



Programme

Set up day | Wednesday 5 November

MDC foyer - This would be possible from 10:00 am.

Day One | Thursday 6 November

08:00 - 09:00 Registration, networking, refreshments, exhibition

09:00 - 09:15 Opening remarks

Maïke Sander, Scientific Director of Max Delbrück Center

Ana Isabel Santos, EARA Chair of the Board

09:15 - 10:00 Opening Keynote

"Don't mention the A word": The U.K. journey to openness

Fiona Fox

Chief Executive & Founding Director, Science Media Centre (SMC), London, UK

10:00 - 10:30 Networking, refreshments, exhibition

10:30 - 11:30 Session 1: Effective Science Communication and Media

Chair: **Fiona Fox**, Chief Executive, Science Media Centre (SMC)

Speakers:

Science journalism and the public debate – The difficulties of emotionality and rationality in science communication

Sascha Karberg

Head of Science Section, Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin, Germany

Reporting Experimentation on Non Human Primates – a journalistic dilemma

Volker Stollorz

CEO, Science Media Center Germany – *Science Communication in the Media Landscape*

Empowering cancer patients on TikTok

Ms Alba Morán-Álvarez

Scientific communication officer at HMA, Spanish Agency for medicines and medical devices

How AI is transforming science journalism – opportunities and ethical questions

Dr Andy Ridgway

Associate Director, School of Applied Sciences, University of the West of England, Bristol, UK

11:30 - 11:45 Roundtable Discussion

11:45 - 12:45 Session 2: Flash Talks

A1

Agree to Disagree: Openness and Dialogue with Animal Advocates to Foster Mutual Understanding

Pascal Van Loo - Animal Welfare Body Utrecht

A2

Transparency within the institution as a basis for private external communication about animal exper

Henning Voigt - Pro-Test Deutschland e.V.

A3

Towards a Transparency Agreement on Animal Research in Greece

Georgios Petrellis - EARA, HSBLAS, University of Liège

A4

Openness in Animal Research: Building Public Trust and Stakeholder Engagement through USARO

Sally Thompson-Iritani - University of Washington

A5

"Traces in science", a memorial to honor the laboratory animals at Charité

Hannah Nickles - Charité - Universitaetsmedizin Berlin

A6

Advancing openness and transparency in animal research: a journey of Pride, Education and Engagement

Kévin P. Dhond - Charles River Laboratories - Research Models and Services

A7

Marshall BioResources transparency actions

Sue Pressick - Marshall BioResources

A8

Marshall BioResources transparency actions in animal research

Laurence Bonnet - Marshall BioResources

A9

The New Zealand Openness Agreement- 3 Years on, what have we learned?

Ian Saldanha - Australia New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART NZ)

A10

In Vivo Openness for Everyone, by Everyone

Maria Wågberg - BioPharmaceuticals R&D, AstraZeneca,

A11

A day in the life of a laboratory animal keeper

Katharina Diederich - DPZ

12:45 - 13:30 Networking, lunch, exhibition

13:30 - 15:00 Session 3: Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1: Media Toolkit for Openness

Hosted by: Inês Serrenho and Monique Havermans

Axon 2 (max 100 thr) - 1st floor

Workshop 2: Social Media Bootcamp

Hosted by: Helena Pinheiro

Dendrite 3 (max 30 thr) - 3rd floor
Workshop 3: Website Improvement
Hosted by: **Nuno M. Gonçalves**
Dendrite 2 (max 55 thr) - 3rd floor

15:00 - 15:30 Networking, refreshments, exhibition

15:30 - 16:30 **Session 4: Communicating Ethics and Legal Frameworks**

Chair: **Dr Lucie Côté**, Director, Animal Resources Division, Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

Speakers:

Communicating 3Rs and ethical Advancements

Athanassia Sotiropoulos

Director, FC3R / Inserm, Maisons-Alfort, France

Basic considerations on models, methods and the 3Rs

Prof Stefan Hippenstiel

Spokesperson of Charité 3R and Einstein Center 3R; Research Group Lead "Experimental Infectiology and Pneumology, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany

Communicating refinement in animal research

Prof Klas Abelson

Professor of Comparative Medicine, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Non-Human Primate Research: Science, Ethics, and Communication

Mr Emmanuel Procyk

Director of Research, CNRS (employer), Inserm (host institute), Stemm Cell and Brain Research Institute, Lyon, France

16:30 - 16:45 Roundtable Discussion

16:45 – 17:30 **Poster Session** (with refreshments)

