

Meeting Log

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Subject : Interagency Coordinating Committee on Validation of
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Background and Summary:

ICCVAM is charged with developing guidelines to develop and validate alternative testing methods to current animal testing procedures.

1. The OECD is planning to conduct a workshop on "in vitro percutaneous absorption". A European Cosmetics Trade Association (CALIPA?) will submit data for peer review validating this method at the time the workshop is held. Canada and the U.S. had previously requested these data under ICCVAM guidelines without success. Dr. Frazier (DOD) will represent ICCVAM at the workshop and submit a report on the assay.
2. An Immunotoxicity Working Group chaired by Joy Cavagnaro (FDA) has been formed to modify general ICCVAM guidelines in this particular area and develop a protocol for submitting immunotoxicity data for peer review. The first test to be considered will be the Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA).
3. The ICCVAM members present discussed a draft of of Test Method Submission Guidelines prepared by Dr. Tilson (EPA). Several modifications were suggested.
4. A Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Test Methods is being established with contract dollars from NIEHS to support three peer review per year. Corrositex and the LLNA are already selected topics. Additional funding for this Center is being sought from other agencies.
5. NIH is sponsoring a meeting on hybridoma technology Sept. 24-25 in Baltimore to exchange and publicize information (registration \$100). The DOD is sponsoring a Edgewood Symposium (held every 3 years) on alternative methods at NLM in June of 1998. A sentinel meeting in Frederick on signature animal species in environmental toxicology is scheduled for September 23-24.
6. Next ICCVAM meeting September 22, 1997.

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