

The directors and the animal facility invite you:

DRFZ Animal Welfare Day

- Every Mouse Matters -



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Thursday,
October 09, 2025

Seminarraum 1+2

Programme

08:45 to 09 am Arrival of the participants

09 to 09:15
am

Welcome and introduction

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Eicke Latz, Scientific Director of the German Rheumatology Research Center

09:15 to
10:15 am

Animal welfare in (immunological) research - Why less stress is a benefit for scientific results

Speaker: Dr. Sonja Schmucker, Biologist specializing in behavioral research and immunology at the University of Hohenheim

10:15 to 10:30 am Coffee break

10:30 to
11:30 am

Geriatric mice - what we should know before using them in research

Speaker: Dr. Pia Kahnau, Behavioral Biologist on animal welfare in laboratory animal science at the German Centre for the Protection of Laboratory Animals (Bf3R)

11:30 am to
12:15 pm

Reduction of scattering - a way to reduce animal numbers

Speaker: Dr. Cassandra Harapas & Dr. Daniel Simpson, Researchers on innate immunology at German Rheumatology Research Center

12:15 to 01:15 pm Lunch break

01:15 to
02:15 pm

Immunological changes in the skeletal muscle - what happens in ageing animals?

Speaker: Dr. Francisco Garcia, Researcher on stem cells and aging at German Institute of Human Nutrition (DIfE)

02:15 to
03:00 pm

Artificial joints - a replacement for animal experiments?

Speaker: Dr. Timo Gaber, Senior Scientist at German Rheumatology Research Center and Charité University Medicine

Note: This event is an accepted continuing education event with 6 hours according to §3 TierSchVersV!