

## Special Issue

# Integrating Ethics and Ethology in Laboratory Animal Welfare Research

### Message from the Guest Editors

Since the publication of *The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique* by William Russell and Rex Burch in 1959, the quality of experimental data has been considered to go hand-in-hand with animal welfare. The quality of life of experimental animals is now understood by the scientific community as both a scientific and an ethical issue. One of the possibilities of assuring an adequate level of welfare of experimental animals is to respect species-specific ethological and ecological needs. Bernard Rollin was the one who specifically indicated the respect of the "telos" of a particular individual (its identity as a member of a particular species) as a pre-requisite for an ethically inclined use of animals for human needs. This attention to a species' natural ethogram leads to the acquisition of more "ecological" data in minimizing the effects of the artificial environment of a laboratory. In this Special Issue, we would like to welcome contributions from colleagues who have embraced such philosophy and have successfully applied an ethological perspective when realizing their experimental protocols.

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