

Implementing non-animal approaches to human and veterinary vaccine testing: Achieving scientific and regulatory success for rabies and beyond

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Welcome from the International Alliance for Biological Standardization

The International Alliance for Biological Standardization (IABS) is a nonprofit professional organization that was established in 1955 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. For more than 60 years, IABS has had an impact on scientific and regulatory processes worldwide through collaborative scientific meetings and publications in the journal *Biologicals*. Together, with conference partners and collaborators (private industry, academia, regulatory officials) IABS has held a variety of conferences on a broad spectrum of topics concerning the veterinary and human biological and biopharmaceutical arenas. IABS' unique role and strength reside in its ability to bring together interested parties for scientific discussions of important unresolved or emerging issues to assist in developing a consensus and an action plan to achieve regulatory progress. In 2015, an IABS North American Affiliate (IABS-NA) was created with a similar organizational mission; with emphasis on biological standardization issues in North America. The topic of "3Rs" was selected as the inaugural conference for IABS-NA. This introductory presentation will briefly review the organizational history of IABS-NA and the genesis of this workshop in collaboration with the National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM).



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