



## Workshop on latest developments in animal research

# Overcoming obstacles in animal research regulation

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Animal research remains a sensitive and emotional topic. There is strong and vocal opposition to the use of all animals in scientific research. Unfortunately, public engagement by many European researchers and institutions remains hesitant, and often defensive. This lack of communication allows the voices of those opposed to animal research to dominate public discourse; this has resulted in political pressure to the effect that there is significant legal uncertainty among researchers and regulatory agencies.

However, adherence to the legal framework during the application process for planned animal experiments is an essential requirement for high-quality, responsible research to go hand-in-hand with the highest animal welfare standards. Yet, from all over Germany (and, in part, other EU member states), problems and frustration with this process have been reported.

This information event will provide an overview of the current situation regarding regulatory issues of the use of animals in neuroscience research.

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

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*Thursday, March 21, 2019  
13:30 - 14:30, Lecture Hall 103*

Chairs: Stefan Treue and Roman Stilling,  
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- 13:30 **Introductory remark**
- 13:35 **Short presentation**  
by a DFG representative on the recent  
DFG opinion paper on the regulatory  
process in Germany
- 13:55 **Short presentation**  
by an experienced attorney on legal  
aspects of potential disagreements bet-  
ween applicant and regulatory agency
- 14:15 **Discussion and conclusion**
- 14:30 **End of the workshop**



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