



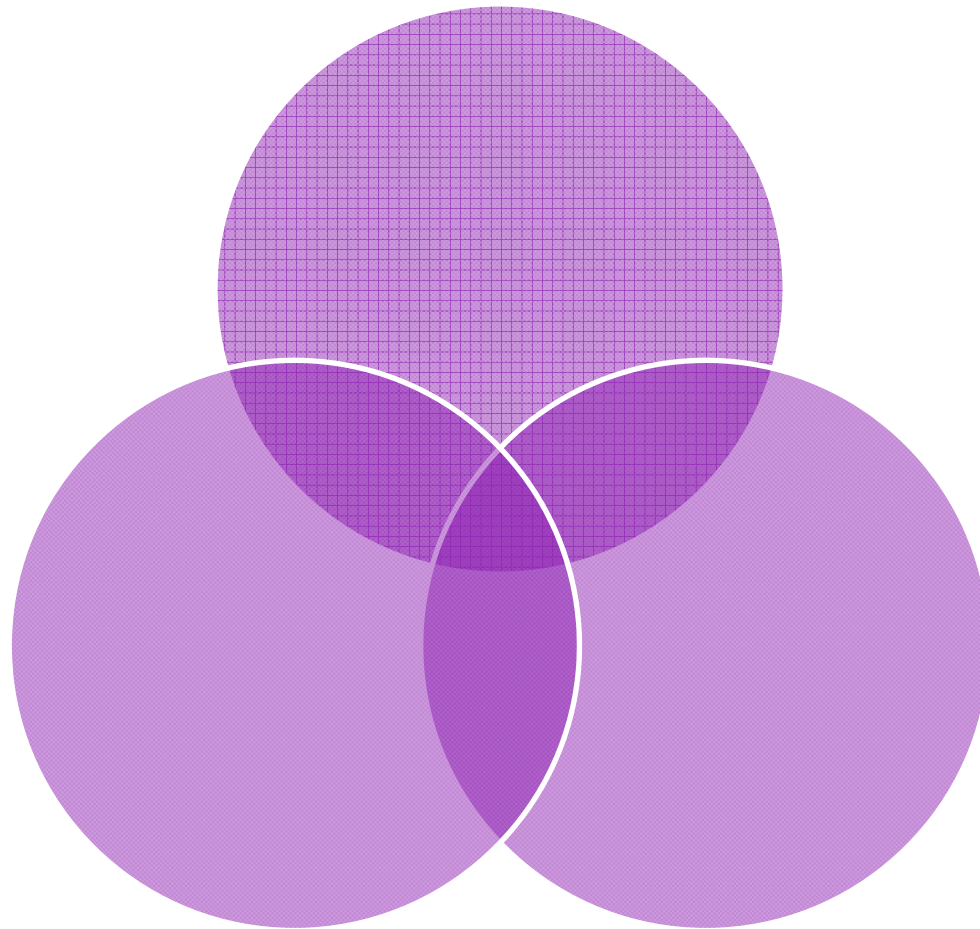
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Session I: Current Regulations & Emerging Issues. Introduction

