

## Feature Story

### **Ian Kimber, AltTox Editorial Board Member, Named NC3Rs Board Chair**

The National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs), a British alternatives center, recently appointed Dr. Ian Kimber as its new Board Chair. Dr. Kimber is Professor and Chair of Toxicology at the University of Manchester, as well as a member of the AltTox editorial board and moderator for its Skin Sensitization forum. He replaces Lord Turnberg of Cheadle and the NC3Rs Acting Chair, Paul Flecknell of Newcastle University.

Dr. Kimber's appointment comes after the December, 2007 announcement that the NC3Rs will receive increased funding over the course of several years, reaching just over £5 million by 2010/11.

"Since its launch, the NC3Rs has been successful far beyond initial expectations," said Professor Kimber. "I'm immensely proud to be able to play a part in building on that success. The Centre is also uniquely placed to ensure that advances in science and technology are exploited fully for the delivery of replacements, reductions and refinements."

## New on AltTox

## Forum Postings

Some of the recent posts on the AltTox forums include the following:

- Eye & Skin Irritation forum: [Draft OECD guideline for skin irritation - Inclusion of IL-1a endpoint \(?\)](#)
- Genotoxicity/Carcinogenicity forum: [Use of 3D Human Skin Models For Genotoxicity Testing of Dermal Applied Product](#)
- Reproductive & Developmental Toxicity forum: [Evaluation of OECD 414 endpoints postnatally in an extended 1-gen study?](#)
- (Q)SAR forum: [The 2008 McKim Conference on Predictive Toxicology](#)
- Programs & Policies forum: [US Federal Agencies Announce Cooperative agreement on High-Throughput Methods](#)
- Overarching Challenges & Opportunities forum: [Death of Dr. June Bradlaw](#)

Be sure to visit the forums, respond to previous postings, or start a new message thread.

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## New and Updated Information

The AltTox.org Management Team and Editorial Board strive to give readers the most up-to-date summary information related to non-animal methods of toxicity testing. Check out our latest material:

In the Spotlight

- [Cell-based Assays and their Role in the Future of Toxicity Testing: Part I](#)
- [Highlights from the 13th International Workshop on Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships \(QSARs\)](#)

Toxicity Testing Resource Center

- Informational Resources: [Meetings & Events](#) and [In Vitro Testing & Other Services](#)
- [Getting Involved](#)

The Way Forward

- [Animal Welfare in the US EPA's Chemical Assessment and Management Program and the Extended High Production Volume Program](#), by Chad Sandusky

## Upcoming Events

Here are some of the many upcoming events listed on AltTox that may be of interest to our readership:

- Society for Developmental Biology 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, July 25-30, 2008, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US
- Reduced Animal Testing, July 25-26, 2008, Zurich, Switzerland
- SETAC 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress, August 3-7, 2008, Sydney, Australia
- M&M 2008: Microscopy & Microanalysis, August 3-8, 2008, Albuquerque, New Mexico, US

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## User Participation

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