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2025 Animal Experimentation Conference

Animal-Free Research: Opportunities, Challenges, Perspectives

Friday, December 5, 2025

9:45 a.m. to approx. 4 p.m.

Hotel Arte Congress Center, Riggerbachstrasse 10, 4600 Olten
and via Zoom

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Animal-free research methods are gaining momentum internationally, as they often deliver more meaningful results, faster and often at significantly lower cost. So why is Switzerland, with its sound education system, not following suit and pooling its forces at home and abroad to foster greater innovation and sustainability while reducing animal suffering? Why is it not playing a more active role in the shift away from animal testing and toward alternative methods? And will Switzerland, as a modern research hub, soon be outpaced by other countries?

The conference will examine, in an international context, why some countries are moving more quickly to phase out animal testing and how Switzerland could remove the roadblocks at the social, legal and scientific level. With Europe in focus, light will be shed on the obstacles and headwinds that make the transition more difficult. The SAP would like to discuss possible solutions and cordially invites you to join.

All information about the conference can also be found in German at tierschutz.com. We look forward to your participation.

Conference language

German and English with simultaneous interpreting: German–French, English–German, English–French

Conference fee	incl. meals and conference materials	
General admission	in person CHF 180	via Zoom CHF 95
Students	in person CHF 90	via Zoom CHF 45

Registration by November 24, 2025 via QR code or online form
tierschutz.com/tierversuchstagung2025



Program

from 9:00 a.m.	Registration, welcome coffee and croissants
9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction Dr. med. vet. MLaw Julika Fitz-Rathgen, Head of Animal Welfare unit, Member of the SAP Executive Board
10:00 a.m.	Shifting the Paradigm: The Unseen Social Hurdles in Adopting New Approach Methodologies Love Hansell, PhD student, Nijmegen School of Management, Radboud University
10:40 a.m.	Organoid Technology: Potential and Obstacles on the Road to an Alternative MLaw Daniel Zeyer-Iyengar, Attorney-at-Law, Research Associate and PhD student, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Dr. iur. Inesa Fausch, Attorney-at-Law, Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Basel
11:20 a.m.	How to make your (in vitro) research truly animal-free Dr. Jeffrey Bajramovic, PhD, University of Utrecht, 3Rs Centre Utrecht (3RCU) <i>Speaker joining via Zoom</i>
11:55 a.m.	Transitioning towards humane horizons: experiences on phasing in alternatives and phasing out animal studies Prof. Dr. Merel Ritskes-Hoitinga, Professor of Evidence-Based Transitions to Animal-Free Innovations, University of Utrecht
12:30 p.m.	Lunch break
1:45 p.m.	How Can We Make Animal Testing More Relevant for Humans? Prof. Dr. med. Dr. rer. nat. Benjamin Ineichen, Department of Clinical Research, University of Bern
2:20 p.m.	Planning the Exit from Animal Testing: Ethical and Political Aspects Dr. Nico Müller, University of Basel, NFP 79
2:55 p.m.	Revision of Severity Classification Information in Animal Testing Dr. med. vet. Annamari Alitalo, Research Associate, FSVO
3:10 p.m.	Panel Discussion
3:50 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Farewell Dr. med. vet. Naomi Ana Bigler, veterinarian, Animal Testing unit SAP

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