Po1

Animal Care and Use: Ethics and Legislation, the South African perspective

Winston Anton Beukes - Stellenbosch University

Po2

Effects of Directive 2010/63/EU on research on wild-caught animals using wild mice as models

Maílís Carrilho - Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon

Po3

Opening our high containment doors: The Pirbright Institute's journey to openness

Lauren Cresser - The Pirbright Institute

Po4

How to nurture genuine error cultures for the benefit of lab animals – FELASA 2025 workshop results

Natascha Drude - Pro-Test Deutschland

Po5

Beyond the Hype: Communicating the Strengths and Limits of Preclinical Models

Natascha Drude - Berlin Institute of Health at Charité

Po6

Assessing animal welfare in K14-HPV16 transgenic mice: the effects of Pearl millet

Ana I. Faustino-Rocha - University of Évora

Po7

Smart Lids: A Scalable, Welfare-Aligned Platform for Intrinsic Capacity Assessment in Mice

Michael Florea - Olden Labs

Po8

UAR Resources to Help You Communicate Your Animal Research with the Public

Hannah Hobson - UAR

Po9

iMouse - Visual inspection & severity level stratification using a retrofittable digital monitoring

Janine Kah - UKE / LIV / MHB

P10

Can we talk? Communication between animal facility staff and researchers

Aoife Milford - Institute for Biomedical Ethics (IBMB) at the University of Basel

P11

Exploring the multifunctional potential of Camelthorn (*Vachellia erioloba*) for animal health, human health, environmental sustainability, and combating antimicrobial resistance

Gloria Mokolopi - University of South Africa

P12

Establishment of the International TechWeek and foundation of a Germany-wide network at the Charité

Hannah Nickles - Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin

P13

Gray Areas in Public Perception: A Survey on Animal Research in Biomedical Science

Elpinickie Ninou - Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P14

Enhancing Confidence in the Performance of In Silico Tools for Acute Oral Toxicity (AOT)

Eva Ogorevc - Novartis

P15

Pathway to Openness

Nada Padayatchy - Bioculture (Mauritius) Ltd

P16

Streamlining experimental audiological and vestibular research on medicinal products

Sergiu Parii - "Nicolae Testemitanu" State University of Medicine and Pharmacy

P17

Preterm Gnotobiotic Piglet as a Translational Animal Model for Necrotizing Enterocolitis and Sepsis

Katerina Polakova - Institute of Microbiology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

P18

Advancing the 3Rs in Biomedical Research through INFRAFRONTIER

Michael Raess - INFRAFRONTIER ERIC

P19

YoungDALAS: exchange, enrichment, exploration

Nikita Ras - Utrecht University

P20

Animal experimentation and Zoos? The Role of Modern Zoos in Conservation Research: A Nuremberg Case Study

Luisa Rauenbusch - Nuremberg Zoo

P21

Thinking outside the box - Can water fleas provide new endpoints to monitor pollution?

Emma Rowan - City University

P22

What Happens When Non-Scientists Visit the Rodent House? Reflections from a Transparency Workshop

Beatriz Szwarc - SEA4US / Laboratório de Fisiologia

P23

MyDALAS: Strengthening National Collaboration and Communication in Laboratory Animal Science

Felicia Joy van der Flier - Utrecht University of Applied Sciences

P24

17:30 - 18:30 **Session 5: Flash Talks**

B1

Developing a Communication Strategy on Animal Experimentation at the German Primate Center
Susanne Diederich - German Primate Center - Leibniz Institute for Primate Research

B2

Navigating Animal Research Statistics with the "Kompass Tierversuche" Brochure
Roman Stilling - Tierversuche verstehen (TVV)

B3

Engaging Politicians Through Strategic Lobbying: Lessons from Animal Research Advocacy
Shuraila Zerp - The Netherlands Cancer Institute

B4

Does Understanding the 3R Principle Improve Acceptance of Animal Experiments? A Representative Study
Burak Bali - 3R Competence Network NRW

B5

"Preclinical Rethinking" webinar: Promoting responsible and robust (animal) research practices
Sophia Rotter - QUEST Center for Responsible Research, Berlin Institute of Health (BIH), Charité—Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Berlin, Germany

B6

Barriers to Science Communication About Research Involving Animal Experimentation
Sebastian Löser - PR Project of the CRC 1528 "Cognition of Interaction" at University of Göttingen