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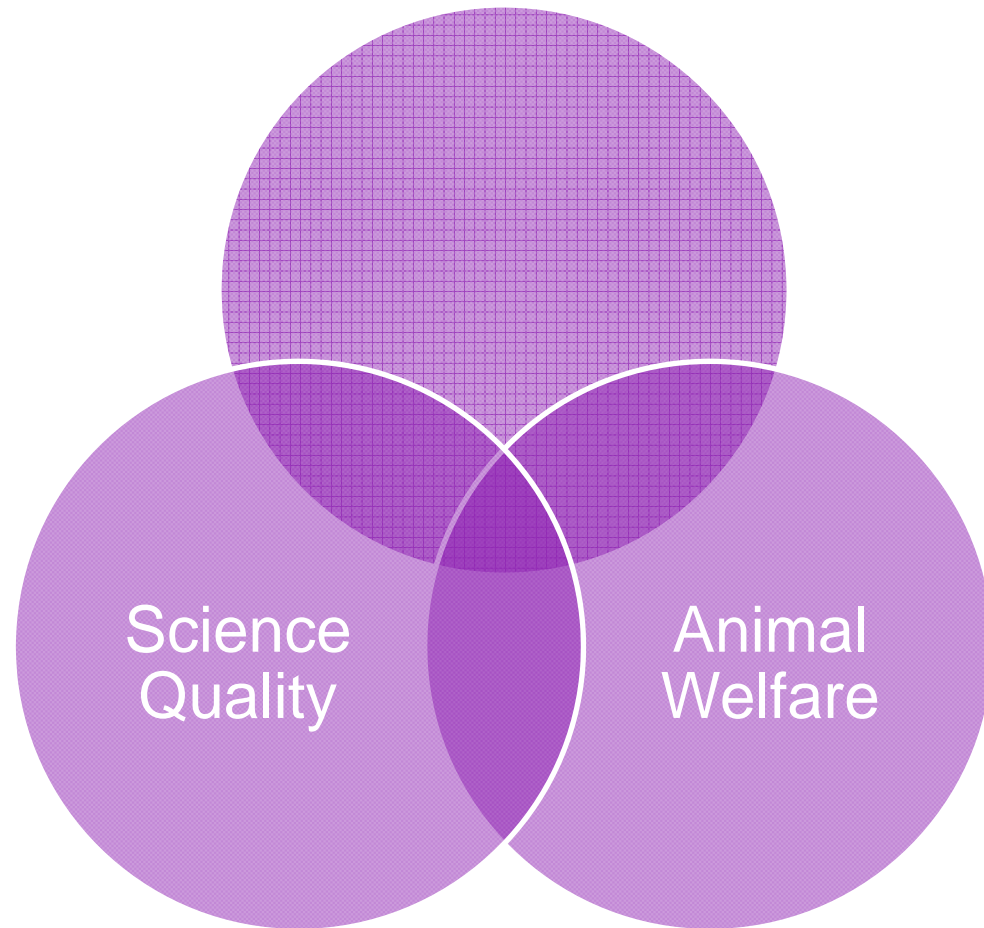
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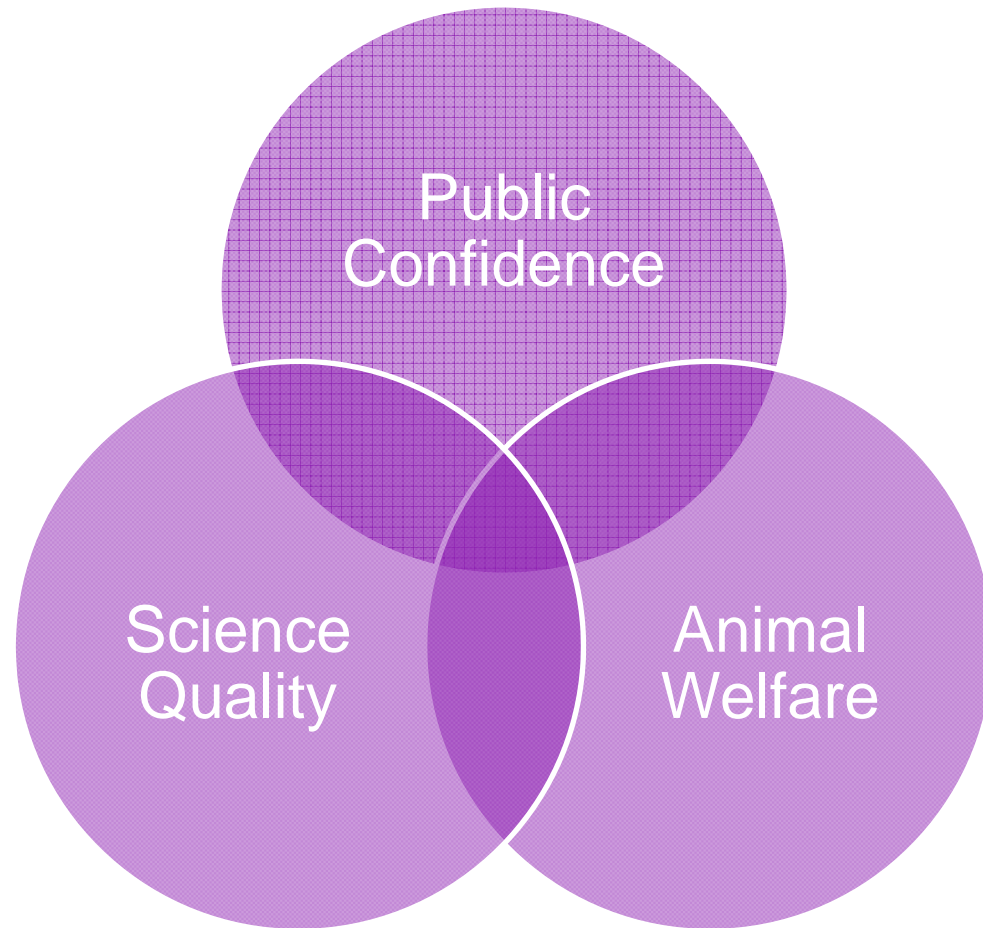
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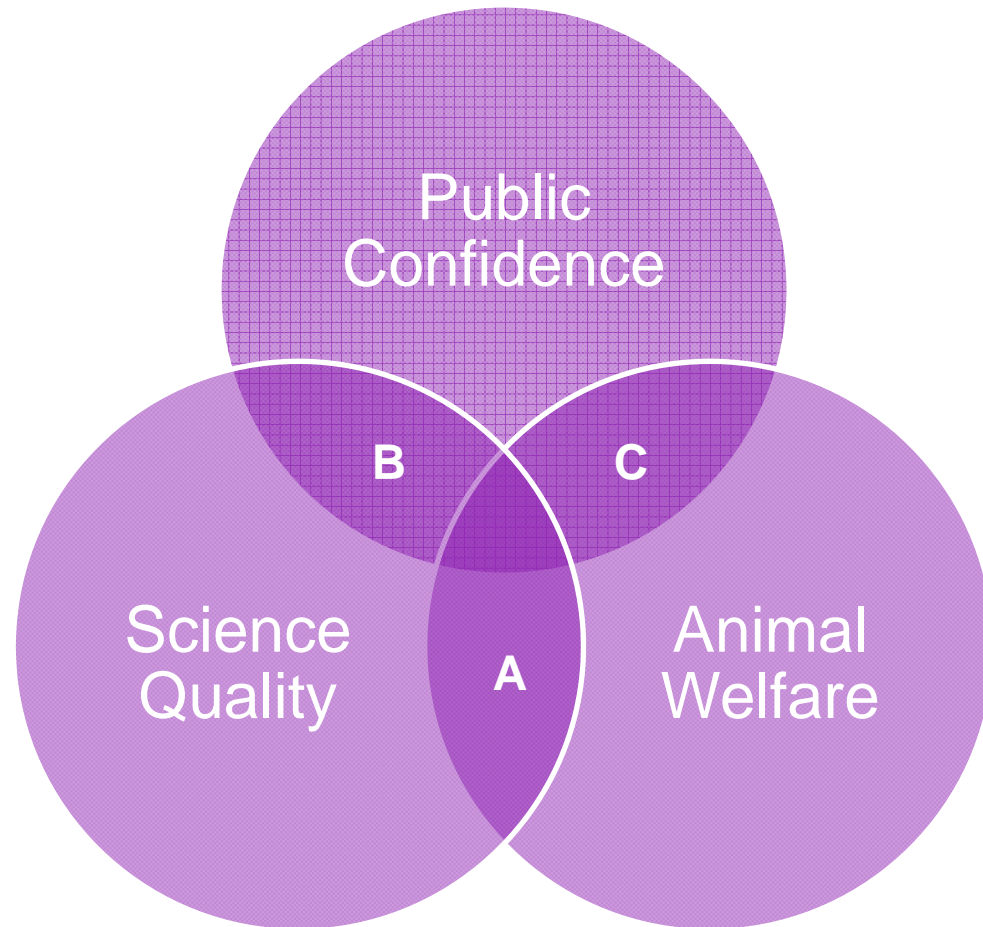
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- What is the basis for regulatory differences and similarities between countries and regions?
 - What are emerging key issues surrounding animal-research regulations?

The Regulatory Balance

- In any regulatory system, it is essential to ensure that bureaucracy and rules do not become so burdensome as to inhibit scientists from developing good quality scientific proposals which will address important research questions.
- However it is also important to ensure that animals will not suffer unnecessarily in such research projects. Thus there needs to be a balance between the needs of the science and the needs of the animals.
- Furthermore, there is strong evidence to show that good animal welfare leads to good scientific outcomes (the overlapping area A).

The Regulatory Balance

- It is this balance between science and welfare which provides the public with confidence in the regulatory system.
- The public wants to benefit from scientific advances, but also wants to be reassured that animals are not suffering unnecessarily (the overlapping areas B & C).
- The nature of this balance will differ between different countries taking into consideration their diverse cultural, economic, religious and social factors.
- However the guiding principle of the Regulatory Balance can be fruitfully applied in any country in determining an appropriate approach to regulation of animal use in research.

(MacArthur Clark, JA. 2011)