Laboratory Animal legislation has changed – What does this mean in practice?

KEKS seminar on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 9.00-12.00

The revised laboratory animal legislation came into effect in the 1st of August 2013. The revision is based on the directive from 2010 and the aim is to harmonize the use of laboratory animals within the EU countries. The basis of the legislation is improvement in animal welfare.

Revised legislation changes the work in practice

- Animal experiments, now called “projects”, are classified according to the severity of procedures. There is a preliminary severity classification of each project in the project licence, but in addition the actual severity will be assessed afterwards for each individual animal, based on the total pain and suffering experienced. A retrospective assessment of the whole project will have to be done for projects classified as severe. The severity classification will also change the compilation of statistics on animal experiments.
- An Animal Welfare Body has been established in KEKS. This group will give advices in the animal experiments and care; and follows up the experiments while they are performed.
- The competence of the personnel working with laboratory animals has changed, and education and training accordingly. KEKS offers revised courses and follows up competences.

KEKS seminar is aimed at researchers and all those working with laboratory animals.

**Date and venue**

Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 9.00-12.00
Lecture hall P117 (Pathology)

**Programme**

9.15-10.25  Key points in new legislation and revised project license
How to get competence – laboratory animal courses  
*Hanna-Marja Voipio, Director, Laboratory Animal Centre*

10.25-10.45  Break

10.45-11.30  Severity classification and welfare problems
Animal Welfare Body in action
Medication records  
*Sakari Laaksonen, Veterinarian, Laboratory Animal Centre*

11.30-12.00  Provet helps with statistics  
*Veikko Lähteenmäki, Designer, Laboratory Animal Centre*

**The seminar language is English.**  
**Welcome!**

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