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## Editorial

Unfortunately, a great deal has happened during the last few months and weeks. Future political and economic developments are causing us to view the world apprehensively. Regrettably, false information and half-truths contribute substantially to our fears and concerns because correlations can not be properly understood, misjudgements are made and data are not correctly evaluated.

Therefore, precision, comprehensibility, and especially sincerity are of utmost importance in all areas of life.

For more than ten years the FGF has been making every effort to support and advance independent, comprehensible and verifiable research. This was not only validated at our annual meeting this year, but also in the current issue of our Newsletter, which you are holding in your hands right now; we do our best to ensure that all editorial contributions are impartial and objective.

The FGF was able to contribute to an empirical study conducted by the Wissenschaftliches Institut für Kommunikation (WIK) - (Scientific Institute for Communication) - on the current state of affairs concerning the public's opinion on EMCE by making its long-standing press evaluations available to the WIK. A summary of the results of this study and the development of the EMCE debate are published in this Newsletter.

Since the controversial Salford study is still being discussed at length and has drawn the public's attention again to mechanisms involved in the blood-brain-barrier, we have decided to take a more detailed look at several different areas pertaining to this subject.

An article in this Newsletter reports on an international conference held in Moscow and St. Petersburg and on the informative findings of Russian research projects.

In the meantime, in its usual place, you can find the column heading "The latest scientific news" where there are a few short articles and an article about the EU's 6<sup>th</sup> framework programme. Of course, also included in this issue is the obligatory report on our 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, which took place this year in Munich.

Best regards  
Gerd Friedrich

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