

## Feature Story

### Changes Made to the AltTox Forums

The AltTox Management Team recently made a number of user-friendly changes to our interactive forums - the message boards for stakeholders interested in non-animal methods for toxicity testing.

As a way to more easily navigate through the forums, two groups of forums have each been consolidated into a single forum, thereby streamlining 13 forums down to 2. Specifically, we have combined the nine forums related to toxicity endpoints and tests and the four related to emerging technologies. This leaves us with four forums overall: [Toxicity Endpoints & Tests](#), [Emerging Technologies](#), [Programs & Policies](#), and [Overarching Challenges & Opportunities](#). If a specific type of toxicity testing or emerging technology generates a disproportionate amount of forum traffic, we can easily re-establish some of the consolidated forums.

Also, icons formerly hidden from forum viewers who were not logged in are now visible, clarifying how one goes about replying to a forum message ("reply"), starting a new message thread ("begin new topic"), etc. Viewers who are not logged in but who try to reply to a message or to begin a new topic will be prompted to log in or register.

Lastly, we have clarified how participants can receive email notifications of new topics begun in a forum ("Alerts") or notifications of both new topics and replies to topics ("All Alerts").

We hope AltTox users find the new changes to be helpful. We encourage AltTox users to take advantage of the fewer number of forums by monitoring all of the forums, rather than just specializing in one or two. Monitoring is now even easier with the use of the email alerts mentioned above.

For more information, please email [info@alttox.org](mailto:info@alttox.org).

## New on AltTox

### Forum Postings

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

#### [Emerging Technologies forum](#)

- [Mouse Lymphoma Assay](#)
- [EC Call for Tender Launched for Framework 7 Projects](#)
- [The 2008 McKim Conference on Predictive Toxicology](#)
- [OECD \(Q\)SAR Application Toolbox](#)

#### [Programs & Policies forum](#)

- [NC3Rs funding available for UK research](#)
- [ICCVAM versus ECVAM](#)
- [Special Issue - a final Newsletter from the European Chemicals Bureau](#)

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

- [Workshop on the Use of Histopathology for In Vitro BCOP Eye Irritation Studies](#)
- [AltTox Forums More User Friendly](#)

#### Toxicity Testing Resource Center

- [Validation](#)
- [Regulatory Acceptance](#)

- [International Harmonization](#)
- [Table of Validated/Accepted Alternative Methods](#)
- [ICCVAM/NICEATM](#)
- [EPA](#)
- [NTP](#)
- [DG-Enterprise](#)
- [DG-SANCO](#)
- Informational Resources: [Meetings & Events](#) and [3Rs Awards](#)

## The Way Forward

- [How Well do Animal Teratology Studies Predict Human Hazard? - Setting the Bar for Alternatives](#) by Jarrod Bailey

## Upcoming Events

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

- ICCB 2008: 9th International Congress on Cell Biology, October 7-9, 2008, Seoul, Korea
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Dermatotoxicology, October 22-25, 2008, Vaalsbroek, The Netherlands
- The 2008 In Vitro Alternatives Forum - Spotlight on Ingredients, October 23-24, 2008, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US
- Cell-Based Assays: Innovations in Reagents, Technologies & Screening, October 23-24, 2008, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, US
- Integrated Testing Strategies for REACH: From Science to practical implementation, October 23-24, 2008, Brussels, Belgium

## [More Events >>](#)

## User Participation

We welcome your participation in the AltTox forums, as well as your comments and suggestions, which can be submitted by using the online [Website Feedback](#) survey, or by e-mailing [info@alttox.org](mailto:info@alttox.org). Please submit your suggestions for the Informational Resources or Events section to [info@alttox.org](mailto:info@alttox.org).

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