European Animal Research Association (EARA)

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Background to the foundation of EARA

• European activists and extremists have developed increasingly effective tactics and smart strategies

• European wide reduction in pro-active communication on the benefits of animal research for animals and humans

• The European Life Sciences Sector is hampered by the absence of a consistent unified voice (public and private) for research

• There are few national animal research defence groups in the EU

• As Italy & Germany shows extremists have also become a serious threat to the health of research in the academic sector.
It's time for the Government to keep its promise and...
GRAPHIC CONTENT Horrifying video shows PUPPIES and KITTENS tested at UK laboratory

THE Sunday Express today publishes details of an undercover investigation at a Government licensed animal testing centre that shines a light on the secret world of vivisection laboratories where puppies as young as four weeks old are taken from their mothers and killed.

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European Citizens' Initiative STOP VIVISECTION
"Citizens, NGOs and MEPs for animal welfare and human health"

Wednesday 26 June 2013 16.00 - 18.30
European Parliament - Room A5E2

With a special contribution by Jeremy Rifkin

Conference hosted by:
Sonia ALFANO (ALDE)
Jo LEINEN (S&D)
Former President of Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee (ENVI)
Cristiana MUSCARDINI (ECR)
Michele STRIFLLER (PPE)
Dan JØRGENSEN (S&D)
President of the EP intergroup on the welfare and conservation of animals
Michele RIVASI (Greens)

Speakers:
Claude Reiss
Physician and cellular biologist former Director of Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)

André Menache
Zoologist and veterinary surgeon Director of Antidote Europe

Candida Nastrucci
BSc, MSc, DPhil Clinical Biochemistry

Núria Querol i Viñas
Biologist, President of LIMAV

Gianni Tamino
Professor of biology, former MEP

Introduction by Fabrizia Pratesi
(European Committee STOP VIVISECTION)

Contributions by representatives of the NGOs supporting STOP VIVISECTION
TATORT MDC: WO MENSCHLICHE GEWALT AN TIEREN KEINE GRENZEN HAT!!!

UNTER DEM DECK-MANTEL DER WISSENSCHAFT BLEIBT MORD UNGESTRAFT!
Ingrid Newkirk, President of PETA

“Even if animal tests produced a cure for AIDS, we’d be against it.”

“There’s no rational basis for saying that a human being has special rights. A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy. They’re all animals.”

PETA: Animal rights are more important than human lives.
Meeting hosted by EFPIA January 2013

Requested expressions of interest to carry out an activity plan to help improve the current situation

Understanding Animal Research (UK) submitted a Project Proposal

Discussions began with non-profit and profit organisations how best to coordinate activity across Europe

EARA established February 2014, I was hired In April
Purpose of the EARA

- **Facilitate**: the establishment of local animal research advocacy groups and networks in countries where they don’t exist.

- **Create**: a favourable climate for research using laboratory animals in Europe, through influencing national and EU decision makers.

- **Maintain and improve**: a high level of public acceptance of medical research using animals, through a variety of communications means.

- **Lead**: pan-European initiatives, to counter pressure on the lab animals supply chain and the license to use laboratory animals in research.
Action plan 2014

• Countries where there are successful or growing activist campaigns against the use of animals in research, and where there are no advocacy groups

  Italy, Germany, Belgium and Spain

• Collaborate with advocacy groups that do exist to create a pan EU network

  France, UK and Holland (Italy?)

• Encourage greater openness with the public on why we need animal research

  Academic Sector in the EU

• Lead campaigns to build greater choice and resilience into the transport of laboratory animals
Over 40 organizations involved with bioscience in the UK signed a Declaration on Openness on Animal Research.

They committed to developing a Concordat setting out how they would be more open about the ways in which animals are used in scientific, medical and veterinary research in the UK.

This involved a public dialogue led by Ipsos MORI in order to find out what people in the UK think constitutes openness and transparency about animal research.
Questions?

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