethical conduct that govern live animal use in RTT and providing information to the bodies that administer the codes (animal ethics committees). NAEAC holds four quarterly general meetings each year and special meetings when required.

Selected items discussed at the 12 August 2014 general meeting included the following:

Review of Blood Harvesting Guidelines: NAEAC is reviewing its *Guidelines for the welfare of livestock for which blood is harvested for commercial and research purposes*. The amended draft has been circulated to stakeholders for comment.

NAEAC occasional paper series: NAEAC's statutory role includes providing information and advice to the animal ethics committees (AECs) that approve and monitor projects using animals in RTT. One of the ways in which NAEAC does this is by publishing 'occasional papers' on topics of relevance to AECs and their work. A paper titled *Use of animals for registration of veterinary medicines in New Zealand*, drafted by NAEAC member Karen Booth, was tabled at the meeting.

NAEAC Three Rs Award: The NAEAC Three Rs Award is made annually to an individual or organisation who/which has excelled in the implementation of the principles of the Three Rs (replacement, reduction, and refinement) in the use of animals in RTT. The subcommittee responsible for considering nominations for the award recommended a winner at the meeting. The award recipient will be announced in November.

Mini-tutorial on animal-based regulatory testing: NAEAC member Karen Booth provided a mini-tutorial on New Zealand's regulatory system as it applies to the registration of animal health products.