

Continuing the Conversation: Openness and Global Perspectives in Communicating About Research That Requires the Care and Use of Animals—Webinar

Roundtable on Science and Welfare of Animals Involved in Research



Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 3:00 – 4:00pm ET | 12:00 – 1:00pm PT

Purpose Welcome to the webinar, [*Continuing the Conversation: Openness and Global Perspectives in Communicating About Research That Requires the Care and Use of Animals.*](#)

This webinar is hosted under the auspices of the Roundtable on Science and Welfare of Animals Involved in Research, part of the Board on Animal Health Sciences, Conservation, and Research at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

This session focuses on what “openness” looks like in practice. Speakers from the U.S. and other countries will share concrete examples of how institutions are translating communication principles into real policies, materials, and engagement approaches, shaped by different regulatory environments and cultural expectations. We will explore how organizations are building trust through proactive, two-way dialogue that is plain-spoken, values-aware, and grounded in ethical considerations.

3:00pm–
3:02pm

Welcome

Nia Johnson, Director, Roundtable on Science and Welfare of Animals Involved in Research

3:02pm–
3:04pm

Moderator Welcome & Brief Recap of 2023 Workshop

Brianna Skinner, Roundtable Member

3:04pm–
3:52pm

Speaker Presentations

From Principles to Practice- Dr. Naomi Charalambakis, Director of Communications and Science Policy – Americans for Medical Progress (AMP)

Openness as Strategy, Not Slogan – Dr. Jennifer Iwamoto, Director of Internal and IACUC Operations, Office of Animal Welfare - University of Washington

International Transparency Frameworks- Mr. Kirk Leech, Executive Director - European Animal Research Association (EARA)

Part 1: EU – Regulatory and Cultural Contexts – Dr. CeCe Brotchie-Fine, Executive Director, Ethics - Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Part 2: US – Regulatory and Cultural Contexts – Dr. Matt Rasette, Veterinary Medical Officer - Minneapolis VA Healthcare System

Ethics, Values, and One Health in Public Communications – Dr. Christina Pettan-Brewer, Associate Professor and Director, UW Rodent Health Monitoring Program - University of Washington

3:52pm–
3:58pm

Discussion with Question & Answer Session

3:58pm–
4:00pm

Moderator Close

Tiffany Borjeson, Roundtable Member

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