

Severity Classification Workshop

# **FELASA Workshop** felasa Classification & Reporting of Severity

Mouse, Rat, Zebrafish Models

## Friday 31/05/2024 09.00-14.30

## Amphitheater A, Biology Department **Heraklion Campus, University of Crete**

The FELASA Severity Workshop, with the encouragement of the European Commission, is delivered in a standardized format since the FELASA 2016 Congress, using examples published by the 2010 FELASA/ESLAV/ECLAM Working Group. It aims to promote understanding and coherence in severity classifications across Member States, ensure harmonization in statistical reporting and help improve communication with the public. Additionally, it underlines opportunities to implement the principle of 3Rs and improve animal welfare.

The FELASA Severity Workshop presents the details of severity classification of procedures, according to Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. All procedures are assigned a severity classification in advance, during the authorization process (prospective severity classification) and in the non-technical project summary (predictive severity classification), in an effort to evaluate the application of refinement and keep the level of severity of procedures the lowest possible. Furthermore, the severity experienced by each individual animal must be reported in the annual statistical reports of each Member State (actual severity classification). Actual severity is a determining factor on the re-use of animals in further procedures and aids in determining the retrospective severity classification, to be assigned at the end of a project.

#### **Contents:**

- Introduction (20')
- Procedure planning (model presentation & group work) (50')
- Classification of severity of procedures (90')
- Reporting on actual severity (interactive session) (40')
- Summary (20')
  - Promoting consistency
  - Additional guidance
  - Discussion & questions

#### **Trainers:**

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### The Severity Workshop will allow participants to obtain an official FELASA certificate of attendance.

The workshop is of interest to people designing procedures and projects and applying for project authorization, people responsible for animal welfare, members of ethical review boards and animal welfare bodies, scientists, study personnel, veterinarians, animal technologists and technicians.

# Registration Required by 23/5: link here

max. 40 participants Priority to research personnel residing in Crete!

fee: 20€ -

free for HSBLAS members & free for CULA trainees #participants will receive instructions via e-mail



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