FRAME – Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments

Michael Balls FRAME, UK

FRAME was established in 1969, to promote the development, acceptance and use of new, advanced and valid methods that will *replace* the need for laboratory animals in medical and scientific research, education, and testing. Where the use of animals is currently necessary, FRAME supports the *reduction* of numbers involved to an unavoidable minimum and *refinement* of the experimental procedures to minimise any suffering caused.

FRAME believes that the current scale of animal experimentation is unacceptable, but recognises that the immediate abolition of all laboratory animal use is not possible. Essential medical research must continue, so that effective treatments for diseases that lessen the length and quality of human and animal life can be found. New products, including medicines and vaccines, and industrial and agricultural chemicals, must be adequately tested, in order to identify potential hazards to human and animal health, and to the environment.

FRAME's ultimate aim is the elimination of the need to use laboratory animals in any kind of medical or scientific procedures.