

Poster Session Abstract Submission Introduction and Guidelines

The Scientific Program Chairs of the workshop entitled “*Implementing non-animal approaches to human and veterinary vaccine testing: Achieving scientific and regulatory success for rabies and beyond*” invite participants to submit abstracts for consideration as poster presentations. If accepted, abstracts will be published in the workshop program e-book and corresponding posters will be displayed during the workshop by the author(s) and presented during the dedicated poster session. Abstracts may also be referenced in the workshop report to be published in Biologicals.

Vaccines improve human and animal health and welfare by controlling or aiding in the prevention of infectious diseases. However, testing to ensure effectiveness and safety of these products often requires the use of large numbers of animals. Technological advances have led to the development of methods that could reduce or eliminate the need for animal testing for vaccines. This workshop will bring together scientific and regulatory leaders from government, academia and industry to develop recommendations to advance alternative methods for human and veterinary rabies vaccine testing. The poster session will provide a broad forum for state-of-the-science for alternatives to animal testing aimed at reduction and replacement of animal testing currently in use for testing and development for any vaccine or antigen.

Electronic submission procedure and requirements:

- Submit abstracts by email **no later than August 31, 2018 to IABS secretariat** abbie.charlet@iabs.org.
- **Submission Format:** Microsoft Word document, one-inch margins, 12-point font (Times preferred) or larger. Abstract body may not exceed 300 words; key references may be included after the abstract body. Entire submission not to exceed 1 page.
- **Heading information:** Abstract title, names of all authors with affiliations. Corresponding author must be underlined and have an asterisk with a foot note at the bottom of the page indicating the following: *Corresponding author name, e-mail address, affiliation address, and phone number.
- **Abstract Requirements:**
 - Abstracts must contain a statement of the rationale and scope of the study presented, a brief description of procedures used, data collected, and principal conclusion(s) based on interpretation of the results.
 - All abstracts describing studies using animals or animal tissues should include a statement that all animal use was carried out in accordance with all applicable animal care and use laws, regulations, and guidelines, and that the study was approved by the appropriate Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.
 - All abstracts describing human studies should include a statement that such studies were conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines, and that the appropriate Institutional Review Board approved the study.

Key dates:

Aug 31, 2018	Abstract submission deadline for consideration of poster presentation.
Sept 15, 2018	Final date for notification of acceptance for poster presentation.
Oct 16-17, 2018	Poster display and presentation. Details provided upon acceptance.