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UFAW ANNOUNCES EXCITING PROGRAMME OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) has just announced an exciting programme of virtual meetings and conferences following the success of its popular *Recent advances in animal welfare science VII* meeting earlier this year.

On 3-4 November 2020, in a joint venture with both The Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) and the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA), UFAW is hosting a free online symposium entitled *Humanely Ending the Life of Animals*. The conference continues a growing initiative to identify, refine and implement alternative methods to CO₂ for humanely ending the life of mice, rats, poultry and pigs to improve animal welfare in the laboratory, the slaughterhouse and during emergency depopulation. The symposium will comprise keynote lectures from an international panel of experts, including an introduction to the basic sciences underlying killing and stunning and, for the first time, presentations selected from submitted abstracts. Details of the meeting can be found at www.ufaw.org.uk/fsvo.

On 29-30 June 2021, *Recent Advances in animal welfare science VIII* will take place as a free virtual event, with talk and poster abstracts submissions as well as registration for the meeting opening soon (submission deadline 11th January 2021). Other virtual meetings and conferences are currently being formulated and will be announced in due course.

These conferences and meetings are part of UFAW's ongoing commitment to improving animal welfare through increased scientific understanding of animals' needs and how best these can be met. They are invaluable in reaching audiences around the world and bringing together on a virtual stage, scientists, veterinarians, policy makers and others to share knowledge, the latest advances and to exchange views and ideas.

It is also still possible to view the recordings from the *Recent Advances in Animal Welfare Science VII* conference, which was held 30 June-1 July this year and featured revered speakers from across the globe and covered a wide variety of topics. To find out more about the meetings programme, please see the UFAW website www.ufaw.org.uk/events.

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The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals. This work relies on the support of members, subscribers and donors.

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