

Firm Support for Culture Training

I notice that in a recent issue of the *Journal* (3(3):185, 1982) "alternatives" in Canada were discussed. There is, unfortunately, one small error in your report regarding support for Dr. Sergey Fedoroff's tissue culture training course at the University of Saskatchewan. As you may be aware, the course for several years was supported by grants from the Animal Welfare Foundation and the Canadian SPCA of Montreal.

In 1981, the Honourable John Roberts, Minister of State for Science and Technology, responded positively to the Canadian Council on Animal Care's (CCAC) request to the various federal and provincial government departments for support of the course on an annual basis, indicating that funds would be made available through the CCAC budget. Although the CCAC is co-funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), it was the Minister of State for Science and Technology who authorized the support by the CCAC of the tissue culture training program. This support was begun this past summer.

In passing, I would like to emphasize that the 1983 announcement for the tissue culture course has already been advertised. It will be held as a satellite program of the International Society for Neurochemistry's annual meeting in Saskatoon, July 22-29, 1983. (Contact Dr. S. Fedoroff, Department of Anatomy, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada S7N 0W0.)

I recognize that this is a small point, but I would like to keep the record straight with respect to interest in the development of alternatives, not only of NSERC, but also the singular interest of our Minister of State of Science and Technology.

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