



The Roslin Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 27th May [REDACTED] Microsoft Teams Hybrid option
Minutes

1. Attendance and apologies.

- Apologies: [REDACTED]

2. Minutes of last meeting:

- The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on 25th March 2024.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

- **PPL amendment: A32-24:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed amendments.
 - Amendment to Protocol 9
 - In Ovo vaccination - Vaccinate up to 70,000 eggs per hour, reduces handling & labour costs and increase to animal welfare, early induction of immunity.
 - No potential adverse effects
- **PPL amendment: A33-24:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed amendments.
 - Amendment to experimental interventions in large animals under terminal anesthesia amendment
 - [REDACTED]
- **New PPL application: PL16-24:** Presentation to the committee.
 - Looking at the role of the [REDACTED] via Microbiota transplantation

4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

- **PL16-24: considerations:**
 - No objections
 - To come back to subcommittee with changes

Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- **A32-24: comments and considerations:**
 - No objections
 - Happy to approve
 - Consider potential training for avian eggs.

- **A33-24: reference comments and considerations:**
 - Ask applicants to ask [REDACTED] for definitive statement
 - Ask leaders of study to come and discuss rational of using sheep
 - No objections to work proposed

5. Updates and Reports

- **BVS Director update:**
 - Analysing the Scientist survey that was carried out, majority of scientists are happy with BVS. Work could be done on communication.
 - Survey showed there is a need for more surgical support from BVS, have identified different career pathways for technicians to support the scientists needs.
 - Reviewing first draft of BVS guidelines to be shared with AWERB for input.
 - Steering committee has been set up for the new facility at [REDACTED], first meeting being held in June.
 - Virtual tours of facilities being recorded as part of leadership in openness.

- **NVS update:**
 - LARIF: submission of 2 potential non compliances, PIL holders reminded of responsibilities.
 - An NVS is leaving after 17 years, job has been advertised to replace
 - Interviewing for Animal Research Data Manager within BVS
 - Annual refreshers have gone very well
 - 3rs day focus on replacement feedback was positive, around 60 people attended, although not many project licence holders attended

- **NTCO update:**
 - Completed modular training for PIL course, 57 people attended in March
 - Next course in June, 36 registered so far
 - Working with LARIF to look at SOP documents to ensure format is consistent across facilities

- **PEL Holder update:**
 - None tabled

- **[REDACTED] AWERB report:**
 - Very Busy

- Some unusual licences coming through, one with [REDACTED] which will come to the committee soon and one that is novel and possibly [REDACTED] because it deals with models of [REDACTED] in rodents, some concerns raised by committee so further discussions happening soon
- Some challenging licences coming through
- No major issues
- **Reports from Facilities**
 - Farms/LARIF:**
 - [REDACTED] manager is leaving, job will be advertised to replace soon
 - LARIF phase 2 being pushed to be built as funding needs spent in next 18 months
 - In process of having rooms refurbished
- **Poultry:**
 - Studies going well.
- **Chick embryo room:** no report.
- **Aquaculture Facility:**
 - Recent power failure on campus, no major problems
 - Study starting involving IVF of eggs
 - Staffing levels ok
 - Overall in good position
- **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:**
 - Culture of care event being held on 31st October, further detail to follow
 - Looking for suggestions for next 3Rs day

6. Project Licences *submitted* to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

PL12-24

Project Licence amendments *submitted* to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

A16-24:
A21-24:
A22-24:
A26-24:
A26-24:
A27-24:

7. A.O.C.B: none

Date of next meeting: June 24^h 2024 [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm