



**Final
Program Swiss MedLab**
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Montreux

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Birds of a Feather Flock Together

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome all of you to this 3rd Swiss MedLab event. We need to strengthen Laboratory medicine more than ever and find a common denominator. Medicine of today and even more so in the future depends on achievements of life sciences. Thanks to this discipline our understanding of diseases has increased and customized specific treatments have become more and more possible. Due to the fact that life sciences and laboratory medicine play a crucial role in all the different specialities, it makes sense to meet at least every four years to exchange ideas and strengthen our networks and relationships.

The organizing committee of Swiss MedLab 2008 has endeavored to bring as many national and international societies to Montreux as possible. In addition, we have selected a host city that fulfils the highest expectations in terms of infrastructure, atmosphere and charm. I am sure, we have brought the right people at the right time to the right place!

We hope you enjoy this event together with your friends and colleagues. As it happens that the Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine (SULM, USML) is celebrating its 20th birthday. We invite you to join us at the gala dinner birthday party on September 18, 2008.

For the organizing committee of Swiss MedLab 2008
Prof. Dr. Andreas Huber
President SULM

Organizing Society - SULM



Purpose

Swiss MedLab is an international congress, organized every four years by the Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine (SULM) and its associated members. The aim of Swiss MedLab is to promote excellence in biomedical science among different professional groups and specialities. At Swiss MedLab participants, speakers and the diagnostic industry will experience engagement among different disciplines of medicine and biology within one venue at a central, attractive site in Switzerland.

Dialogue and Quality

The Objectives of Swiss MedLab are manifold:

Advancement of multidisciplinary communication, continuous education and fostering of biomedical sciences under the global view of Laboratory Medicine. Giving support for different International, European and Swiss Societies for holding their specific professional activities, such as annual meetings, board meetings, industry sponsored events, social events and educational meetings concomitantly.

Some Highlights at a Glance

- World's leading experts presenting their expertise on selected topics
- Workshops from all societies to focus on specific interests
- Well-attended poster sessions
- Industry-sponsored breakfast- and lunch symposia presenting some of the latest developments and research findings

Swiss MedLab 2008 is an exciting meeting, both scientifically and culturally. We are happy you could join us and are delighted to meet you in Montreux.

Organizer

SULM – Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine

The organizer of Swiss MedLab is the Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine (SULM).

SULM is bound to exchange all information relating to clinical laboratory pathology, commonly referred to as laboratory medicine in Europe, with official agencies and professional circles. Thus, SULM actively contributes to constructive discussions in health care. A major concern of SULM is efficient and prosperous laboratory medicine within all sub-specialties, aims which are achieved using the following elements:

1. Members of SULM work with various projects at national and international levels
2. SULM is the Editor of pipette - Swiss Laboratory Medicine, the 6x a year Journal of Swiss Laboratory Medicine
3. The Swiss Medlab congress is held every 4 years with international attendance
4. Public Relations, e.g. with exhibits at congresses as well as position papers regarding research and development in clinical pathology laboratories, and international marketing

As a Society SULM is charged with efficient and patient-oriented laboratory medicine with adherence to international good laboratory practice (GLP) procedures and ISO accreditation standards (ISO 15189, 17025, 9001 and others).

Further information: www.sulm.ch

Annotations

NPO

SULM is a Swiss non-profit professional organization (NPO) registered under Swiss law (ZGB Art. 60ff). Swiss laws, courts and environmental aspects are implemented. SULM is an equal opportunity organization.

A Bird Never Flew on one Wing

Swiss MedLab is a get-together of national and international Societies. People specialized in all disciplines of Laboratory Medicine share their knowledge and deepen relationships at Swiss MedLab.

The congress is held under the auspices of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine IFCC.

International Societies

- Austrian Society of Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry (ÖGLMKC)
- Croatian Society of Medical Biochemists (HDMB)
- European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFCC)
- International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)
- Joint German Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (DGKL)
- Laboratory Doctors of Liechtenstein (LDL)
- SINO-SWISS Laboratory Society (SSLS)
- Società Italiana di Biochimica clinica e Biologi Molecolare clinica (SIBioC)
- Société Française de Biologie Clinique (SFBC)

National Societies

- College of Primary Care Medicine (KHM)
- Hospitals of Switzerland (H+)
- pharmaSuisse
- Society of Medical Quality Control (MQ)
- Swiss Association of Diagnostic Industry (SVDI)
- Swiss Association of Laboratory Directors (FAMH)
- Swiss Associations of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists (labmed)
- Swiss Center for Quality Control (CSCQ)
- Swiss Cytometry Society (SCS)
- Swiss Federal Department of Defense, Civil Protection and Sports (VBS)
- Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (BAG)
- Swiss Medical Society (FMH)
- Swiss Society for Transfusion Medicine (SVTM)
- Swiss Society of Allergology and Immunology (SSAI)
- Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry (SSCC)
- Swiss Society of Endocrinology and Diabetology (SSED)
- Swiss Society of General Medicine (SGAM)
- Swiss Society of Legal Medicine (SSLM)
- Swiss Society of Medical Genetics (SSMG)
- Swiss Society of Microbiology (SSM)
- Swissmedic

