

Manfred Liebsch

Dr. Manfred Liebsch, born September 21, 1947 in Lilienfeld, Austria. Since 1971 married to Ingrid Liebsch. Two children, born 1981 and 1983.

Current Position

Scientific Director at the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Head of Unit "Centre of Alternative Methods to Animal Experiments - ZEBET" at the BfR

Education and Career

- 2004 - Head of Unit "Centre of Alternative Methods to Animal Experiments - ZEBET" at the BfR
- 2002 Secondment as Expert Consultant to the OECD (ENV/EHS) in Paris
- 1998 Promotion to Scientific Director
- 1994 Promotion to deputy head of ZEBET
- 1990 - 04 Head of section "Evaluation and Validation" within ZEBET at the former BGA
- 1989 Thesis at the University of Hamburg, Dr. rer. nat.
- 1981 - 88 Head of Unit "Pharmacodynamics" in the German CRO "Laboratory of Pharmacology and Toxicology (LPT)" in Hamburg.
- 1975 - 80 postgraduate work in DFG research projects (parasitology) and two years lecturer in zoology, physiology and parasitology at the University of Hamburg
- 1974 Diploma in biology (zoology, biochemistry, microbiology) at the University of Hamburg, Germany

Professional Activities (Selection)

Main Contractor, Co-ordinator, Participant, or Consultant of several successful Validation Studies of alternative in vitro methods at the national and European level, mainly in the fields of topical toxicity (eye- and skin- irritation and corrosion, phototoxicity, and skin absorption) and ecotoxicology (acute aquatic toxicity). Expert Consultancy in Validation of new toxicological methods for hazard identification in National, European and International Working Groups, e.g. ECVAM Scientific Advisory Board, OECD Test Guidelines Programme, and ISO TC 194. German Convenor of Working Group M12 for Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices