Informations on Education and Training Courses in Laboratory Animals in English

We are offering a wide range of animal training courses (see Info VTK allgemein). In general, especially the theory is in German but all the practical parts can be done also in English.

Due to the actual legislations there is a high demand for the 40 hours VTK course:

Education and training are carried out according to the recommendations of the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations for the education and training of persons carrying out animal experiments (FELASA, Category B in former times). The course is accredited by the German Society for Laboratory Animal Science – “Gesellschaft für Versuchstierkunde”, GV-SOLAS.

Contents of the “Course on Laboratory Animal Science”
(40 hours; theory and practice, 50% each):

- Ethical and historical basics of animal experiments, animal welfare act
- Alternative methods
- Basic biology of laboratory animals, nutrition, husbandry, anaesthesia, euthanasia, recognition of pain, surgical techniques, genetics, genetic techniques, standardization of laboratory animals, engineering of genetically modified animals, embryonic transfer, cryopreservation, microbiological management, immunization, infections and zoonotical diseases, allergies
- Practice: handling mouse rat, sampling techniques, marking of animals, administration of substances, anaesthesia, euthanasia, dissection, sutre techniques, handling and examination on rabbits
- Exam

For this reason we cannot change the actual structure and contents of the course if the participants want to gain the accredited certificate of attendance that is accepted by the German / European authorities.

But we can add some parts to the course as e.g. a special English lecture part. I can offer to learn the theoretical part by an additional online supplement in English, called VTK-online.

The costs for attendance will be the same as for the courses in German (700€ for staff and students of University of Freiburg and Uniklinikum FR, and 900€ for others).
This Course on Laboratory Animal Science will be structured as follow:

- When the lectures in German for the theoretical part will take place (generally in October and February) you'll have to attend these lectures (20 hours, in 2.5 days) if you want to obtain the accredited certificate.

- Participants will get an access to VTK-online program (in English, German or French) to study the theory by themselves.

- 20 hours practice will be performed in small English speaking groups.

- The final exam can be done in English (or German).

Please note that we do not translate all the German lectures in English and a minimum of German is necessary to follow the basics of German lectures.

Obviously that is not the ideal organisation of a Course in English but it is our answer for researchers demand in accordance with legislations and administrative barriers.

Kind regards,

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