Partners of Swiss MedLab

Major Partners


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Sysmex Digitana AG Booth No. g2



Roche Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG Booth No. g1



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- Phadia AG Booth No. f4
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- Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)
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IFCC - International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine



Dear Colleagues and Participants,

It is a pleasure and a honour for me to welcome you on behalf of IFCC at the 2008 SWISS MEDLAB in Montreux one of the most attractive cities on the shore of Lake Geneva and at the foot of the Alps. The selection of this pearl of the Swiss Riviera by the officers of SULM as the site of this international congress was a wise one. You all will spend 4 exciting days here with the specific flair of the lake, the symbiosis of an old city with the castle of Chillon and the outstanding hospitality. Montreux, famous for its Jazz festival will be for nearly one week the centre of Laboratory Diagnostics in Europe.

With the beauty of Montreux the scientific programme put together by our Swiss colleagues will certainly compete. In the last decades new knowledge in biomedical research and advances in bio-technologies entered medicine and changed the traditional views and concepts in life sciences. Genomics, proteomics and metabolomics give insight in cellular processes and regulations resulting in new pathophysiological strategies for health and sick conditions. A change of paradigm is also true for Clinical chemistry and Laboratory Medicine being part in the diagnostic process, in the monitoring of patients and therapy, in prevention and risk stratification of diseases. For diagnostic laboratory professionals collaboration with clinicians is pertinent in the age of "managed patient care". On basis of the interdisciplinary dialogue the validity and clinical utility of new diagnostic tests are continuously evaluated and linked with the clinical outcome. For achieving this, a broad mind and continuous education in medicine and life sciences is now essential for all laboratory professionals.

Laboratory organisation can be defined as "doing the right thing right". The chance of doing the right thing right is greater if not only technical process control systems, but also control systems for data interpretation and for decision (diagnosis) making are implemented in the diagnostic laboratories. By efficiency of internal operations the quality of patient care can be improved by extending the interaction with patients and clinicians. Laboratorians will be obliged to build a network from the laboratory to the clinical departments with a strict responsibility including diagnostic strategies, specimen collection, transportation, measurement, reporting and interpreting the results. They have to be adequate partners of the clinicians in a multi-disciplinary model of coordinated care.

A well considered laboratory service in which physicians and laboratorians are connected and brought together, seems to increase the diagnostic value of the laboratory as

a diagnostic center of excellence. With such a concept the laboratorians will not only be successful managers of human, fiscal and operational resources, but will also provide patient care diagnostic expertise in order to survive in a clinical and patient oriented environment that demand interdisciplinary knowledge of the great principles of physiology and pathophysiology as well as readiness to accept the responsibility for made decision, resulting from such active interactions.

The programme developed by Professor Arnold von ECKARDSTEIN and his team covers modern concepts in plenary lectures, workshops, oral presentations, and poster sessions. A successful congress needs the symbiosis of elderly with young, ambiguous colleagues eager to present their research results and their new ideas. At the occasion of SWISS MEDLAB you will certainly have the opportunity to meet friends and establish new collaborations. Many thanks to the president of this congress Professor Andreas HUBER and all his collaborators, to the in vitro diagnostic industry supporting this kind of meeting with an exhibition who all made this meeting under difficult economic conditions possible. Enjoy this international congress and picturesque Montreux during 4 happy days.

Mathias M. Müller, Past-President IFCC

EFCC - The European federation of Clinical chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the board of EFCC and of all presidents from our National Societies in Europe it is an honor for me as president of the EFCC to welcome all of you to the Swiss MedLab Congress 2008 in Montreux. First of all I would like to congratulate the organizer, the "Swiss Union for Laboratory Medicine" and our Swiss sister organisation, the "Swiss society of clinical chemistry" for organizing this event.

The National Societies of Europe voted unanimously in Amsterdam June 2007 for the merger of FESCC and EC4 and they created a new European organization in accordance with the IFCC organization nominated as "EFCC" *The European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine*, the European Branch of IFCC. We have to go back in history to understand the development in Europe.

I wish to welcome all participants from so many countries. I hope that all of you can participate in our interactive discussion forum and I do hope that we will gain insight into our diversity and into our resemblance. I feel sure that at the end of this meeting we will have progressed in

the harmonization process of our profession in Europe, a strong challenge for the future.

