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BASEL DECLARATION AWARD FOR EDUCATION IN ANIMAL RESEARCH

The Basel Declaration Society is delighted to be able to offer a researcher the opportunity to take part in the following course for animal experiments according to the latest legal standards in Switzerland and the EU.

Introductory Course in Laboratory Animal Science, 5 days (FELASA category B accredited)

This course teaches the technical knowledge and practical skills necessary for responsible and careful handling of laboratory animals. In this course you will learn how to handle rodents and rabbits and be familiarized with the techniques used in these animals.

The limited number of hours means that you will not gain comprehensive knowledge or learn the routine of the techniques learned in practice. Course participants will be made aware of all aspects of relevance to animal welfare before, during and after an animal experiment, so that they can then apply this knowledge in day-to-day laboratory work. Theory and practice are closely linked and the acquired knowledge and practical skills will be assessed in a final examination. A conformation that you have successfully attended the course will entitle you to conduct experiments with laboratory animals.

- Teaching basic knowledge of the characteristics, needs, husbandry and breeding of animals
- Assessment of health status and diseases in different rodents.
- Teaching the principles of 3R (reduce, refine, replace).
- Handling and restraining of different laboratory animals used for experiments.
- Recognition of normal behavior and observation and description of deviations.
- Familiarization with techniques for studying laboratory animals (e.g. administration of substances and taking of samples).
- Administration and monitoring of anesthesia; pain management.

Venue: University of Zurich, Irchel Campus, Institute of Laboratory Animal Science

Date: August 25 – 29, 2014 / 40 hours (20h theory + 20h practice) / 8.30h – 18.30h, language: English

Course costs: will be covered by the Basel Declaration Society

Travel costs: will be paid by the participant or his/her university.

Cost of accommodation will usually be paid by the participant himself or his/her university. The Basel Declaration Society will assist in the search for low-cost accommodation.

Eligibility: A prerequisite for taking part is that the successful applicant has a postgraduate qualification (PhD or higher) in the life sciences. Within 2 years of successfully completing of the course, the awardee must organize such a course at his/her home university/research institute or a course for the training of people who conduct animal experiments in accordance with the requirements of the law in his/her home country or must play a decisive part in the establishment of such a course. This course should be repeated at regular intervals and become part of the studies offered in the field of life sciences and/or biomedicine at the home university. The awardee must be a signatory to and member of the Basel Declaration Society and his/her home university should also support the objectives of the Basel Declaration. The awardee will report to the Basel Declaration Society after the organization of the first course.

Along with a full CV and a letter setting out their motivations, all applicants must also submit **a letter of recommendation from the home university or research institute**. The awardee will be selected by the Board of the Basel Declaration Society.

All application documents (in the form of a PDF file) must be sent to the following email address contact@basel-declaration.com **by June 15, 2014** at the latest.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the process.