

Bioethics of Animal Research

ROUND TABLE

(Moderator: Simon Horvat)

- **Introduction** (moderator)
- **Opening statements** (each discussant)
- **Discussion Themes**
- **Questions from Audience** (cards or interactive)
- **Closing Statements** (each discussant)
- **Summary** (moderator)



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ROUND TABLE discussants

ALEŠ BELIČ: University of Ljubljana; Faculty of Electrical Engineering; Ph.D. Electrical Engineering (*Modelling of Biological Systems; Biomedical Technics*)

GREGOR MAJDIČ: University of Ljubljana, Veterinary Faculty; Ph.D. Physiology; (*Animal Physiology Researcher*)

GREGOR TORKAR: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education; University of Nova Gorica, Faculty School of Environmental Sciences, Ph.D. Protection of Natural Heritage; *Society for Animal protection, Protection of natural heritage, Ornithology / entomology societies*

IGOR PRIBAC: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts; Ph.D. Philosophy; Practical ethics-Bioethics; representative of »*The Civil Initiative for Improvement of the Legal Protection of Animals*«

MANICA ČERNE; Ph.D. Veterinary Sciences; (Researcher, Animal Pathology and Toxicology), *President of the Slovenian Ethical Committee for Animal Research*

URH GROŠELJ: University Children's Hospital, UMC Ljubljana (Paediatrics); M.D. – PhD (Biomedical Sciences) - M.A. (Bioethics); (Paediatrician-Medical Scientist); *Member of Slovenian National Medical Ethics Committee.*

WENDY JARRETT: Chief Executive of the Organisation »*Understanding Animal Research*«, Great Britain

VETERINARY ADMINISTRATION of SLOVENIA (will send a written responses to questions)

FRIDERIK KLAMPFER, University of Maribor, Faculty of Philosophy; Ph.D. Philosophy; (Bioethics)

SLOVENIAN VEGAN SOCIETY – representative

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- **Short Opening statements** (each discussant)
 - a. Where do you stand on the issue of use of animals?
(*e.g., pro, contra, mixed...*)
 - b. Main background for your stand
(*e.g. philosophical- ethical theory, religious viewpoint, moral intuition, scientific reasons, other..*)



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ETHICS of USING animals in research

- a. Responsibilities / Obligations to Animals?
- b. Animal Species –which one and why?
- c. Improving Benefits / decreasing Harm?
- d. Maintaining / Improving standards?



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NOT USING animals in research

a. Alternatives to animal use in research

(pros and cons)?

b. Ethics of **NO** Animal Research



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Questions from the audience



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- **Short CLOSING statements**

(each discussant)



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ROUND UP

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