Occupational Health & Safety in Biomedical Research Facilities

The protection of the health and safety of personnel who care for and use research animals is an issue of fundamental importance in animal facility management. For an institution this means not only eliminating or minimizing hazards and injuries, but also making readily available all relevant information on health and safety and ensuring that personnel are proficient in the use of safe procedures. A biomedical research facility has a crucial role in promoting high standards of safety through the implementation of education and training programmes.

This workshop is addressed to personnel engaged in the care and use of research animals, scientists who plan and perform experimental procedures, persons responsible for over-seeing health and safety programmes and those responsible for the management of animal care and use programmes.

29th to 30th March 2012
Faculty Club Rolf Luft Center House L1 Karolinska University Hospital, Solna - Stockholm, SE
Thursday 29th of March

Welcome and Opening Remarks ............................................................... 09:30 - 09:45
Ann-Christine Eklöf, Karolinska University Hospital and Karolinska Institutet
Gemma Perretta, Fondazione Guido Bernardini
Hanna-Marja Voipio, Scand-LAS

Risk assessments and hazards
Chair: Ann-Christine Eklöf

• Legal requirements, local regulations and the responsibility of the individual .......................... 09:45 - 10:45
  Roland Möllby

  Coffee ............................................................................................................. 10:45 - 11:15

• Introduction to risk assessments and handling instructions .................................................. 11:15 - 11:45
  Jenny Sjöberg

• Chemical and drug related hazards .................................................................................. 11:45 - 12:45
  Moustapha Hassan

  Lunch .............................................................................................................. 12:45 - 14:00

• Radiological and physical hazards .................................................................................. 14:00 - 14:30
  Moustapha Hassan

• Biological hazards ................................................................................................. 14:30 - 15:00
  Jenny Sjöberg

   Coffee ............................................................................................................. 15:00 - 15:30

• Risk Control ........................................................................................................ 15:30 - 16:00
  Jenny Sjöberg

• General Discussion ............................................................................................... 16:00 - 17:00
  Dinner (Haga Forum) .......................................................................................... 19:00

Friday 30th of March

Scientific Procedures
Chair: Gemma Perretta

• Biosafety in High Containment Laboratory Animal Facilities ........................................ 09:00 - 09:30
  Sandor Bereczsky

• Biosafety in Animal Handling ................................................................................... 09:30 - 10:00
  Helene Fredlund / Mats Spångberg

• Hazardous Waste ................................................................................................. 10:00 - 10:30
  Moustapha Hassan

    Coffee ............................................................................................................. 10:30 - 11:00

The Case of Laboratory Animal Allergens
Chair: Hanna-Marja Voipio

• Laboratory Animal Allergens monitoring survey: the experience of a research animal facility ........... 11:00 - 11:30
  Roger Flodin / Anne Rehnström

• Procedures for the control of animal allergens: practical aspects ...................................... 11:30 - 12:00
  Roger Flodin / Anne Rehnström

• Clinical aspects of laboratory animal allergies ................................................................ 12:00 - 12:30
  Anne Rehnström

• General Discussion ............................................................................................... 12:30 - 13:00
  Lunch ................................................................................................................ 13:00 - 14:00
Facility Design and Operation
Chair: Ann-Christin Sandberg Nordqvist

- Animal facility design .................................................. 14:00 - 14:45
  Mats Lilja / Åke Forslund

- The importance of maintenance protocols for an animal facility ............... 14:45 - 15:15
  Ann-Christine Eklöf

Wrap Up: conclusions and strategies ........................................... 15:15 - 16:00

Close ......................................................................................... 16:00

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Gemma Perretta - Fondazione Guido Bernardini

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Ann-Christine Eklöf - Assoc. Professor, Karolinska University Hospital, SE
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Helene Fredlund - Manager, AFL Karolinska Institutet, SE
Moustapha Hassan - Professor, Karolinska Institutet, SE
Mats Lilja - Project Manager Facility Planning, Karolinska Institutet, SE
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Workshop Venue
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