

‘ MUI animalFree research cluster’ at a glance

The **MUI animalFree research cluster (MUI animalFree_{cluster})** was established in 2017 at the Medical University of Innsbruck (MUI) to strengthen interdisciplinary collaborations in alternatives to animal testing. The **MUI animalFree_{cluster}** is focused on expanding animal-free research and teaching at the MUI.

The **MUI animalFree_{cluster}** shall bundle expertises in alternatives to animal testing, will contribute to significant progression with respect to replacement and reduction of animal experiments and aims in joining all activities in this area.

We want to invite YOU to actively participate in the MUI animalFree_{cluster}!

In the near future, we plan to:

- Establish 3R seminars with national and international experts.
- Collect topics regarding alternatives to animal testing performed at the campus to make these more visible.
- Set up an interactive homepage about activities going on in Innsbruck respecting alternatives to animal testing.
- Form a graduate program to teach junior scientists about alternatives to animal testing.

To inaugurate the **MUI animalFree_{cluster}** we organize a kick-off meeting and workshop on ‘Alternatives to Animal Testing’ at the Biocenter Innsbruck (CCB, Innrain 80-82, A-6020 Innsbruck) on **June 14th, 2018**.

Together with us, Prof. Thomas Hartung, Johns-Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Head of the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT), will guide through the opening ceremony of the **MUI animalFree_{cluster}**.

Therefore, we invite all researchers interested in this topic to participate in our workshop ‘Alternatives to Animal Testing’ and to send an abstract (half-page) containing pictures about their research until **April 27th 2018** (e-mail address: mui-animalfree@i-med.ac.at). Abstracts will be used for organizing the workshop and additionally to launch a homepage and brochure on animal-free research topics and groups in Innsbruck.

We are looking forward to many contributions of scientists from Innsbruck to advance animal-free research!

If you need further information, you can call our speaker Assoc-Prof. Doris Wilflingseder (0512-9003-70704).

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Doris Wilflingseder'.

Doris Wilflingseder

For the speaker’s team (Gerhard Gstraunthaler, Lukas A. Huber, Judith Lechner, Thomas Müller, Zlatko Trajanoski, Gabriele Werner-Felmayer, Walter Pfaller)