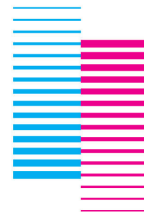


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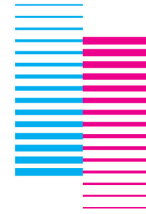
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## ***SET Activity Report 2006***

### ***Project Support***

In 2006 eight new applications were received. Out of these and further applications already received in the previous year, in total four applications were newly approved. The other applications are up for closer scrutiny or were mostly rejected, due to lacking relevance to animal welfare.

In 2006 the following ongoing projects were supported:

- Financial support for lectures and seminar (inclusion in the elective module animal physiology and animal welfare) of the study programme biology, summer semester 2005 to winter semester 2006/07  
PD Dr. Joachim Kremerskothen, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster
- Screening and evaluation of antiepileptic compounds in vitro: organotypic cultures of hippocampus as a model of ictal activity and epileptogenesis  
Prof. Dr. U. Heinemann, Johannes-Müller-Institut für Physiologie, Humboldt Universität, Berlin

3 new projects were started:

- Pharmacological screening with human embryonic stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes  
Dr Michael Reppel, Institut für Neurophysiologie, Uni Köln
- Tumor-induced angiogenesis studied in confrontation cultures: A new model for screening of anti-angiogenic substances  
Prof. Dr. Heinrich Sauer, Uni Giessen and Prof. Dr. Maria Wartenberg, GKSS Forschungszentrum Teltow
- Establishment of in vitro models for neuroprotection with molecular connotations to human neurodegenerative diseases  
Prof. Dr. André Schrattenholz, ProteoSys AG, Mainz

### ***Further activities supported:***

- Like in the past, also the 13th Congress on Alternatives to Animal Testing in Linz/Austria was supported with a donation. Furthermore, two travel grants were awarded to young scientists from Turkey and from Bangladesh, respectively, enabling them to attend the Congress in Linz.
- Financial support was also given to the 2nd eSI-Workshop, held in Alicante/Spain by ecopa. This event provides an opportunity for experienced scientists and young researchers (mostly diploma and doctoral candidates) from all over Europe to meet and to discuss chances in the development of new alternative methods.
- SET supports the periodical ALTEX (alternatives to animal testing, a quarterly magazine for new ways in biomedical sciences).



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### ***Relaunch of SET Website***

The relaunch of contents, structure and presentation of the SET website was largely finalised, so that [www.stiftung-set.de](http://www.stiftung-set.de) went online in February 2007 (in German and English language).

### ***Meetings***

In the period under review, three meetings each took place of the Foundation board (Stiftungsrat) and of the scientific advisory board (Wissenschaftlicher Beirat).  
The Kuratorium did not meet for organizational reasons.

### ***Changes in SET bodies***

After many years of activity as SET director Dr. Adalbert Schlitt retired on his own accord in late 2005, but he continued in office in a provisional role until the end of August 2006. Dr. Christiane Buta took over the directorship as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006. At the same time the office moved to the building of the German chemical industry association VCI, Karlstrasse 21, 60329 Frankfurt. (Meanwhile the VCI address has changed due to a new entrance to the building: Mainzer Landstrasse 55, 60329 Frankfurt.)

A new member of the Foundation council is Prof. Dr. Astrid Funke, president of the animal welfare association Bundesverband Tierschutz e. V. She succeeds Dr. Christiane Gothe.

### ***Participation in EU Research Project***

Together with the Spanish organisations REMA (Red Española para el Desarrollo de Métodos Alternativos) and IVTIP (In Vitro Testing Industrial Platform) and with the Swedish consultancy company Expertrådet AB, the foundation SET applied for funding for the project ForInViTox (Forum for Researchers and Regulators to meet manufacturers of toxicology test methods) – under the EU's 5th Framework Programme. ForInViTox wants to examine completed EU projects on alternatives to animal testing, trying to find out if those projects resulted in a wider use of newly developed methods or why this was not the case, respectively. In a further step, a forum is to provide a meeting place for potential users and commercial suppliers of such test systems, in order to eliminate remaining obstacles. The application was accepted.

### ***Income from donations***

Like in the previous years, the income of the foundation consisted almost entirely of donations from the 4 participating industry associations.