

Dear BTS Member,

**We hope you are enjoying the summer. As always, we would love to hear from you – please email comments to [editor@thebts.org](mailto:editor@thebts.org) or get in contact via the BTS LinkedIn group or twitter @BritToxSoc (<https://twitter.com/BritToxSoc>).**

Please view the following news items, which may be of interest to you:

- **Support for Continuing Professional Development is at the heart of the BTS mission.**

Please see the new message from Ernie Harpur, the BTS President [here](#).

- **Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals Great Britain 2016**, have been published by the Home Office, showing the number and types of procedures conducted in England, Scotland and Wales.

Understanding Animal Research (UAR) has published an article about the statistics, explaining rises and falls of species, suffering, and purpose of research. If you would like any more information on the statistics, they encourage anyone to get in touch.

Commenting on the publication of the 2016 data, Dr Virginia Acha, ABPI's Executive Director of Research, Medical and Innovation, said: "The Government publishing annual animal research statistic data every year is a valuable part of efforts by universities, regulators and the pharmaceutical industry to be transparent and provide more information to the public about research using animals, which research shows the public wants. As signatories of the Concordat on Openness on Animal Research in the UK, ABPI and its members welcome this continued openness about the use of animals and are proud of the work we and our members are doing in reducing, where possible, the use of animals in research and finding effective, alternative methods to ensure the safety and efficacy of new medicines before given to patients".

- **The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)** has launched a public consultation on a draft opinion developed by its Scientific Committee on the evaluation of the genotoxicity of substances in food and feed safety assessments.

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170724-0>. The authority has also established a safe intake level for glutamic acid and glutamates used as food additives after re-evaluating their safety.

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170712>

- **Use of Anti-microbials in Veterinary Medicine:** The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has launched a public consultation on its new "Reflection paper on off-label use of antimicrobials in veterinary medicine in the European Union". The deadline to submit comments is 31 January 2018. Comments should be provided using this template. The completed form should be sent to [vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu](mailto:vet-guidelines@ema.europa.eu).

[http://www.ema.europa.eu:80/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news\\_and\\_events/news/2017/07/news\\_detail\\_002785.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058004d5c1](http://www.ema.europa.eu:80/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news_and_events/news/2017/07/news_detail_002785.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058004d5c1)

- **First in Human Guidance outlines strategies to identify and mitigate risks for trial participants:** The EMA has revised its guidance on first-in-human clinical trial further help stakeholders identify and mitigate risks for trial participants.  
[http://www.ema.europa.eu:80/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news\\_and\\_events/news/2017/07/news\\_detail\\_002783.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058004d5c1](http://www.ema.europa.eu:80/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news_and_events/news/2017/07/news_detail_002783.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058004d5c1)
- **Book Review: Pathology for Toxicologists** has been recently added to the members area of the BTS website: <http://www.thebts.org/membership/members-resources/>
- **Animal Research: Reporting *In Vivo* Experiments (Arrive) Guidelines Survey:** Seven years after the ARRIVE guidelines were published, a review of how they are used in practice and what impact they have had on the reporting of animal experiments is being undertaken. Participation in the survey has been requested.  
[https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/assessing-impact-arrive-guidelines?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=July%202017](https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/assessing-impact-arrive-guidelines?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=July%202017)
- **Trending Topic: Microbeads** will be banned to prevent tiny pieces of plastic entering the world's oceans where they are then swallowed by wildlife, Michael Gove the Environment Secretary has announced.  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2017/07/21/microbeads-will-banned-year-michael-gove-announces-first-speech/>

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