



Institute for In Vitro Sciences, Inc.



Institute for In Vitro Sciences - Overview

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Founded in 1997 as a **non-profit** organization, IIVS seeks to refine the science, broaden the use and increase the acceptance of *in vitro* methods worldwide.



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What is a Non-Profit Organization?

From a government perspective: IIVS is exempt from paying taxes due to our educational mission which promotes alternatives and protects animals. IIVS is a registered public charity that receives income from testing services and contributions

From an employee/company perspective: There are no owners, no shareholders and no ability to sell the organization to make a profit. Goals/activities are set by our mission. "Profits" at the end of the year are put back into programs



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What is a Non-Profit Organization?

From the field's perspective: An independent institution exists whose sole purpose is to advance the use of alternative test methods through programs in Science, Education and Outreach



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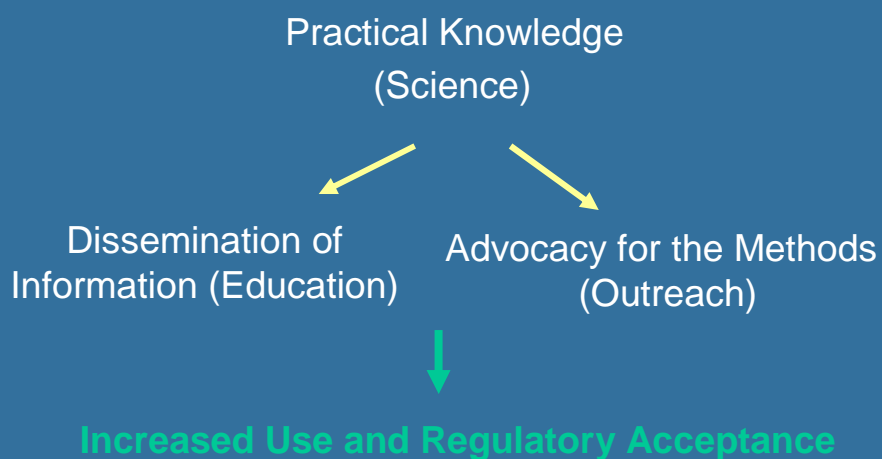
The Added Value of Our Structure

- Give sound, practical advice to industry, validation authorities, regulators and the animal protection community based on our experience with the assays
- Independent assessment of methods
- Share procedures and techniques with companies and contract labs
- Encourage clients to collaborate and share non-confidential information through joint projects and publications
- Help companies, laboratories and test manufacturers implement GLP's



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How IIVS Advances the Field



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Science

Develop & Optimize New, Useful Methods

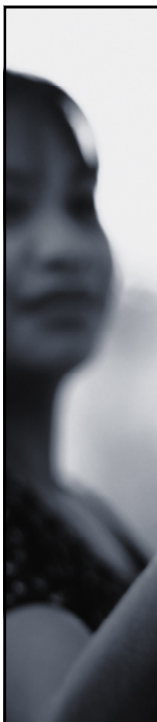
- Eye Irritation: Histological Evaluation of Bovine Corneas
- Genotoxicity: Novel Use of 3-D Skin Cultures for MN
- Percutaneous Absorption: Human Skin Models
- Developmental Toxicity: EST Assay

Assist With Methods Validation

- ECVAM Skin Irritation Program
 - EpiDerm R38 Classification re-evaluation
- ACuteTox Program (Europe)
 - Further protocol refinement
- Company-Specific Assays - e.g. EpiOcular™



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Education

Advance Optimal Use of Methods

- Hands-on Training Courses
- Assay-Specific Expert Groups
- Technician Exchange/ Inter-lab Studies
- Application & Adoption of GLP Principles

Communicate Advances and Activities

- Scientific Presentations, Posters, Manuscripts
- Newsletter, Website (www.iivs.org)
- 2008 In Vitro Alternatives Forum: Focus on Ingredients
Oct. 23-24, Philadelphia

Create Dialog for Constructive Progress

- Information Sessions for Animal Protection
- Facilitate Communication between Companies and Animal Protection Groups



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Outreach

Regulatory Agencies Worldwide

- EPA Anti-Microbial Products Initiative
- Workshops & Exchange Visits with Regulators
- Technical Workshops
- Service on Advisory Boards

Validation Authorities

- Creation of Review Documents (ECVAM & ICCVAM)
- Advocacy During Review Process
- Participation on Expert Panels

New Method Developers

- Guidance to Implement QC Programs
- Supplier Qualification and Audit Program



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Who Governs IIVS

Board of Directors: Primary duty is to ensure that our programs and activities meet our stated mission

Financial Auditors: A full audit is conducted each fiscal year. The results are public and available for all interested parties



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Science Advisory Panel:

International stakeholders in the field of alternatives – including representatives from industry, government and the animal protection community

Meets bi-annually to exchange information and form strategies in response to international non-animal testing policies

Advises the Institute on new initiatives and areas of focus



IIVS Science Advisory Panel

Joel Burdick, Beauty Avenues

Dan Bagley, Colgate-Palmolive

Thomas Hartung, Head of ECVAM

Michael Balls, FRAME

Martin Stephens, HSUS

June Bradlaw, IFER

Sheldon Sloan, Johnson & Johnson

Neil Wilcox, Kimberly-Clark

Marilyn Aardema, Procter & Gamble

Usha Vedula, S. C. Johnson & Son

Member of ICCVAM can be invited to meetings



Who Helps Us Obtain Our Goals?

Individuals, organizations and committees working around the globe to make the use of alternatives a reality.

Programs with ECVAM, ZEBET, FRAME have been particularly fruitful.

Industrial clients who utilize alternative test methods everyday.

Their use gives valuable information on the performance of assays under real-world conditions

Corporate and individual contributors whose donations allow IIVS to fund its educational and outreach programs



Current IIVS Corporate Contributors

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250 m² Laboratory



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Advancing Science & Animal Welfare Together

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