

## 3R symposium: Smart Science, Kind Practices – Advancing Animal Welfare Together

Organised by the OULAC Animal Welfare Body and  
Health and Biosciences Doctoral Programme, University of Oulu Graduate School  
University of Oulu, Kontinkangas campus, Aapistie 5A, Leena Palotie hall (101A)

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

9:00 – 9:30	Coffee service
	Chair: Salla Kangas
9:30 – 9:35	<b>Opening of the symposium</b> <i>Professor Hanna-Marja Voipio, Director, Oulu Laboratory Animal Centre, University of Oulu, Finland</i>
9:35 – 10:20	<b>Caring to death: Reconsidering compassion and respect in creating scientific knowledge with animal bodies</b> <i>Professor Pauliina Rautio, University of Oulu, Finland</i>
10:20 – 10:50	<b>Animal experimentation at its best - Practical implementation of culture of care framework</b> <i>Dr Mikko Karpale, University of Oulu, Finland</i>
10:50 – 11:50	Lunch
	Chair: Mikko Karpale
11:50 – 12:20	<b>Avoiding surplus animals in research</b> <i>Docent Petra Sipilä, University of Turku, Finland</i>
12:20 – 12:50	<b>Beyond publication bias: Embracing negative data in research</b> <i>Dr Björn Gerlach, Guarantors of EQIPD e.V., Germany</i>
12:50 – 13:20	<b>Refinement of oral administration protocols for rodents – Benefits for animals and science</b> <i>Dr Paulin Jirkof, University of Zürich, Switzerland</i>
13:20 – 13:50	Coffee service
	Chair: Mika Kaakinen
13:50 – 14:20	<b>Ethical and efficient: Advancements in the generation of genetically modified mouse models</b> <i>Dr Petr Nickl, University of Oulu, Finland</i>
14:20 – 14:50	<b>TTP core and 3Rs: Latest news about activities and mouse models of Finnish Disease Heritage</b> <i>Professor Reetta Hinttala, University of Oulu, Finland</i>
14:50	<b>Closing remarks</b>

[Registration](#) until 6 February 2026

**Credits:** Attending the whole seminar gives 0,5 ECTS