

## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Save The Date - October 16-17, 2018

## Implementing nonanimal approaches to human and veterinary vaccine testing: Achieving scientific and regulatory success for rabies and beyond

16-17 October 2018 William H. Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health Campus, Bethesda, Maryland

## Organizers:

National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods NICEATM International Alliance for Biological Standardization North America Affiliate IABS-NA

Vaccines improve human and animal health and welfare by preventing the spread of infectious diseases. However, testing to ensure effectiveness and safety of these products often requires the use of large numbers of animals. Technological advances have led to the development of methods that could reduce or eliminate the need for animal testing for vaccines. This workshop will bring together scientific and regulatory leaders from government, academia and industry to develop recommendations to advance alternative methods for human and veterinary rabies vaccine testing. Additional workshop sessions will also spotlight state-of-the-science animal alternatives for other antigens and future possibilities for advancing animal reduction and replacement initiatives.

**REVIEW** relevant scientific advancements, state-of-the-art technologies and regulatory success stories for alternative testing strategies; with a focus on replacement strategies.

**EXPLORE** application of these new principles for human and animal rabies vaccine testing

**CHART** and prioritize recommendations for implementing nonanimal approaches for rabies vaccine testing in North America and discuss future planning needs to address their implementation for target antigens at the international level

A series of pre-workshop webinars will be scheduled to address foundational principles and practices pertinent to the workshop (e.g. regulatory standards, current testing practices; animal use and alternatives in human and veterinary biologics testing).

Workshop Registration and Details: CLICK HERE