

Introductory Remarks to the CARE Workshop

Neuroscience research using animals: The legal, ethical and political situation

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In 2010 the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) has established a Committee on Animals in Research (CARE, www.fens.org/care/). The tasks of CARE are similar to the tasks of the corresponding committee of the Society for Neuroscience in the US. CARE advises FENS on the responsible use of animals in neuroscience research. It supports the development of resources on animals in research for FENS and promotes the public education in matters related to the use of animals in neuroscience. It monitors the development of European legislation on the use of animals in biomedical research, makes contributions to the efficient implementation of the EU-Directive on animal research and provides expert advice on animal research issues. The Committee challenges the claims, rethorics and actions of groups attempting to end use of animals in research, provides support to researcher under attack and responds to media when the ethics and importance of research using animals is questioned.

In this information event at the annual meeting of the German Neuroscience Society CARE members and other experts will provide an overview of the current situation regarding the use of animals in neuroscience research. The topics will include:

- a review of the state of implementation of the „Directive on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes“ that the EU passed in 2010 in the various EU states
- the situation in Europe concerning providing the public and politicians with accurate information about animal research
- a review of the state of implementation of this Directive in the various EU member states
- a presentation of the „Basel Declaration“ on animal research
- a discussion of the role of individual researchers, neuroscience societies and other organisations in the public and political debate about animal research

The event should therefore be of interest to any researcher involved in or benefitting from research using animals.

CARE Workshop

Friday, March 15, 2013
12:00 – 13:00, Lecture Hall 101

Chair: Stefan Treue, Göttingen

- 12:00 **Introductory remark**
- 12:15 **Short presentations by various speakers**
- 12:45 **Discussion and conclusion**
- 13:00 **End of the workshop**