The meeting in Switzerland, its people world renowned for their warmth and humor, is certainly a nice occasion to get acquainted and to exchange common problems in our profession. I would like to express my thanks for the active participation of the National Societies of the surrounding countries and their members, who are the cornerstones for our profession.

We feel sure that the Congress will offer you, besides science, an opportunity to meet and discuss with so many friends our common professional questions.

Prof Vic Blaton
President EFCC (2007–2008)

ÖGLMKC - Austrian Society of Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry



Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure on behalf of the Austrian Society of Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry (ÖGLMKC) to cordially welcome you to SwissMedLab 2008. Our society feels privileged to be actively participating in this meeting that promises very exciting scientific news in the foreground of breath-taking scenery. In Austrian laboratories hematology has a long tradition as a diagnostic discipline and I am pleased to present the Austrian workshop on "Recent Trends in Hematology" to you.

I look forward to meeting you in Montreux!

Ilse Schwarzingger
President of the Austrian Society of Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry

DGKL - Joint German Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine



Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

As president of the German Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the Swiss MedLab 2008. Once again the organizers have provided our society the opportunity to participate actively in this interesting and innovative meeting. The regular international exchange during national meetings underlines the strong professional and also

personal relationships that have developed between the laboratory communities in Europe. In fact, I am convinced that these joint activities that have grown during recent years would not have been possible without many fruitful scientific cooperations in laboratory diagnostics throughout Europe. Therefore, I am looking forward to seeing you all in Montreux and hope that we will have many lively scientific discussions but also have the opportunity to make new personal contacts with researchers and clinicians from many European countries.

Karl J. Lackner, MD

HDMB - Croatian Society of Medical Biochemists



Dear Colleagues,

As President of the Croatian Society of Medical Biochemists (CSMB), I am delighted to greet Swiss MedLab Congress participants. As one of the Alps Adria societies, CSMB participated in past Swiss MedLab, now being an active partner in organizing this prestigious Congress aimed at promoting excellence in biomedical science among different professional groups and specialties.

CSMB is gathering together about 850 laboratory medicine experts and has a rich scientific history and presently strong position in healthcare system. Being in charge of the organization of such a prestigious European meeting would certainly be recognized as a crown jewel in the longstanding endeavors of the Society.

As a member of the 3rd International Swiss MedLab Congress Scientific Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to enjoy the excellent scientific program and I hope you will enjoy meeting the colleagues and friends from this part of Central Europe.

I look forward to welcoming you in Montreux and to working together in the years to come, in the European network of friendship.

Prof. Elizabeta Topic
President HDMB

SFBC - Société Française de Biologie Clinique



Dear Colleagues,

The "Société Française de Biologie Clinique (SFBC)" is delighted and honored to participate in the Swiss MedLab 2008 Congress in Montreux.

SFBC is involved in many international activities and wishes to strengthen its relations with sister societies. SFBC is particularly involved in the management of the newly created EFCC and in IFCC activities, mainly by participating in the Executive Board and several Working Groups of the Scientific Division of IFCC. SFBC is also a founder member of the new "Fédération Internationale Franco-phone de Biologie Clinique et de Médecine de Laboratoire" (FIFBCML). The SFBC President, Prof. Alain Legrand, is currently appointed as President of FIFBCML.

SFBC is willing to develop its scientific partnership with other societies and considers its participation in Swiss MedLab as an opportunity for stimulating exchanges and favouring mutual knowledge. SFBC wishes Swiss MedLab 2008 in Montreux to be a great success.

Prof. A. Legrand, Prof. P. Gambert, Prof. P. Gillery
President, President Elect, Past-President

SVDI - Swiss Association of Diagnostic Industries



Welcome to Montreux

Swiss Medlab 2008 - Welcome to Montreux! It is only every four years that the in-vitro diagnostics (IVD) community, and thus everybody working in the landscape of Swiss medical laboratories, has the opportunity to present themselves and their work to a wider audience. The rest of the time people working in laboratories and support businesses don't get much attention. Yet, they have to be on duty round the clock, 365 days a year, to provide their services, delivering analyses and results to a high standard since these serve as the starting point for the next stages of treatment.

Over the past few years the industry has experienced rapid development. Quality and cost efficiency have been improved and benefits for patients have further increased. Thanks to the general high quality of diagnoses and the good co-operation between IVD companies and those in charge of laboratories, the Swiss Diagnostics sector has become a role model for other countries. One unique

feature is the Point-of-Care (POC) model, which is used in around 6000 medical laboratories.