B7

Short videos will change the way we communicate
Alan Dubois - Gircor

B8

Shedding light on Animal Research Through Social Media: Insights from University Medical Center Mainz
Sandra Reichel - Translational Animal Research Center Mainz

B9

Openness in Animal Research: Strengthening Public Trust Through Effective Communication
Sally Thompson-Iritani - University of Washington

B10

How to talk about animal research on social media through collaborative campaigns
Mary Harvie - UAR

B11

UAR Resources to Help You Communicate Your Animal Research with the Public
Hannah Hobson - UAR

18:30 - 19:15

Evening Keynote

2025: A Canadian Odyssey for Transparency

Dr Lucie Côté

Director, Animal Resources Division, Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

19:30 - 21:30

Networking Dinner

(pre booked attendance only)

Day Two | Friday 7 November

08:00 - 09:15 Registration, networking, refreshments, exhibition

09:10 **Welcome day two**

09:15 - 10:00 **Opening Keynote**

Leading the way: Transparency to drive progress and informed exchange in animal research

Susanna Louhimies

Policy Co-ordinator, European Commission

10:00 - 10:30 Networking, refreshments, exhibition

10:30 - 11:30 **Session 6: Transparency and Openness in Animal Research**

Chair: **Roman Stilling**, Project Manager, Tierversuche Verstehen (TVV)

Speakers:

Openness in the UK: How the Concordat changed the way we communicate

Ms Hannah Hobson

Head of Communications and Engagement, Understanding Animal Research (UAR), London, UK

Transparency builds trust: Institutional openness in communicating animal research

Ms Vera Glaßer, Communications Manager, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC), Berlin, Germany

Dr Julia Biederlack, Coordination Communication and Public Relations, Charité 3R, Berlin, Germany

Can people living with a disease (patients) and Animal Researchers learn from each other? HOW and WHY?

Ms Michaela Dinboeck

Head Patient Engagement, Novartis Pharma AG, Basel, Switzerland

Patient Engagement and Public Communication in Animal Research

Dr Josep Solves

Adjunct Professor, Universidad Cardenal Herrera-CEU, CEU Universities, Valencia, Spain

11:30 - 11:45 Roundtable Discussion

11:45 - 12:45 **Session 7: Flash Talks**

C1

A Position Paper on biomedical research by the DFG's Permanent Senate Commission on Animal Research

Valeska M. Stephan o UM Rostock/DFG

C2

Robust Replacement – A tool to support researchers and reviewers.

Amy Beale - Replacing Animal Research

C3

Advancing the 3Rs in Animal Research: Openness and Implementation at the University of Washington

Sally Thompson-Iritani - University of Washington

C4

Balancing Transparency, Scientific Flexibility, and Regulatory Compliance in Animal Experimentation

Svenja Steinfeldt - Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine

C5

Changing numbers of animals used for science, what's going on?

R.A.H (Roger) Adan - Department of Translation Neuroscience, UMC Utrecht Brain Center, Utrecht University

C6

Development of an open community communication by the example of iMouse

Janine Kah - iMouse GmbH / University Brandenburg

C7

Enhancing Animal Welfare Through Vital-Sign-Guided Anaesthesia Management

Marc Zuend - Vigilitech AG

C8

Orthodontic implant migration - communication regarding nomination for negative prize

Kathrin Becker - Charité Universitätsmedizin-Berlin

12:45 - 13:30 Networking, lunch, exhibition

13:30 - 14:30 **Special Session 8: Hot Topics in Science**

Chair: **Kirk Leech**, Executive Director, EARA

Speakers:

Breaking the Silence: Key Mobilisation and Communication Strategies in the Successful Campaign to Legalise Abortion in Ireland

Ailbhe Smyth

Activist, campaigner and former academic, Dublin, Ireland

Vaccine Hesitancy

Michael Fitzpatrick

General Practitioner, Barton House Health Centre, London, UK

Experiences from science communication about plant genetic engineering

Dr Robert HOFFIE

Independent Research Group Leader, Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK), Biotechnology and Genome Editing, Gatersleben, Germany

Science Under Pressure

What talking about animal research has in common with talking about geosciences

Josef Zens

Head of Communication and Media, GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences, Potsdam, Germany

14:30 - 14:45 Roundtable Discussion

14:45 **Closing remarks**

Kirk Leech, Executive Director, EARA

18:00 - 19:30 **Public Panel Discussion for Berlin Science Week**

Is policy regulation slowing down health research?

Hosted by: Charité Berlin with TVV

(Satellite event as part of Berlin Science Week)