

PRESS RELEASE

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The Swiss 3RCC welcomes new Vice President Prof. Dr. Rolf Zeller from the University of Basel

Bern, 22 January 2024 – The Swiss 3R Competence Centre (3RCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Rolf Zeller as its new Vice President for a two-year term starting January 1st 2024. A dedicated advocate for the principles of the 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) in animal research, Rolf Zeller brings extensive experience to our leadership team. Rolf Zeller is a Full Professor in Anatomy and Embryology in the Department of Biomedicine at the University of Basel. His background includes



serving on the Swissuniversities commission "Policy on Animal Research" in 2014, presiding over the Ethics Commission for Animal Research of the Swiss Academies from 2014 to 2017, and since 2011 leading the international organization Animal Research Tomorrow. Since 2018, he has represented the University of Basel on the 3RCC Strategic Board. He is also appointed "Delegate for 3Rs" at the University of Basel. In his new role, Rolf Zeller will contribute significantly to the 3RCC's commitment to ethical research practices, ensuring the continued advancement of the 3Rs principles in all Swiss research endeavors. "I am honored to join the 3RCC and contribute to its mission of fostering ethically responsible animal and non-animal research. I look forward to collaborating with the Management Team and the Strategic Board to further advance the principles of Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement in animal research," said Rolf Zeller.

We also express our deepest gratitude to the outgoing Vice President, Christian Leumann, for his long-standing dedication to the organization and invaluable support during the crucial early stages of establishing the national 3R Competence Centre. His commitment has played a vital role in shaping the 3RCC, and we extend our best wishes for a fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavours.

About the Swiss 3R Competence Centre

The 3RCC, a research infrastructure of national importance, focusses on research, education, monitoring and communication in promotion of the Replace, Reduce and Refine (3R) Principle for humane use of animals in research. The 3RCC strives to drive 3Rs advancement for better animal welfare and science in Switzerland. Visit <https://swiss3rcc.org/> for more information.