Swiss Medlab 2008, with around 60 exhibiting companies, has made this meeting of leading international laboratory managers possible. A huge thank-you goes to our SULM President, Prof. Dr. Andreas Huber. He and his team have done exemplary work.

Get an overview of the latest developments in the industry, maintain your contacts and friendships. Our focus should be on high-quality, efficient diagnoses for the benefit of patients. In doing so we will be making an important contribution to a lasting reduction of costs in health care.

Enjoy your time in Montreux – a wonderful place, which has more to offer than just IVDs.

SVDI Managing Committee and SVDI member companies

Congress Information

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact our information booth at the main entrance.

On-Site Registration Desk

Located at the Main entrance, Level 2

Opening hours Registration

Tuesday 16.9. to Friday 19.9. 08.00–18.00

Opening hours Exhibition

Tuesday 16.9. 12.00–18.00

Wednesday 17.9. to Thursday 18.9. 08.00–18.00

Friday 19.9. 08.00–14.00

Your registration fee includes

- Welcome Reception
- President's Address and Awards Ceremony
- Program / Collection of Abstract and Summaries
- Attendance at all Scientific Sessions
- Industry Exhibition

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Liability

Neither Swiss MedLab, SULM, nor the PCO are liable for personal accidents, or loss or damage to private property of registered participants or their guests in connection with the Swiss MedLab Congress.

Participants are advised to make their own arrangements for personal and health insurance. The participant takes due note of the fact that he/she cannot make any claims for compensation against the organizer if the holding of the congress is obstructed or prevented by unforeseen political or economic acts or if program changes have to be made because of the withdrawal of speakers etc. By registering for the event, the participant acknowledges this reservation.

Cancellation of the Congress

The Organising Committee reserves the right to cancel the Congress, shift lectures and workshops, or change the dates without notice, in case of force majeure. Neither SULM nor the Organising Committee shall be liable for any damage claims.

Certificate of Attendance

The certificate of attendance will be issued to those who are properly registered, only for the days they are actually taking part in the Congress. Together with your congress pass you will receive a confirmation of congress participation.

> further information, see page 14, CME-Credits

Exhibition

Admittance to the exhibition is free of charge and does not require Congress registration.

Name Badge

Participants will be given a name badge when they check in at the registration desk. The name badge must be worn at all times, since only registered participants will be allowed to enter the lecture area. The name badge must also be worn at the social events organised as part of the congress.

Official Language

The official language of the congress is English.

Speaker presentation

- Bring your presentation as PowerPoint-file (ppt) either on a memory stick or on a CD-ROM.
- All presentations will be fed in at the Speaker Ready Room.
- Transmission will be done from the Speaker Ready Room directly to the Plenary Lecture- or Parallel Workshop (PL-/PW) rooms.
- One hour before the beginning of his/her PL or PW a speaker will have to hand in his or her presentation at the Speaker Ready Room. If a speaker decides to hand in his presentation earlier, that is very welcome too.
- Half an hour before the beginning of a block the speaker must meet the chair in the room of their presentation.

We remind all speakers to keep to the allotted time, allowing at least five minutes for discussion.

As the schedule is tight and needs synchronization (especially during the parallel sessions) chairpersons are advised to interrupt presentations, if a speaker overruns.

Speaker Ready Room, A/V Check

If you need to do final modifications on your presentation, you will find opportunities to do so in the Speaker Ready Room, level 3, follow the signs.

Opening times

Tuesday 10.00–18.00

Wednesday to Friday 08.00–18.00

Continuous Medical Education

Together with your congress pass you will receive a confirmation of congress participation.

The following societies guarantee CME credits

Entire duration of further education valid for CME-Credits

Swiss Association of General Medicine, SGAM

24 credits for the entire congress

Swiss Society of Microbiology, SGM

21 credits for the entire congress

Swiss Paediatric Society, SSP/SGP

15 credits for the entire congress

Swiss Society of Internal Medicine, SGIM

12 credits for the entire congress

Swiss Society of Endocrinology and Diabetology, SGED

6 credits per day

Swiss Association of Laboratory Directors, FAMH

5 credits per day

Swiss Society of Medical Genetics, SGMG, for FAMH-members

2.5 credits per day

Swiss Society of Medical Genetics, SGMG, for FMH-members

1.5/1.5/2 credits per day

Swiss Society of Allergology and Immunology, SGAI 17. and 18.09.08 1.5 points, 19.09.08 2 points per day

International societies

CME credits on request

Abstract Collection – CCLM 8/2008

All accepted abstracts are published in the August issue of "Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine" (CCLM). The CCLM issue is part of the congress bag.

