

OSIRIS Stakeholder Interviews on ITS Acceptance – Participants wanted

Integrated Testing Strategies (ITSs) are expected to meet information requirements in a quicker and more efficient way, leading to a reduction of testing costs and animal use. The usefulness of ITSs in the REACH process, however, depends on their ability to meet the users' information needs and on the acceptance of the results by regulatory bodies such as, for example, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

So far, little is known about the users' perspective on ITS implementation and acceptance. As a part of the EU project OSIRIS we will therefore investigate the stakeholders' perspective by performing interviews with members from industry, regulatory agencies and scientific institutions (please see the OSIRIS website <http://www.osiris-reach.eu/> for further details)

The aims are to gain better insight into

- the stakeholders' view on the scope and the limitations of ITSs;
- the challenges for improving ITS implementation and acceptance;
- identification of needs for further research.

We think that the stakeholders' perspective is highly relevant for better linking ITS development to the needs for ITS application in a regulatory context. Therefore, we would ask you to participate in the interviews. The interviews will be conducted by phone, taking approx. 20-30 minutes. The results of the interviews will be published in an OSIRIS deliverable report and a scientific paper. Of course, published results will not reveal any names of participants.

We would very much appreciate your support of this initiative. If you would like to participate in the interviews, or if you have questions, please contact Christina Benighaus from DIALOGIK (benighaus@dialogik-expert.de) or Silke Gabbert from Wageningen University (silke.gabbert@wur.nl).

Thank you very much for your interest,
best regards,

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