

**University of Nottingham**  
**Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body**  
**Thursday 25 June 2020**  
**MINUTES**

18 Members present, 4 Apologies, 1 in Attendance

**20/26 Minutes**

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2020.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

**20/27 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**(a) Action log**

The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included:

- (1) That preparations for return to site for research following the Coronavirus were ongoing.
- (2) That refurbishment work for the Commercial Client area will recommence and complete before footfall increases again in the Unit. In the interim work will take place in a separate area.
- (3) That information has been provided to the Physiological Society and IAT about operations in the BSU during the Coronavirus crisis, which has been published on the AWERB site.
- (4) That staff in the BSU have been recognised for the work they have done throughout the Coronavirus crisis.
- (5) That the AWERB Workspace has been updated to enable more open access for AWERB information.

**(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 20/21]**

REPORTED: That ONE application had been submitted on ASPeL on 16/6/20.

**20/28 Chair's Business**

**(a) Membership**

REPORTED:

- (1) That terms of membership of three academic members of AWERB were due to end at the end of the 2019/20 session. AWERB thanked these members for their contributions. Two of the three academic members had been invited to serve further terms as appropriate, and these were CONFIRMED. One new academic member would be sought.

- (2) That the Deputy Director of the BSU was leaving UoN. AWERB thanked the Deputy Director for their contribution to the work of AWERB and for their dedication to the animals in their care as NACWO.
- (3) That the Senior Technician in the BSU was leaving UoN. AWERB thanked the Senior Technician for their service and dedication to the operations of the BSU.

## **20/29 Project Licence Applications**

### **(a) Dr AA**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved identifying drugs for treating the symptoms of tinnitus in mouse models.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused around drugs and dosage, monitoring for adverse effects and sequencing of protocols.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to addressing comments from AWERB.

## **20/30 Proposed dates of AWERB meetings in session 2020-21**

RECEIVED: Proposed dates of AWERB meetings in the 2020-21 which were to be finalised.

## **20/31 Summary of PPL applications and amendments**

REPORTED: That a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available.

## **20/32 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report**

REPORTED: That THREE project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

## **20/33 Project licences granted by the Home Office**

REPORTED: That TWO Project licences had been granted by the Home Office.

## **20/34 Home Office Annual Risk Report**

RECEIVED: The Home Office Risk Report.

REPORTED: That the anonymised report would be available on the University website. The effectiveness of AWERB was complimented, the Home Office recognised the strong staff culture; that the 3Rs were strong and that good governance and assurance measures are in place.

## **20/35 Any Other Business**

### **(a) Hearing Research:**

RESOLVED: That AWERB reflects on current knowledge and expertise regarding hearing research models.

**(b) Fast tracked amendment to Project Licence PP2623916: Seasonal control of fertility by melatonin control of angiogenesis by changing VEGF splicing in the pituitary**

REPORTED: that there were protocol differences from that stated on the Project Licence.

RESOLVED: Feedback to be provided to the Project Licence Holder by the Chair of AWERB/NACWO.