Online Collection of Abstracts and Summaries

Abstracts and Speaker Summaries are collected on www.swissmedlab.ch

Oral Communication from selected Abstracts

Wednesday and Thursday, 17./18. September, 16.00–17.00
Oral Abstract Presentation Sessions include 10-minute presentations of selected abstracts of scientific research on different topics of Laboratory Medicine.

Poster Exhibition

The Poster Exhibition will be open from Wednesday, September 16th to Friday, September 19th, from 09.00–17.30.

Instructions for Authors

- The posters prepared according to our guidelines should be in place on the day of presentation no later than 9 a.m.
- The designated poster board is numbered according to the listing in CCLM.
- Each poster author is requested to be at his or her poster during poster awarding time; e.g. from Wednesday to Friday from 12.30 to 13.00.
- The posters should not be removed before the official poster of the day award presentation, but should be removed shortly thereafter to make room for next day presentations.
- Posters which have not been removed by 18.00 h will be disposed of by the congress center.

Poster Award > see next page

Swiss MedLab Award - Advancement, Intensification & Communication

In future Laboratory Medicine will play a major key role in health systems. Challenging requirements will only be met through a solid knowledge base and provision of results of high quality. In an attempt to advance the propagation of current scientific knowledge, SULM and Swiss MedLab decided to award prizes for outstanding presentations.

The aim of Swiss MedLab - and of SULM in general - is threefold:

1. Advancement of the quality of laboratory work
2. Intensification of scientific exchange
3. Communication of current trends and tendencies in Laboratory Medicine.

The focus is on research which has to be pursued broadly and at all levels, since advancement of the exciting field of laboratory diagnostics can only be brought about by people who have a constantly challenging and curious mind.

The scientific committee did select 10 abstracts for free communication at Swiss MedLab 2008. These finalists will compete during oral communication for the Swiss MedLab Award, which will be judged by the poster award board. The winner out of this competition will receive the Swiss MedLab Award (CHF 3000) Friday September 19. The other two finalists will receive a letter of recognition.

Poster of the Day Awards

All exhibited posters will be judged by the poster award board. Poster of the Day Awards will be given daily from Wednesday to Friday.

Prizes

1st Prize

Nespresso-High-Output-Coffeemachine for your Lab, Institute or Office (Value CHF 1200.-)

2nd Prize

A Weekend in Montreux during the the Montreux Jazz Festival for two people incl. Hotel and Tickets (Value CHF 600.-)

3rd Prize

Tickets for two people for the Montreux Jazz Festival (Value CHF 300.-)

Poster exhibition

Wednesday to Friday from 09.00 to 17.30

Poster viewing

Wednesday to Friday from 12.30 to 13.30

Poster awarding

Wednesday and Thursday from 17.00 to 17.30
Friday from 13.00 to 13.30

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SULM Presidential Award

The SULM Presidential Award serves to honor a highly successful Swiss scientist. The age limit is no more than 40 years old. With this award the scientific work according to international rules, such as impact points, number of publications (rated according to authorship) as well as number of citations will be considered. The candidate has to be a member of one of the scientific societies, a member of SULM and also a member of FAMH. The scientific work has to deal to a significant extent with a topic that is relevant for laboratory medicine. The board of SULM will select the recipient of the award. The award will be given every 4 years during Swiss MedLab.

Selection Criteria for the SULM-Presidential Award

1. Categories of Awardees

- Academics working in one of the domains of Laboratory Medicine and having made outstanding scientific contribution to the field
- Member of one of the societies of SULM
- Not yet reached their 40th birthday at Swiss MedLab congress
- High impact factor and/or citation index counts with significant publications in the field of Laboratory Medicine
- Candidates should be outstanding personalities

2. Recommendations

Recommendations for award recipients can be made by everyone and have to be suggested to the managing committee of SULM. The application should contain a short CV of the candidate, a list of his or her achievements and merits and an accompanying letter stating the reasons for the application. Bibliography indicating impact factor and citation index count is to be submitted as well. The award will be given to one person every four years during Swiss MedLab or an Annual Meeting of a Member Society in the event that there is no Swiss MedLab. The Board of SULM will decide about the award recipients by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President of SULM will decide.

3. Prize

The prize for the award will be CHF 10,000

SULM Richterich Medal

In recognition of the geniality and achievement of former Prof. Roland Richterich, the Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine (SULM) has set-up an award, presented for the first time in 2004, named after him. Outstanding personalities that have demonstrated achievements for Swiss Laboratory Medicine will continue to be honored with this award.



Three categories will be recognized as being academics, biomedical analysts and general administration. SULM has prepared a manual containing selection criteria.

The recommendation for award recipients can be made by anyone and has to be suggested to the managing committee of SULM. The board of SULM will then decide independently upon the finalists.

Up to 3 awards will be given to the suggested and selected personalities every four years during Swiss MedLab.

