



## FC3R GIS Newsletter



REPLACE REDUCE REFINE

July 2026

### Launch of the 2026 3Rs Awards



The 'Research' and 'Culture of Care' awards recognise initiatives and the commitment to **Replace, Reduce and Refine** the use of animals for scientific purposes. Your project could help to advance the 3Rs and NAMs in France. [Submit your application by 5 October!](#)



### Towards responsible management and a reduction in laboratory mouse breeding

What are the key drivers for reducing the use of animals while ensuring the quality and sustainability of experimental models?

[Read the news](#)



### Results of the 'Refinement' call for proposals

Discover the eight winning projects that aim to reduce pain, stress and distress in laboratory animals, from rodents to non-human primates, including fish, while ensuring the quality of scientific research.

[Find out more](#)



## Do you use MDA (Micropipette-guided Drug Administration)?

Take part in our survey to share your practices for administering substances in rats or mice and thereby contribute to a collaborative database.

[Complete the survey](#)



## Upcoming FC3R webinar

**Insects and the 3Rs: progress and challenges for research**

Thursday 17 September 2026, 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm

[Find out more](#)

## Focus on

### ERA4NAMs: survey on NAMs training



The FC3R, a partner in the European ERA4NAMs initiative, invites you to complete the survey on NAMs education and training. The aim of this survey is to compile a list of existing training courses and identify future needs.

**Deadline for responses: 18 August 2026**

[Find out more](#)

## Roadmap for the phasing out of animal testing in chemical safety assessments

In June 2026, the European Commission presented a roadmap aimed at phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessments. This action plan sets out 22 measures, more than 30 recommendations, the development of alternative methods, the strengthening of research and international cooperation, as well as monitoring of progress up to 2029. [Find out more](#)



Featured in Cell Stem Cell: a human model of a ‘biological pacemaker’ derived from pluripotent stem cells, designed to explore *in vitro* the maturation of the sinoatrial node and its interaction with cardiac innervation. [Find out more](#)

## nature

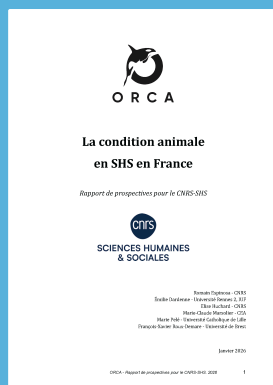
In this editorial, **Nature** announces the extension of Registered Reports to all its publication areas: a format in which the protocol is assessed before the results, with an agreement in principle for publication provided the study follows the accepted plan, regardless of the outcome. [Find out more](#)



### The NAMWISE newsletter has just been published

NAMWISE, a European project led by a consortium of 18 partners including FC3R, aims to promote the adoption of New Methodological Approaches (NAMs) to assess the safety and efficacy of chemical and pharmaceutical substances, whilst reducing the use of animals for scientific and regulatory purposes. [Find out more](#)

# Animal welfare in the social sciences and humanities in France



The 2026 foresight report by ORCA (Observatory for research on animal welfare) devotes a section to animal experimentation. This interdisciplinary academic network in the social sciences and humanities at the CNRS aims to structure French research on animal studies and to foster dialogue between different disciplines. In particular, the report outlines the main scientific, ethical, societal and political issues related to the use of animals for scientific and regulatory purposes. [Find out more](#)

## Featured training



### Habitude et conditionnement des animaux

16 September 2026, online



### Maintenance of skills for the use of live animals for scientific purposes #1: update on European and French regulations in animal research (Rodents)

1 October 2026, Sorbonne University, Paris



## On FRIA

French-language resource database on the 3Rs



## Instaurer une culture de soin en chirurgie expérimentale

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