

Czech Consensus Platform for Alternatives

CZECOPA

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statute : not-for-profit organization

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Creation of CZECOPA

- **1999 Bologna** - „Toxicology in vitro“
Call for ecopa formation, EoI collection
- **2000 Brussels** - „First ecopa workshop“
Discussion on ecopa mission and priorities
In the CR 4 parties discussion
- **2001 Brussels** - „Second ecopa workshop“
Establishment of ecopa (Oct),czecopa (Nov)

CZECOPA criteria

- **3R principles followed in activities**
communication centre for the CR
- **4 parties on the basis of consensus**
NGO - academia - government - industry
- **Only one national platform in the CR**
created- registered

CZECOPA short term objectives

- **Public information on CZECOPA mission**
- **Set up of permanent communication between 4 parties involved**
- **Implementation of validated and valid alternative methods**
- **Introduction of alternatives in routine practice (testing labs/education)**

CZECOPA long term objectives

- **Promotion of scientific development and implementation of alternatives**
- **Ethical mission to industry, toxicology and public**
- **Promotion of information and education**
- **Scientific support for responsible authorities and legislation**

Activities 2002 - 2003

1. Registration and establishment

- statutes registration
- General Assembly
- election of representatives
- working plan and priorities
- logo and website under construction

2. Support of legislative actions

Animal Protection Act 246/1992 Coll. (update)

- implementation of alternatives
- registration of alternative methods
- support in training

7th amendment of the Cosmetic Directive

- exact transposition of wording
- deadlines

3.Promotion of education and information

Broad public information

- initiated by animal welfare organizations
- leaflets, brochures (Alternative Methods)
- translation of books (Holocaust)
- educational programs (EuroNICHE)
- public meetings

Alternatives at schools and universities

Medical Faculty Charles University Hradec Králové

- practical demonstrations of in vitro methods

3rd Medical Faculty Charles University Prague

- EuroNICHE as a part of regular education

Medical Faculty Palacký University Olomouc

- demonstration of photodynamic reactions in cell cultures

Veterinary and Pharmaceutical University Brno

- video programs, broader participation of students in veterinary practice

4. Scientific development and implementation of methods

National Institute of Public Health Prague NRC for Cosmetics

- cytotoxicity and phototoxicity tests in vitro
- 3D human skin models
- HET-CAM

NRL for Genetic Toxicology

- bacterial reverse mutation test (OECD TG 471)
- mammalian chromosome aberration test (OECD TG 473)

Czech Academy of Sciences Prague

Department of Physiology

- photodynamic effects in cell culture
- immunotoxicology in vitro
- alternative multimedia in courses for students

5. Scientific presentations **at workshops and symposiums**

- conferences: Alternatives 2002 (Prague), Alternatives 2003 (Poland)
- INVITOX 2002 (Italy)
- workshops of the Society for Laboratory Animals
- annual conference „Animal Welfare“ (Brno)

6. Mission to industry

Introduction of alternatives to the practice of testing laboratories

- routine testing of medical devices, cosmetics, items of common use, chemicals
- e.g. BIOTEST, ITC, NIPH

Presentation of alternative methods results at regular industry meetings

- workshops of PROKOS and CSZV

CZECOPA activities 2004

- **Improvement of technical background**
website, logo, new members
- **Promotion of broad introduction of alternatives**
Projects evaluation, testing labs, education
- **Participation in research projects**
CR research projects, EU - CONAM
- **Consultant for legislation (chem/cosm/drugs)**
- **Public and scientific presentations**

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