

Guidelines Dieter Lütticken Award

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Guidelines to evaluate selected project for the Dieter-Lütticken Award

Purpose of the Award

- to encourage scientists or life-science research institutions to work in research areas that serve the 3R-concept i.e. reducing, refining or replacing the use of animals in testing for development and production of veterinary medicines

Scope of the Award

- with this award studies can be honored that contribute to a reduction of the number of animals used in development and production of veterinary medicines. This scope is covering in vitro models used in R&D as well as avoiding using animals in efficacy, safety and quality testing in the production of biologicals or pharmaceuticals. It can cover for example residue testing, new toxicological methods, challenging test replacements, epidemiological studies focusing on the correlation of field data and protection of animals by vaccination, new epitope identification, genomics, proteomics, alternatives to production methods using animal by-products or animals.
- Intervet would like to see the scope interpreted as broadly as possible.

Application

Candidates should give full contact details, co-operations partners, an executive summary of the studies and an argumentation why they should be taken into consideration, a publications list related to the study and a selection of copies of those publications which give a good overview of the work.

An application form (Annex I) should be filled in for each application.

Evaluation committees

Intervet will actively screen at country level under participation of representative clinics and public research centers for candidates from all life-science research institutions. Commercial organizations are excluded. Self application is possible.

- Local pre-selection: The applications should be screened by Intervet at country level supported by a selection team consisting of an Intervet representative, a clinician and a public research center representative. The judgment laid down in an expert report will form the basis for the final selection of candidates from the different regions.
- Final selection: A committee will be composed under participation of representatives from headquarter Intervet. This committee has the task to

screen and approve the selected projects coming from the regions. This committee should have a control function and should guarantee an international judgment to the same quality standards.

Evaluation criteria

Selected project and applications should be assessed against the following criteria:

Potential magnitude of reduction of number of animal used

Contribution to animal health segment

More specifically contribution to research/production for veterinary medicines

How directly applicable to research or production

How far eliminating use of animal or animal derived components in production

How far does it in research

- reduce the use of animals
- replace animal testing
- improve welfare of animals during tests
- improve the quality of information obtained in testing

Innovativeness of the approach / Discovery

Completeness of the scope of work done / tackled from different possible angles

Remark: Also theoretical approaches, e.g. new statistical methods fall under the scope of the Award, if they are applicable to the area.