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Swiss 3R Competence Centre has appointed Simone de Montmollin as new president.

An important milestone in moving the organization into its future strategic direction.

The National Councillor Simone de Montmollin has succeeded Kathy Riklin as President of the Swiss 3R Competence Centre (3RCC). She assumed the role on 25 May 2022. Outgoing President Kathy Riklin, member of the National Council until 2019, has seen the organization through its first critical funding period.

de Montmollin has a background in life sciences, but also in business management, and practiced in the medical field. She has a long-standing experience in communication within relevant not-for profit organizations, like the European Society of Cardiology and the Swiss Confederation's centre of excellence for agricultural research, Agroscope. She is an elected member of the National Council since 2019 and vice-president of the Commission for Science, Education and Culture.

“The 3RCC envisions driving 3Rs advancement for improved animal welfare and better science in Switzerland which targets the scientific community, but also aim to reach out to a broader public. de Montmollin with her communication experience and understanding of the medical field is the ideal candidate to lead the organization in its mission to broadly promote the replacement, reduction and refinement of animal use in research and to increase its visibility to the public” said vice President Christian Leumann of the 3RCC Strategic Board.

About the Swiss 3R Competence Centre

The 3RCC, a research infrastructure of national importance funded under Article 15 of the Federal Act on the Promotion of Research and Innovation (RIPA), focus on four mandated service areas, research, education, monitoring and communication in promotion of the Replace, Reduce and Refine (3R) Principle for humane use of animals in research. 3RCC receives total funds of CHF 8Mio in the period 2021-2024 from the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation, the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office and interpharma, as well as matching in-kind support for its mission by its Higher Educational Institution members.