

## European Animal Research Campaign Centre

“Italy is a country whose scientific tradition stretches back centuries. The father of modern science, Leonardo Da Vinci, was Italian. Galileo, a physicist, mathematician, astronomer, and philosopher played a major role in the Scientific Revolution that swept Europe was also Italian. Our understanding of anatomy can be traced back to their work of another Italian scientist, Vesalius, a professor of anatomy.

Such rationality and reason has enhanced the sum of human knowledge for us all. But today in Italy we can see the march of un-reason and irrationality with direct assaults on renaissance thinking.

Those opposed to scientific developments in Italy are:

- Attacking animal research facilities, breaking into university labs and destroying research that could benefit us all
- They closing down of animal facilities under pseudo legal pretexts
- And are now seeking to hijack legislation on animal research to further their aims

All are all examples of unreason on the march. Italy has the option of being at front of scientific discovery in Europe, or of being on the road back to the Dark Ages.

I am proud to stand here today with Pro-test Italy and my Italian colleagues and friends who know what road they wish to take, please join the campaign to and stop the march of unreason in its tracks!”

Thank you.

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