



# National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee

NAEAC is a statutory committee, established under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). NAEAC's role is to advise the Minister for Primary Industries on welfare issues arising from the use of live animals in research, testing and teaching (RTT). Its other functions include giving advice on the codes of ethical conduct that govern live animal use in RTT and providing information to the bodies that administer the codes (animal ethics committees (AECs)). NAEAC holds four quarterly general meetings each year and special meetings when required.

Selected items discussed at the 12 November 2014 general meeting included the following:

**NAEAC guidelines on application templates used by AECs:** NAEAC is reviewing its *Guidelines on application templates used by AECs*. The amended draft was reviewed at the meeting.

**Codes of ethical conduct template:** NAEAC is reviewing the code template in the NAEAC publication *Guide to the Preparation of Codes of Ethical Conduct*. The guide is designed to assist persons wishing to apply for, or renew, a code of ethical conduct.

**NAEAC Three Rs Award:** The NAEAC Three Rs Award is made annually to an individual or organisation who/which has excelled in the implementation of the principles of the Three Rs (replacement, reduction, and refinement) in the use of animals in RTT. The committee discussed arrangements for the 2015 award, including sponsorship.

**New Zealand Three Rs:** The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART) are developing a series of publications which will highlight real life examples of the Three Rs (replacement, reduction and refinement). Eight examples have been developed to date and it is anticipated that they will be published in 2015.

**Meeting with the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC):** NAEAC agreed to hold a joint meeting with NAWAC in 2015.