DESY Commission for Ethics in Research

Ulrike Beisiegel

Chair of the DESY Commission for Ethics in Research

Motivation and Scope

Research Ethics in Germany …

- 2014: Joint recommendations "Scientific Freedom and Scientific Responsibility" on handling security-relevant research by DFG and Leopoldina

- German research institutions and its researchers should draw up ethical rules for dealing with security-relevant research which go beyond legal requirements

… and at DESY

- Extension of scope:

  Research projects with suspected ethical risks to human dignity, life, health, freedom, property, environment, the peaceful coexistence of peoples or other legal interests of equal value

Ethics@DESY and beyond

https://ethik.desy.de/ (English version upcoming)

Work of the DESY Commission for Ethics in Research

- Based on Statutes and Rules of Procedure

- Commission advises scientists on research projects with ethical risks and can make recommendations to the Directorate on ethical aspects of research projects

- DESY scientists, Directorate, Foundation Council and Scientific Council are entitled to submit requests

- Separation from questions of good scientific practice, but if relevant, cooperation with ombudspersons

Networking

- (Campus) Partners in Hamburg (UHH, UKE, …) and Zeuthen

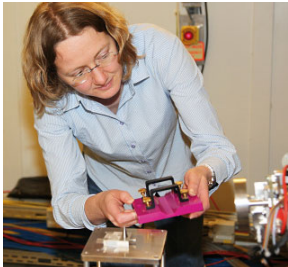- Helmholtz: Exchange, Best Practice, Pool of Experts, …

Composition of Commission

Internal und external members

Chair: Ulrike Beisiegel, former president of University Göttingen and former member of DESY Foundation Council

Dep.: N.N.

Member of Scientific Council:
Bridget Murphy, CAU Kiel

Dep.: Tim Salditt, University Göttingen

Dep. Chair & Member of Scientific Committee:
Oliver Seeck (FS)

Dep.: Kerstin Borras (FH)

Member qualified to hold the position of a judge:
Sabine Celo (V, AK Recht)

Dep.: Katharina Paulat (V)

Further member:
Karl Jansen (DESY Theory)

Dep.: Ann-Christin Dippel (FS)