

Statement addressed to all attendees of the 11th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences, Virtual Congress, August 2021

Recognising that:

- advances in science and technology are increasing the opportunities for the replacement of animals used in education, research and testing;
- ethical considerations require the replacement of animals in education, research and testing;
- where replacement has already been achieved, the benefits to science and education, as well as humans and other animals are clear;
- more could be done to avoid and replace the use of animals;
- despite the efforts of scientists and regulators over the last 30 years, since the first World Congress in 1993, the number of animals used in research and testing has not decreased significantly;
- many organisations and institutions are now focused on the development of strategies to phase-out the use of animals;
- and, that a sustainable and equitable future protecting humans, other animals and the environment depends on a new standard based on non-animal science.

We, the undersigned organisations:

- call on decision-makers to implement policy and regulation changes to accelerate the uptake of non-animal methods as replacements for animals in education, research and testing;
- call on conference attendees to promote institution-level strategies for the phase-out of the use of animals;
- call on World Congress organisers to focus on accelerating the implementation of non-animal approaches at future World Congresses.





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