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Plenary Lectures:

Living the good life - how far can Refinement go?
Dan Weary, University of British Columbia, Canada

Engineering performance or performing engineering standards? Globalization and the application of the Three Rs
Gail Davies, University College London, UK

Implementing the Three Rs through policy - the EU Directive
Susanna Louhimies, DG Environment, European Commission

A challenge to the ultimate Three R's - in silico approach to evaluate chemical safety for humans
Makoto Hayashi, Biosafety Research Center, Foods, Drugs and Pesticides, Japan

Pursuing Medawar's challenge for full Replacement
Martin Stephens, The Humane Society of the United States

Alternative training methods for clinical education - considerations
Mark Storch, Johnson & Johnson, Medical Device and Diagnostic Sector, USA

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