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The Origins of ICCVAM

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Introduction

- **Senator Proxmire was interested in the Alternatives issue and, in the mid-1980s, inquired what EPA was doing on the issue.**
- **EPA sent him some pro-forma language and identified some projects that the agency said were alternatives.**
- **Proxmire asked the EPA for more information and that process eventually led to an appropriation to the Tufts Center for Environmental Management to examine progress on alternatives at the EPA.**



EPA-funded Project at Tufts

- **Consisted of a Dialogue Group of Animal NGO & Corporate representatives to look at new tox methods**
- **Three workshops toward end of 1980s NGOs (animal, consumer, environmental), Corporations (e.g. P&G, Exxon, Colgate Palmolive, J & J) and Government agencies.**
- **The Dialogue Group eventually decided to approach Congress to suggest language in the NIH Revitalization Act (that was eventually passed in 1993) to establish a government program at NIEHS to evaluate and validate NAMs.**



NIEHS Project

- **P&G and representatives from animal NGOs went to Congress to request language establishing a project at NIEHS on validating and accepting NAMs.**
- **NABR did not lobby against the language and it was added to the NIH Revitalization bill report.**
- **The bill was delayed because of concerns re fetal tissue research but was eventually signed into law in 1993 (President Clinton).**



ICCVAM Authorization Bill

- **ICCVAM was established following passage of the NIH Revitalization Act (P.L. 103-43) in 1993. However, towards the end of the 1990s, Sara Amundson of the Doris Day Animal League lobbied for the passage of an ‘ICCVAM Authorization Act’**
- **P.L. 106-545 was passed on a voice vote in 2000 and signed into law on December 19, 2000.**



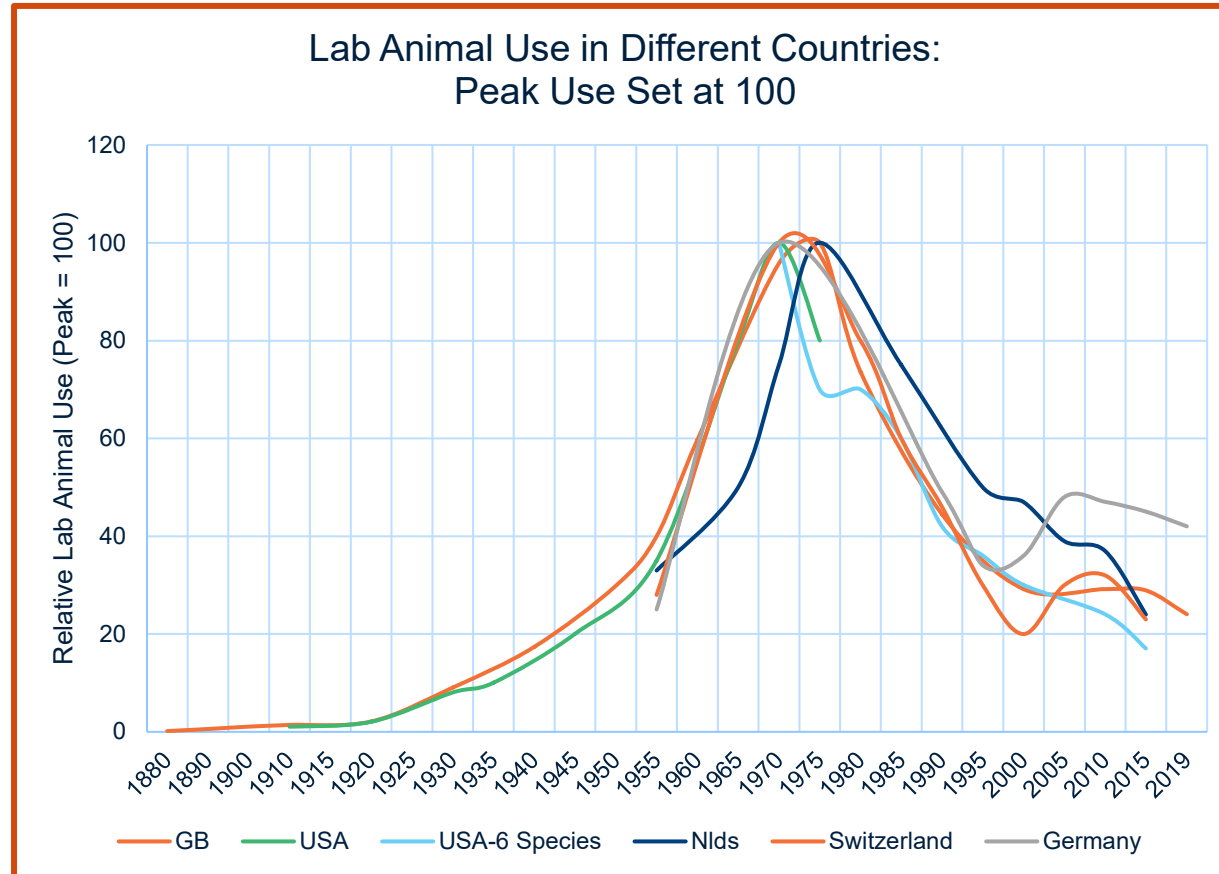
ICCVAM Today

- **ICCVAM had a slow start but has been very productive since Dr Casey took over as acting director at the beginning of 2013.**
- **When Dr Birnbaum announced this change in an editorial in EHS (doi:10.1289/ehp.1206292), she noted that NIEHS was embracing the paradigm shift in toxicity hazard identification and risk assessment launched following the Tox 21c Report.**



Trends in Lab Animal Use

- Numbers of animals used declined by 50+% from mid-70s to 2005



BARS ARE NORMALIZED TO RECORD HIGHPOINT OF ANIMAL USE IN EACH COUNTRY AS 1.0