

TARC_{force}3R MONTHLY SEMINAR SERIES

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*Refining surgical procedures
through a progressive approach to
training and mentoring*

High quality, reproducible, research requires excellence in all its constituent procedures, including surgery, which requires both precision and application of up-to-date methods. Where surgical training is variable and fundamental surgical skills are not acquired, the researcher may struggle to function optimally, nor be able to apply refinements to their techniques. This webinar will explain how an organized approach to training benefits surgeon development, improving the operator's skills and confidence, while safeguarding animal welfare and scientific quality. Through a systematic approach to skills development, the researcher surgeon is better able to refine techniques and to adapt to new models or situations.

Lucy is a Designated Vet with many years' experience working with research animals in a variety of settings. She has led education and training programs not only for researchers but also for those who train and assess their competence. Through better education and helping researchers to become skilled and competent in the procedures that they carry out, we can help improve the lives of laboratory animals.

Friday, October 16, 2026; 2:00—4:00 p.m. CET/CEST

Meeting link: <https://bbb.rlp.net/b/gon-6fc-ssd-h1b>

The modality is handled on a first-come first-served basis (400 participants)

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