Every four years Swiss MedLab tries to bring together all stakeholders involved in Swiss laboratory medicine. As a consequence the scientific board of Swiss MedLab 2008 has been formed by representatives of all scientific, educational, economic, political and regulatory organisations contributing to laboratory medicine.

The 4 cornerstones of the program try to deal with all aspects of the complex building termed laboratory medicine. Notably not only the medical content and the technological solutions are developing very rapidly but also the economic, social and legal context of laboratory medicine and, as the consequence, also the organisation and structure of laboratory medicine are unstable and permanently changing.

It is a difficult task to cover as much as possible of these dynamics in the program of a 4-day congress. The scientific board decided to touch upon examples of our rapid discipline, profession and market rather than try to be comprehensive. Of note the program does not only want to address research and development but also the context of laboratory medicine. The speakers and topics of the plenary lectures were hence jointly chosen by all board members. Every workshop was assigned to one or two representatives of one or two SULM members. In addition we invited the scientific laboratory medicine organisations of the Swiss neighbouring countries to contribute one workshop each. This procedure resulted in a diverse program of which we hope that it satisfies the needs, wishes and interests of most people working in or with laboratory medicine not only in Switzerland but also in other European countries.

Because of the high dynamics flexibility is a very important attitude and feature of people working in laboratory medicine. This character is not predestined and constant but needs cultivation and education. The Scientific Board therefore chose to start the congress with a fresh look from outside on this psychological topic, namely a key lecture on change management.

The program of Swiss MedLab 2008 has been formed not only top-down by the scientific committee but is also a reaction to work performed in Swiss laboratory medicine, i.e. to abstract submissions. We reserved considerable time of the program for poster presentations and free oral communications. The oral presentations were selected by anonymous ratings through all scientific board members so that we are confident to have selected an unbiased program. Please give the mostly young scientists presenting posters or lectures the credit that they deserve and attend the poster and free communication sessions.

Finally and on behalf of my colleagues of the Scientific Board I hope you find this congress most interesting, that you benefit in knowledge and understanding, that you meet many old friends and forge new friendships.

Arnold von Eckardstein
President Scientific Committee

Trends in Laboratory Medicine

The Scientific program covers plenary lectures, workshops, free communications, industry-sponsored workshops and poster sessions. The following main topics have been chosen to cover areas of common interest to most of the congress participants, and to live up to our commitment to an interdisciplinary approach to problems with an impact on laboratory medicine.

Topics

- A Trends in the Organization and Structure of Laboratory Medicine
- B Trends in Expertise and Content of Laboratory Medicine
- C Trends in Technology
- D Trends in the Economic, Social and Legal Environment of Laboratory Medicine

Speaker Summaries – Pipette

Summaries of Plenary Lectures and Parallel Workshops are published within “Pipette - Swiss Laboratory Medicine” making it a reference book for participants during and after the congress. The issue is part of the congress bag and can be picked-up at the SULM booth (d5).

Online Collection of Summaries

Speaker Summaries are collected on:
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Scientific Program at a Glance

Tuesday, 16.9.2008	Wednesday, 17.9.2008	Thursday, 18.9.2008	Friday, 19.9.2008
	08.00–08.45 Breakfast Workshop	08.00–08.45 Breakfast Workshop	08.00–08.45 Breakfast Workshop
09.00–12.00 Individual Society and Board Meetings Various pre-congress courses	09.00–10.30 Plenary Lectures	09.00–10.30 Plenary Lectures	09.00–10.30 Plenary Lectures
	10.30–11.00 Break	10.30–11.00 Break	10.30–11.00 Break
	11.00–12.30 3 Parallel Workshops	11.00–12.30 3 Parallel Workshops	11.00–12.30 3 Parallel Workshops
12.00–13.45 Lunch-Workshop	12.30–13.30 Poster viewing	12.30–13.30 Poster viewing	12.30–13.30 Poster viewing and awarding
	12.30–13.45 Lunch Workshop	12.30–13.45 SGKC - SSCC general meeting	12.30–13.30 Lunch Workshop
	12.30–14.00 Lunch Break	12.30–14.00 Lunch Break	12.30–13.30 Lunch Break
14.00–15.00 Opening Addresses Organizing Societies	14.00–15.30 3 Parallel Workshops	14.00–15.30 3 Parallel Workshops	13.30–15.30 Plenary Lectures
15.30–16.00 Break	15.30–16.00 Break	15.30–16.00 Break	15.30–16.30 Award Lectures
15.30–16.15 Keynote Lecture	16.00–17.00 Oral Communication from selected Abstracts	16.00–17.00 Oral Communication from selected Abstracts	16.30–17.00 Swiss MedLab Award
16.15 Official welcome Aperitif and music from the 'Dixie Roses'	17.00–17.30 Poster awarding	17.00–17.30 Poster awarding	

