

First 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 – 11th February 2026

Presenters and presentation themes include:

Pauliina Rautio (University of Oulu): *Caring to death: Compassion and respect in science with animals*

Björn Gerlach (Heidelberg University): *Negative results and publication bias*

Petra Sipilä (University of Turku): *Reducing surplus animals*

Petr Nickl (University of Oulu): *Innovations in the generation of genetically modified models*

Paulin Jirkof, University of Zurich: *Refinement of oral administration for rodents*

3R-themed short oral presentations selected from abstracts

Poster sessions are included, and abstract submission will open soon – stay tuned!

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).

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