

# Agenda

- 9:00 HSI opening remarks
- 9:15 **ATT and TABST elimination:  
The European success**
- 9:15 Klaus Cussler (PEI): Abnormal Toxicity Testing: Origin, propagation and abolition in Europe
- 10:00 Lukas Bruckner: The target animal batch safety test: A non-suitable tool to demonstrate the safety of veterinary vaccines
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:00 **ATT and TABST: Where we are in other regions**
- 13:00 Lunch and break
- 14:00 **Working session: Building a common approach**
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:15 **Working session: Drafting the roadmap**
- 17:15 **Closing remarks and next steps**
- 17:15 Review of the working session outcomes and closing remarks
- 17:50 Presentation of IABS/Vac2Vac global congress in Bangkok, Dec 2019
- 18:00 Closure of the symposium

Humane Society International is one of the key global animal protection organizations engaged in the protection of all animals worldwide. We are committed to informing and engaging governments to effect change in legislation that can lead to the substitution of alternative—and more human-relevant—methods to traditional animal-based models.

We believe communication, inclusion, information sharing and mediation from various legitimate scientific, social and cultural perspectives are key to reaching a comprehensive and effective consensus.

Better science, with safer, more effective, readily available vaccines—which spare countless lab animals—requires the development of in vitro alternative methods, their regulatory approval and global regulatory harmonization.

To this end, we welcome the opportunity to cooperate with every stakeholder wishing to advance science and alternative methods.



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## Symposium on Global Harmonization of Vaccine Testing Requirements

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## Objectives

- Bring together a wider range of global stakeholders to strategically plan for the harmonized deletion of ATT and TABST.
- Leverage success stories as case studies and lay out a strategy for their global deletion.
- Identify the specific barriers and difficulties hindering the deletion of ATT and TABST in regions still undecided on evaluating and implementing more effective methods.
- Define a roadmap populated with concrete actions to overcome those difficulties.

## Rationale

Despite having been obsoleted and their scientific basis called into question, the Abnormal Toxicity Test (ATT) and Target Animal Batch Safety Test (TABST) are still being used in numerous countries.

Their global elimination needs to become a priority to allow the worldwide production of safer and more readily available vaccines—and to spare the lives of countless animals.

Europe, the US, VICH-affiliated countries and the World Health Organization have already sanctioned their deletion, but its fulfillment is prevented by a variety of hindering factors. From a lack of global coordination to regionalism, from local unfamiliarity with new approaches or technologies to difficult communications between manufacturers and regulators and more, these are the issues that need immediate discussion—and action—to secure deletion of ATT and TABST.

## Outcomes

- Create a fruitful, multi-directional flow of information.
- Share successful case studies and the difficulties met and overcome.
- Start an open discussion of current drivers and barriers in the various regions.
- Identify concrete steps and stakeholders ready to take charge of key tasks to promote the deletion of ATT and TABST.

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