Morning

09.00–12.00	FAMH tronc commun: Informatique
09.00–12.00	SULM Boardmeeting
09.00–13.30	HöFa cours cadre
11.00–13.45	SGKC - SSCC assembly of delegates
12.00–13.45	Lunch Workshop Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG
12.30	Welcoming remarks, Dr. Willi Tillmann
12.35	Integrated diagnostic approaches for the optimization of patient care, PD Dr. Rainer Neumann
13.00	Innovance D-dimer, a new assay, Dr. Guido Reber
13.15	Cardiac Markers, PD Dr. Rainer Neumann

Afternoon

	Opening Addresses Organizing Societies
14.00–14.30	SULM, Prof. Andreas Huber DGKL, Prof. Karl Lackner ÖGLMKC, Prof. Ilse Schwarzingler HDMB, Prof. Elizabeta Topic SFBC - Philippe Gambert
14.30–15.00	EFCC: an Answer for Europe? The President of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry (EFCC) is giving answers. Prof. Victor Blaton
15.00–15.30	Break
15.30–16.15	Keynote Lecture Josse Berckmans "Why do we behave like frogs ?" - Change Management in Laboratory Medicine
16.15–19.00	Official welcome Mr. Pierre Salvi, councilor of Montreux Followed by a "Get Together", welcome aperitif and music from the "Dixie Roses" in the Miles Davis hall

Morning

08.00–08.45	Breakfast Workshop	Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG DPC/IMMULITE® business transfer from Bühlmann AG to Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Dr. Roland Bühlmann & Dr. Willi Tillmann
08.00		Integrated diagnostic approaches for the optimization of patient care, PD Dr. Rainer Neumann
08.10		Automation of the Central Laboratory, Dr. Martin Schöndorf
08.30		
09.00–10.30	Plenary Lectures	Topic A
	17PL	Trends in the Organisation and Structure of LM Chair: PD Dr. Lorenz Risch
09.00–09.30	17PL1	Shortening of Turn-Around Times: Automation or POCT? Dr. phil. II Reto Savoca
09.30–10.00	17PL2	Assuring and harmonizing the quality of medical genetic testing in Europe: the EuroGentest initiative Prof. Michael A. Morris
10.00–10.30	17PL3	Nuts and bolts of genome-wide SNP-based association studies Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Meitinger
10.30–11.00	Break	
11.00–14.00	labmed Board meeting	
11.00–12.30	Parallel Workshops	
	17PW1	Diagnostics of Endocrine Diseases Topic B Chair: Dr. Michel Rossier
11.00–11.30	17PW11	How to screen for Cushing's Syndrome? Dr. Patrick Meyer
11.30–12.00	17PW12	New Laboratory Aspects of Endocrine Stress Assessment PD Dr. Mirjam Christ-Crain
12.00–12.30	17PW13	Novel Approaches in the Assessment of Fertility Prof. François Pralong
	17PW2	Multiparametric Testing Topic C Chair: Prof. Jacques Beckmann
11.00–11.30	17PW21	Thinking big: Large Scale Studies to identify Genes influencing Height, Weight and Type 2 Diabetes Prof. Mark McCarthy
11.30–12.00	17PW22	Application of Large-Scale Genetics and Clinical Laboratory to Drug Discovery and Development MD Vincent Mooser
12.00–12.30	17PW23	Population genetics and genomics of human gene expression PhD Manolis Dermitzakis
	17PW3	Legal Aspects of Laboratory Medicine Topic D Chair: Dr. phil. nat. Manfred Weitz
11.00–11.25	17PW31	Microbiology: Recognition, Reconnaissance, Reconoscimento Dr. phil. nat. Manfred Weitz
11.25–11.45	17PW32	The Insurance View on Legal Aspects of Laboratory Medicine Philippe Hayoz
11.45–12.05	17PW33	Medical Laboratories: Cantonal Conditions Dr. pharm Christian Robert
12.05–12.30	17PW34	Legal Requirements for Medical Genetic Testing Laboratories Dr.rer.nat. Thomas Binz
12.30–14.00	Lunch Break	
12.30–13.30	Poster viewing	
12.30–13.45	Lunch Workshop	Applied Biosystems Routine and Emerging Applications of Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-/MS/MS) in Clinical Research Roland Geyer - Applied Biosystems Support Specialist

