

**Nobel Prize, Marcel Benoist Prize,
Robert Koch Prize, Ernst Jung Prize...**

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The myth of animal experimentation: Research prizes

Time and again, animal experimenters receive prizes – including the Nobel Prize, the Marcel Benoist Prize in Switzerland and the Robert Koch Prize in Germany – for their «outstanding», «pioneering» and «promising» research. The Swiss animal experimenters Adriano Aguzzi, Denis Duboule, Martin Schwab and Rolf Zinkernagel are the most prominent recent prize winners. What purpose do these prizes serve?

The committees which award the prizes are comprised mostly of animal experimenters and animal experimentation supporters whose priority is the promotion and the continuation of animal experiments. By awarding the research prizes, not only do they support animal experiments financially, but they also perpetuate the myth – thanks to the songs of praise in the media about the award-winning animal experimenters – that animal experiments aid medical progress.

In reality, not a single disease is curable thanks to animal experimentation. The fixation on invalid, unreliable animal experiments guarantees that human diseases remain incurable – thus ensuring that these can be perpetually «investigated» for career purposes. For it is well known that numerous researchers owe their doctor title and their career to animal experiments.

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