



## 2nd RSPCA international meeting: Focus on severe suffering

**25-26 October 2017**  
**Berlin, Germany**

To **register for this meeting**, please complete this short [online form](#) (or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2ndFoSSmeeting> ).

We are pleased to announce that there will be **NO delegate fee** charged for attending. However, places are limited and those with direct involvement in the regulation, care and use of animals will be prioritised.

### **What are the aims of this meeting and who should attend?**

Once again, the main focus of the meeting will be to help those involved in the regulation, use and care of animals in science to predict, recognise, and reduce or avoid, 'severe' suffering. It will be most relevant to those working under [European Directive 2010/63/EU](#), but will also be of interest to those from other regions. Delegates will be able to share experiences and expertise and will take away practical recommendations and action points for reducing or avoiding severe suffering. This event is a follow-up to the one held in Brussels in June 2016 which received so much support and positive feedback. Participants to this meeting do not need to have attended the first one, but may find it useful to familiarise themselves with this [short summary report](#).

### **What will it involve?**

The meeting will be held across two days, beginning early afternoon on Wednesday 25th October and running through until 3pm on Thursday 26th. Plenty of time for facilitated discussion has been incorporated into the programme. The meeting will open with a series of case studies by speakers from industry and academia, highlighting how severe suffering has been successfully reduced or avoided in specific models or procedures. The second day will feature a number of case studies in areas where challenges still remain, with participant interaction encouraged in order to identify ideas and approaches that could help to overcome these obstacles to avoiding severe suffering, and which may be more widely applicable.

A full and detailed programme will be sent to all registered and confirmed participants.

Delegates are expected to cover their own transport and accommodation costs. Refreshments, and lunch on day two, will be provided.

Any questions or requests for further information should be directed to:  
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