

PROGRAMME

Virtual International Conference to Mark the Launch of the Society for Alternatives to Animal Testing in Sri Lanka (SAAT-SL)

7th February 2021; 5.00 pm to 9.30 pm IST/Sri Lankan time

- 5.00-5.15 pm Welcome address and Introduction
Prof. Mangala Gunatilake
Founder Director of the 3Rs Centre in Laboratory Animal Science in Sri Lanka
- 5.15-5.30 pm Address by **Prof Vajira H. W. Dissanayake**
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- 5.30-5.50 pm Address by **Dr. Md. A. Akbarsha**
General Secretary, Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments- India
- 5.50-5.55 pm Introduction of speaker- Prof. Thomas Hartung- by Dr. Md. A. Akbarsha, General Secretary, Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments- India
- 5.55-6.15 pm *21st Century Cell Culture –Opportunities and Challenges*
[7.25-7.45 am, EST USA]
Prof. Thomas Hartung
Director, Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT), **Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, US**
- 6.15-6.20 pm Introduction of speaker- Dr. Hajime Kojima- by Dr. Md. A. Akbarsha, General Secretary, Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments- India
- 6.25-6.45 pm *Non-animal Alternative Toxicology and Regulatory Testing: An Update from Japan*
Dr. Hajime Kojima
President of the Japanese Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments;
Secretary General of Japanese Center for Validation of Alternative Methods (JaCVAM)
- 6.45-6.50 pm Introduction of speaker- Dr. Francois Busquet- by Prof. Mangala Gunatilake, Founder Director of the 3Rs Centre in Laboratory Animal Science in Sri Lanka
- 6.50-7.10 pm *3Rs EU Policy and Research Dynamics in 2020*
Dr. Francois Busquet
Founder & CEO of Alvertox Academy and CAAT-EU Policy Coordinator
- 7.10-7.15 pm Introduction of the speaker- Prof. Y.K. Gupta- by Dr. Md. A. Akbarsha, General Secretary, Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments- India
- 7.15-7.35 pm Alternatives to Animal Models in Biomedical Research: Indian Initiatives Towards Regulatory Acceptance
Prof. Y. K. Gupta
President, Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments- India
- 7.35-7.40 pm Introduction of the speaker- Dr. Christian Pellevoisin- by Dr. Md. A. Akbarsha, General Secretary, Society for Alternatives to Animal Experiments- India
- 7.40-8.00 pm *Importance of education for the acceptance of NAMs in regulatory toxicology*
Dr. Christian Pellevoisin, Scientific Director at Episkin Academy, France
- 8.00-8.10 pm Vote of Thanks by Dr Hasanthi Rathnadiwakara
- 8.15 pm **Limited to local participants**
onwards Discussion on the Draft Constitution and election of the First Executive Committee of the Society