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## **Complaint on the European Commission to the European Ombudsman concerning Stop Vivisection**

A few days ago, on October 9, 2016, I sent a complaint on the European Commission to the European Ombudsman concerning the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) Stop Vivisection. I had to register and to fill a form (in Italian) provided for such complaints (<https://secure.ombudsman.europa.eu/secured/loginform.faces>), and I attached a [letter](#). The essential part of the form is [here](#). Visitors of the Hans Ruesch Foundation web site will notice that the arguments I presented in my accompanying letter are the same explained in a detailed fashion in my article of August 29, 2009 ("[On the new European Directive on vivisection: a dangerous and cruel pseudoscience enforced against the will of the European citizens](#)").

In the official Stop Vivisection website (<http://www.stopvivisection.eu>) information on the steps taken by the Promoting Committee is, at the time of writing, inconsistently updated.

In one page, entitled "On the front of Scientific Progress" (<http://www.stopvivisection.eu/it/content/front-scientific-progress>), the most recent press release (February 24, 2016) is given in Italian and refers to a letter (in Italian) dated February 17 and addressed to Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President of the European Commission. It is a note entitled "Animal Models: let us discuss them at last", and a conference convened by the European Commission is announced as "an opportunity of the utmost importance".

However, in another page, entitled "Press Releases" (<http://www.stopvivisection.eu/it/content/press-releases>), the most recent item is in English, is dated July 8, 2016, and is entitled: "Brussels attitude is vague and misleading: Stop Vivisection opts out of the European Commission conference". This press release refers to a letter of June 29, which explains the reasons (with which I agree) why the Committee eventually decided not to participate to the Conference programmed for next December 6-7. This is, at present, the last communication provided by the Promoting Committee on the official website.

P.S. My letter to the European Ombudsman was circulated, with minor differences, since April 20.

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