


LONDON AWERB HUB
Meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 2018



[REDACTED] has written into some “severe” protocols that procedures may be performed only early in the week, to minimise the need for weekend monitoring. This is mainly for novice researchers rather than those with proven, reliable results.

Action:

[REDACTED] requested submissions for an SOP to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Update on ASC Activities

A few AWERB hubs have decided to merge and others may split, a natural balance should be reached soon.

The ASC currently has two standing committees, the AWERB sub-group and licence review body.

The ASC has recently published its harm-benefit analysis review, which can be found on the gov.uk website. It is now looking into comparative regulation of experiments that use animals across a range of jurisdictions. Of particular interest is how other regulators manage compliance and self-reporting.

With Brexit looming, there is a need to avoid any stagnation of the process of increasing animal protection. However, it was thought that this was unlikely in the UK.

The process of importing and exporting animals continues to become more difficult, as another airline has withdrawn the service.

A call for invitations to be re-sent to industry establishments for the London AWERB Hub was issued. Currently the hub is very academia-centric.

9. Any Other Business

The ASC is developing the AWERB Knowledge Hub, an online forum for the sharing of information and discussion between Hubs and local AWERBs. The Beta launch of this is expected later this year.

The discussion of the overseas research SOP has been postponed to a later meeting.

Another “Celebrating the 3Rs” day is planned for next year, with the hope that more establishments will be involved. Anyone interested in speaking at the event should contact [REDACTED]

Possible items for discussion at the next meeting:

Policy to prevent overbreeding.

How to encourage publication of ‘negative’ results.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair will set up an online poll to establish a date in February for the next meeting.