FASEB Releases Best Practices Guide on Mitigating the Risk from Animal Rights Extremism

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) released a best practices guide designed to aid individuals and organizations in reducing the threat posed by animal rights extremists. *The Threat of Extremism to Medical Research: Best Practices to Mitigate Risk through Preparation and Communication* captures the recommendations from a FASEB summit that convened key stakeholders from the international animal research community. Guidance in the document is focused on 1) mitigation of the extremist threat through preparation and 2) communication and outreach to educate the public about the benefits of animal research. The report also includes international resources to allow researchers and organizations around the world to tailor their extremism preparedness and outreach polices.

“This report not only provides a useful set of recommendations for individuals and research institutions to protect themselves from animal rights extremism, but it also brings attention to the international scope of the movement,” said P. Michael Conn, PhD, Co-Chair of the Summit Steering Committee and Senior Vice President and Associate Provost at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Kevin Kregel, PhD, Co-Chair of the Summit Steering Committee and Professor and Chair of the Department of Health and Human Physiology at the University of Iowa, continued, “Extremists can target any research institution or individual, and this document will help them prepare for that possibility.”

The best practices report is available for download [here](#). A website with additional resources is available [here](#).

*FASEB is composed of 26 societies with more than 115,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.*