



**University of  
Zurich** <sup>UZH</sup>

**Workshop**

**Implementation of the 3Rs –  
Regulatory Animal Testing  
and Current Debates  
on Transparency in  
Animal Experimentation**

**20 March 2025**

Location

**University of Zurich**

## Programme

**13.00 – 13.05 Welcome Address**  
**Prof. Dr. iur. Margot Michel**, University of Zurich

### Topic Block 1: Regulatory Animal Testing

**13.10 – 13.20 Overview to Topic Block 1**  
**lic. iur. Katerina Stoykova**, University of Zurich

**13.25 – 13.50 From Risk Assessment to Regulation**  
**Dr. Lothar Aicher**, SCAHT

**13.55 – 14.20 European Roadmap Towards Phasing Out Animal Studies for Chemical Safety Testing**  
**Prof. Dr. Merel Ritskes-Hoitinga**, Utrecht University

**14.25 – 14.50 Switzerland's Efforts in the Field of 3Rs and NAMs in the Regulatory Safety Assessment of Chemicals**  
**Dr. Markus Hofmann**, Federal Office of Public Health

**14.55 – 15.35 Plenary Discussion**  
Chair: **lic. iur. Katerina Stoykova**, University of Zurich

**15.35 – 15.55 Coffee break** (20 minutes)

### Topic Block 2: Transparency (with Special Consideration of «Surplus Animals»)

**16.00 – 16.10 Overview to Topic Block 2**  
**M.A. Nicole Lüthi**, University of Zurich

**16.15 – 16.40 Introduction to Transparency in Animal Experimentation in Switzerland**  
**Dr. iur. Vanessa Gerritsen**, Stiftung für das Tier im Recht (Foundation for the Animal in the Law), Zurich

**16.45 – 17.10 Transparency in Animal Experimentation – Current Challenges in Switzerland**  
**Dr. med. vet. Otto Maissen**, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office

**17.15 – 17.40 Transparency in Animal Experimentation in Germany with Special Consideration of «Surplus Animals»**  
**Dr. Barbara Felde**, German Legal Society for Animal Welfare Law

**17.45 – 18.25 Plenary Discussion**  
Chair: **M.A. Nicole Lüthi**, University of Zurich

**18.30 – 18.40 Synthesis, Closing Remarks**  
**Prof. Dr. iur. Margot Michel**, University of Zurich

**From 18.40 Apéro Riche**

## Speakers

### **Dr. Lothar Aicher**

MBA, ERT, Regulatory Toxicologist,  
Swiss Centre for Applied Human Toxicology (SCAHT), University of Basel

### **Prof. Dr. Merel Ritskes-Hoitinga**

Professor of Evidence-Based Transition to Animal-free Innovations,  
Utrecht University, President of the NRP79 Implementation Advisory Board

### **Dr. Markus Hofmann**

Deputy Head of REACH & Risk Management Section,  
Federal Office of Public Health

### **Dr. iur. Vanessa Gerritsen**

Member of the Executive Board,  
Stiftung für das Tier im Recht (TIR, Foundation for the Animal in the Law), Zurich

### **Dr. med. vet. Otto Maissen**

Head of Animal Experimentation and Evaluations,  
Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office

### **Dr. Barbara Felde**

Vice Chair,  
German Legal Society for Animal Welfare Law

## Chairs

### **Prof. Dr. iur. Margot Michel**

Chair of Private and Comparative Law,  
Animal Welfare Law and Philosophy of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zurich

### **lic. iur. Katerina Stoykova**

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