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/Outreach/FENS-Outreach/ CARE-Committee-on-Animals-in-Research 1/). 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 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 researchers 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 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

Thursday, March 19, 2015 13:30 – 14:30, Lecture Hall 102

Chair: Stefan Treue, Göttingen

13:30	Introductory remark
13:45	Short presentation
14:15	Discussion and conclusion
14:30	End of the workshop



DFG Workshop

Thursday, March 19, 2015 13:30 – 14:30, Lecture Hall 101 and 1.140 (interviews)

Starting your research career -DFG funding programmes and application procedures

Roland Krüppel and Jan Kunze, DFG Head Office, Bonn

This workshop is mainly adressed to researchers at an early stage of their scientific careers and aims at introducing the German Research Foundation (DFG) as the largest research funding organisation in Germany, and the DFG funding programmes. Application and review procedures will be discussed and recent developments presented.

In addition to this workshop, appointments for individual consultations will be offered by the DFG Programme Officers in the course of the meeting. For further information about individual appointments, please refer to the announcements that will be given on site.

Topics:

The DFG – Germany's largest research funding organisation

DFG funding programmes

Application and review procedures

News from the DFG

Discussion

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft



Publishing Workshop

Friday, March 20, 2015 13:30 – 14:30, Lecture Hall 9

How to publish in neuroscience journals?

Helmut Kettenmann and Werner Paulus, Berlin and Münster

This workshop will address two important elements of successful publication of scientific results in neuroscience.

Helmut Kettenmann will cover the topic of manuscript preparation, emphasizing key features to be taken into consideration prior to submission.

Werner Paulus will present the review process, and discuss how to adequately revise a manuscript in response to the comments of the reviewers and editors.

Topics:

Purpose of scientific publishing

Key elements of a scientific manuscript

The review process

Revisions and response to reviewers

The rebuttal letter

Helmut Kettenmann is Editor-in-Chief of GLIA and Werner Paulus is Editor-in-Chief of the Acta Neuropathologica.





Chinese-German Workshop

Saturday, March 21, 2015 11:30 – 12:30, Lecture Hall 103

Perspectives of Chinese-German Collaborations in Neuroscience

Shigang He, Helmut Kettenmann, Bernhard Sabel and Melitta Schachner Shanghai (China), Berlin, Magdeburg and Hamburg

This workshops aims at providing information on the neuroscience landscape in China, on possible interactions between Chinese and German laboratories, and on exchange programs.

- 11:30 Helmut Kettenmann, Berlin Introduction
- 11:35 Shigang He, Shanghai, China Neuroscience in China and Opportunities for Collaborations
- 11:55 Bernhard Sabel, Magdeburg Chinese-German Collaboration in Neuroscience
- 12:10 Melitta Schachner, Hamburg Working as a German in China
- 12:25 Questions and discussion