

## General information

### Date and location

The meeting will take place at the Marina Congress Center located in Helsinki city centre, Finland on June 14-17, 2010.

### Accommodation

Accommodation will be available from hotels of different categories located in central Helsinki.

### Trade exhibition

A commercial exhibition will be arranged at the Marina Congress Center, where the congress secretariat, coffee breaks and poster sessions will be situated adjacent to the lecture rooms.

### Important dates

Second announcement May, 2009  
Deadline of abstracts February, 2010

### Language

The official language of the meeting will be English.

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# New Paradigms in Laboratory Animal Science

*A Joint FELASA/Scand-LAS symposium*

*First Announcement*



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## *Dear Colleagues,*

On behalf of the Organizing committee I have the pleasure to welcome you to the 11<sup>th</sup> FELASA and 40<sup>th</sup> Scand-LAS joint meeting titled

### **'New Paradigms in Laboratory Animal Science'**

to be held 14-17 June 2010 in Helsinki, Finland. The venue of the meeting is Marina Congress Center, located at the seaside of downtown Helsinki.

The FELASA meeting, organized every third year, is the largest European laboratory animal science meeting, where almost thousand scientists and other professionals from all over the world will meet. The programme provides various topics of current interest, covering both scientific and practical aspects. Along with plenary presentations, oral presentations and posters are warmly welcomed. In addition to scientific sessions, workshops and round table discussions, with interactive participation, will be included into the program. A large exhibition, which allows you to get familiar with the most up-to-date equipment and technology, will be arranged. Last but not least, there will be nice social programme to entertain you and serve as a possibility to meet old and make acquaintance with new friends and colleagues.

In June, the weather in Finland is usually pleasant and the white nights with practically day-around sun make your stay unique. The city centre of Helsinki with market place, shops and restaurants are within short walking distance from the conference venue, providing you a glimpse on life style in Finland, the best kept secret of the Western world.

*Hanna-Marja Voipio*  
*Chair of the Organizing Committee*

## **Organizing Committee**

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## **Thematic clusters of the meeting include:**

Research validity/translational studies  
Models for life-style and age related diseases  
Novel innovations for research applications  
Commission funded projects - are we getting value for money from untargeted projects?

Refining housing environment  
Procedures on animals - less pain, more gain  
Innovative Medicines Initiative - opportunities for the 3Rs from projects underway  
Non-human primates - value of models and progress with the 3Rs

Future microbial standardisation of laboratory animals  
Applications with untraditional species  
Facility design and operation - green, automated and safe?  
Global and European animal welfare standards - where is the impact?

Systematic reviews in laboratory animal science  
Enhancing effective 3Rs search  
Ethical footprint of animal studies

