

4th Annual FIN3R Symposium

"Partners in Progress: People, Animals, and the 3Rs"

October 27-29, 2026

room MD100, Medistudia building, Kuopio Campus of the University of Eastern Finland
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October 27th, 2026: **ONLINE**

13.00-16.00 Workshop: Power Analysis by Petteri Piepponen (University of Helsinki)

October 28th, 2026: **IN PERSON**

Session 1: People, animals and the 3R's

Chair: Julia Swan (University of Eastern Finland)

09.00-09.15 Opening words

09.15-09.45 Fabienne Ferrara (ConScienceTrain, Germany)

Culture of Care in Animal Research – Beyond Compliance and Whitewashing: If We Truly Mean Care, We Must Include People

09.45-10.30 Vootele Voikar (University of Helsinki, Finland)

One Culture: Connecting people, animals, data, and practices for trustworthy research

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

Session 2: The 3R's at UEF

Chair: Kai Ökva (University of Eastern Finland)

11.00-11.30 Petteri Stenroos (University of Eastern Finland, Finland)

Refining habituation techniques for awake rodent MRI

11.30-12.00 Ahmed Al-Samadi (University of Eastern Finland, Finland)

Mice to Zebrafish: Advancing the 3Rs in Cancer Research

12.00-12.30 Short presentations from abstracts

12.30-13.30 Lunch

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Session 3: Reframing the Human–Animal Bond in Laboratory Animal Work

Chair: Sara Häkli (University of Eastern Finland)

13.30-14.00 Elisa Aaltola (University of Turku, Finland)

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14.00-14.40 Small group workshop on the Human–Animal Bond in Laboratory Animal Work

14.40-15.00 Coffee Break

Session 4: 3R's in industry

Chair: TBC

15.00-16.00 Refinement practices at Experimentica

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Session 5: Emerging technologies in animal replacement

Chair: TBC

09.00-09.30 Hanna Vuorenpää (University of Tampere, Finland)

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09.30-10.00 Miia Juntunen (University of Tampere, Finland)

Adipose Tissue in vitro modeling for obesity research

10.00-10.30 Elisa Närvä (University of Turku, Finland)

Advancing the 3Rs through Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Research

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

Session 6: Supporting the 3R's through smarter Science

Chair: TBC

11.00-11.45 Masato Ohtsuka (Tokai University School of Medicine, Japan)

i-GONAD for Mouse Genome Engineering: Method and Applications

11.45-12.15 Abstracts/short presentations

12.15-12.30 Discussion and closing