

Second Announcement: 3R symposium

Smart Science, Kind Practices – Advancing Animal Welfare Together

Are you interested in improving research quality through promoting animal welfare?

What – Join us for a full-day symposium dedicated to the 3Rs – Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement. This event brings together professionals from various fields to explore ethical, practical and scientific advancements in animal-based research.

Where – University of Oulu, Kontinkangas campus, Aapistie 5A, Leena Palotie hall (101A)

When – Wednesday, 11 February 2026, at 9:00 – 15:30

Main presenters and topics:

Pauliina Rautio (University of Oulu): *Caring to death: Reconsidering compassion and respect in creating scientific knowledge with animal bodies*

Björn Gerlach (Guarantors of EQIPD e.V.): *Beyond publication bias: Embracing negative data in research*

Petra Sipilä (University of Turku): *Avoiding surplus animals in research*

Petr Nickl (University of Oulu): *Ethical and efficient: Advancements in the generation of genetically modified mouse models*

Paulin Jirkof (University of Zurich): *Refinement of oral administration protocols for rodents – Benefits for animals and science*

3R-themed short oral presentations selected from abstracts

Poster sessions are included, and [**abstract submission is open now!**](#)

Attending the seminar supports your continuing professional development. Doctoral researchers can earn additional study credits by presenting their work at the seminar (short oral communication and/or poster).

[**Registration**](#)

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