

FENS Satellite-Event

Improving the ethical position of animal research by increasing benefit: Rationale for and features of a research improvement strategy

The recurrent discussion on a reproducibility crisis has a strong impact on the neuroscientific research community. Scientists have to react in order to restore confidence in basic and translational research. However, which measures are the most effective to insure the robustness of published data is still a lively debate.

In this symposium the reasons underlying the reproducibility crisis but especially potential solutions will be presented. The influence of confirmatory replication studies, preprint publishing or study preregistration will be discussed. This meeting aims to show practical recommendations for neuroscientists to achieve high data quality and adopt best report practices but also reflect the role of other actors in neuroscience as scientific journals and funding organisations. We will bring together international experts from different fields of neuroscience reaching from human neuroimaging to behavioural animal research. Speakers will present their perspective as scientists, editors or member of funding organisations.

The venue of the symposium is located at the Free University of Berlin and easily accessible via public transportation.

Friday, 6th of July 2018

Session I

Chair part I: Gilbert Schönfelder, German Centre for the Protection of Laboratory Animals (Bf3R), Germany

1:00–1:25 p.m.

Reproducibility: Foundation of science or invitation to test trivial hypotheses?

Ulrich Dirnagl, QUEST Center for Transforming Biomedical Research at the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH), Germany

1:25–1:50 p.m.

Animal modeling of neurological diseases: Improving internal validity and reporting

Emily Sena, Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

1:50–2:15 p.m.

Reproducibility in neuroimaging

John-Dylan Haynes, Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany

2:15–2:40 p.m.

Standardisation and the reproducibility paradox

Hanno Würbel, University of Bern, Switzerland

2:40–3:10 p.m.

Scientific rigour: How to restore confidence in science

Panel discussion

3:10–3:40 p.m. Coffee break

Session II

Chair part II: Ulrich Dirnagl, QUEST Center for Transforming Biomedical Research at the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH), Germany

3:40–4:05 p.m.

Confirmatory studies and registered reports: Tools to restore confidence in empirical research

Birte Forstmann, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

4:05–4:30 p.m.

Improving the quality of preclinical research: Towards a systematic preregistration of animal studies

Gilbert Schönfelder, German Centre for the Protection of Laboratory Animals (Bf3R), Germany

4:30–4:55 p.m.

Transparent publishing & open science – how to share reproducible data

Bernd Pulverer, chief editor of EMBO Journal, Germany

4:55–5:20 p.m.

Reproducibility and research funding – perspectives of a funding organisation

Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg, section head of the DFG review board FK206 “Neurosciences”, member of DFG’s Permanent Senate Commission on Key Questions in Clinical Research, Central Institute of Mental Health, Germany

5:20–5:50 p.m.

Improving science by creating new incentives

Panel discussion

Organisers

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science in Europe and organises every second year
the FENS Forum which became the largest Neuro-
science event in Europe. The FENS-Forum 2018 will
take place from the 7th to the 11th of July in Berlin. On
this occasion the BfR together with the QUEST Cen-
ter will organise this satellite symposium.
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Venue

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Registration

The symposium is free of charge but an early regis-
tration is recommended. Please register online by
02.07.2018.
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The way out of the reproducibility
crisis in neuroscience

