– Doerenkamp-Zbinden Foundation Prize to Sonja Jeram, National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia
– Dieter Lütticken Award to Hans-Peter Ottiger, Swiss Federal Veterinary Office, Mittelhäusern, Switzerland
– Willy van Heumen Award on Alternatives to Johan Heemskerk, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
– The Eighth World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences Poster Awards to Poster numbers. 061, 66, 597, 471, 215, 193

In the last plenary session the “Montréal Declaration on the Synthesis of Evidence to Advance the 3Rs Principles in Science - A call for a change in the culture of planning, executing, reporting, reviewing and translating animal research” was adopted².

Many thanks to the co-chairs Clément Gauthier and Herman Koëter and of course the tireless Gilly Griffin and her organization committee for a highly informative, innovative but still relaxed Congress. The next World Congress will be held in Prague in 2014; Dagmar Jírová introduced participants to her town with great enthusiasm and awoke great expectations; see you in Prague!

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**Calendar of Events**

- **PRIM&R Advancing Ethical Research Conference**
  December 2-4, 2011
  National Harbor, MD, USA
  http://www.primr.org/Conferences.aspx?id=11065

- **INVITROM symposium: 3D in vitro models: The real thing or an eye catcher?**
  December 12, 2011
  Utrecht, The Netherlands
  Contact: J.vanderValk@uu.nl

- **IHVS webinar on the BCOP assay**
  December 15, 2011
  Gaithersburg, MD, USA

- **IHVS Practical Methods for In Vitro Toxicology Workshop**
  January 23-26, 2012
  Gaithersburg, MD, USA
  Contact: Amanda Ulrey at aulrey@iivs.org

- **Evidence-based Toxicology for the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges**
  January 24-25, 2012
  US Environmental Protection Agency Research Triangle Park, NC, USA
  Baltimore, MD, USA
  Contact: mprincip@jhsph.edu

- **7th Annual International Conference on Predictive Human Toxicity and ADM/TOX Studies**
  January 26-27, 2012
  Brussels, Belgium

- **Endocrine Disruptors 2012 – 2nd International Conference**
  February 14-16, 2012
  Holiday Inn, Munich, Germany
  http://www.ismithers.net/conferences/XED12/endocrine-disruptors-2012

- **9th International Conference and Workshop on Biological Barriers in vitro and in silico Tools for Drug Delivery and Nanosafety Research**
  February 29 - March 9, 2012
  Saarland University, Germany
  http://www.uni-saarland.de/info/wirtschaft/kwt/messekongresse/biological-barriers-2012.html

- **SOT 51st Annual Meeting**
  March 11-15, 2012
  San Francisco, California, USA

- **3D Cell Culture 2012**
  March 14-16, 2012
  Technopark Zurich, Switzerland
  http://events.dechema.de/3DCC

- **EUROTOX 2012: 48th Congress of the European Societies of Toxicology**
  June 17, 2012 - June 20, 2012
  Stockholm, Sweden
  http://www.eurotox2012.org/

- **International course in Laboratory Animal Science**
  July 2-13, 2012
  Utrecht, The Netherlands
  www uu nl/lascourse

- **ASAB/SEB/NC3Rs Symposium – Implementing the 3Rs in behavioural and physiological research**
  July 4-5, 2012
  Central London, UK
  http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/event.aspx?id=1673

- **Animal Law – Reflecting on European, Asian and American Concepts**
  July 7-8, 2012
  University of Zurich
  Zurich, Switzerland
  http://www.rwi.uzh.ch/lehre/forsthung/postdocs/animallaw.html

- **3rd International Lhasa Symposium on New Horizons in Toxicity Prediction**
  September 5-6, 2012
  Downing College Cambridge, UK
  http://www.lhasasymposium.com