Afternoon

14.00–15.30	Parallel Workshops	
	17PW4	Recent Trends in Hematology Topic B Chair: Prof. Ilse Schwarzingher
14.00–14.30	17PW41	Jak2 in the Pathogenesis of Myeloproliferative Disorders PhD Robert Kralovics
14.30–15.00	17PW42	A Systems Biology Concept towards Novel Stem Cell Therapies Prof. Dirk Strunk
15.00–15.30	17PW43	Current Methods for the Clinical Evaluation of Platelet Function Prof. Simon Panzer
	17PW5	Mass Spectrometry Topic C Chair: Dr. Pierre-Alain Binz
14.00–14.25	17PW51	Value of MS Imaging to Biomedical Research Ph.D. Markus Stoeckli
14.25–14.45	17PW52	The role of mass spectrometry in Therapeutic Drug Monitoring PD Dr. Katharina Rentsch
14.45–15.05	17PW53	Screening in clinical toxicology and mass spectrometry Dr. Marc Fathi
15.05–15.30	17PW54	Development of a multi-target screening analysis using LC-MS-MS as an alternative to the Remedi® method Véronique Viette
	17PW6	Quality Management Topic D Chair: Dr. André Deom, Dr. Roman Fried
14.00–14.25	17PW61	Quality Control with POCT and Haemostasis Dr. Guido Reber
14.25–14.45	17PW62	Rules for Evaluation of Haematology Blood Films in the External Quality Control Dr. Max Solenthaler
14.45–15.05	17PW63	Present Situation of Quality in Allergology and Immunology Testing Dr. Eric Dayer
15.05–15.30	17PW64	Quality Needed for Microbiology Laboratories Dr. Reinhard Zbinden
15.30–16.00	Break	
16.00–17.00	OC1	Oral Communication from selected Abstracts Chair: Dr. med. Walter Fierz
	1928_B	Postgraduate training of laboratory specialists: experience and evaluation of a pilot e-training course on the Pre-analytical Phase Dr. Michelle Rossier
	1727_B	Epigenetic biomarkers as diagnostic tools for human cancers: analytical and biological obstacles to their clinical application Dr. Ilse Kern
	1729_B	Old suspects and new culprits in 5-fluorouracil pharmacogenetics: Novel insights from a haplotype analysis of the dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase gene Ursula Amstutz
	1730_B	Early recognition and follow-up of Dementia - Preliminary Results of the EAGLE Study Dr. Axel Regeniter
	1927_B	Endothelial cells Transcytose Apolipoprotein A-I and High Density Lipoproteins Prof. Arnold von Eckardstein
17.00–17.30	Poster awarding	

Scientific Program Thursday 18.9.

Morning

08.00–08.45 **Breakfast Symposium**
Sysmex Digitana AG, Dr. Rolf Hinzmann, Sysmex Europe GmbH. Automated Measurement of Body Fluids: Clinical Indications, Interpretation and Analytical Performance

09.00–10.30 **Plenary Lectures** **Topic C**

18PL **Trends in Technologies**
Chair: Dr. Hans. H. Siegrist

09.00–09.30 18PL1 Microfluidics Technology for a Future Diagnostics
Dr. Dirk Janasek

09.30–10.00 18PL2 NMR Spectroscopy & Imaging
Prof. Rolf Gruetter

10.00–10.30 18PL3 New Methods for the Detection of Bacteremia
Prof. Jacques Bille

10.30–11.00 **Break**

11.00–12.30 **Parallel Workshops**

18PW1 **Microbiological Issues in Women's Health** **Topic B**
Chair: Dr. Martin Risch

11.00–11.30 18PW11 GBS Screening - Culture, STAT or POC Testing?
PD Dr. Thomas Bodmer

11.30–12.00 18PW12 Human Papilloma Virus: New Possibilities for Testing/Vaccination
Dr. Denise Nardelli Haefliger

12.00–12.30 18PW13 TORCH? Controversies of Serological Monitoring of Pregnant Women
Prof. Patrick Hohlfeld

18PW2 **Improving Allergy Diagnosis** **Topic B**
Chair: Dr. Eric Dayer

11.00–11.30 18PW21 Recombinant Allergens Modify the Food Allergy Concept
Dr. Barbara Ballmer

11.30–12.00 18PW22 Allergy Diagnosis: Should we follow the Flow?
Prof. Didier Ebo

12.00–12.30 18PW23 How internet-based Allergen Platforms and Multiplex Allergy Testing improve our Knowledge on IgE-mediated Diseases
Dr. Adriano Mari

18PW3 **Applications of LC-MS/MS and GC-MS to Metabolic Diseases** **Topic C**
Chair: Dr. Roselyne Garnotel

11.00–11.25 18PW31 Organic Acids Determination by GC/MS
Dr. Daniel Rabier

11.25–11.45 18PW32 Simultaneous Quantification of Homocysteine, Methionine, Cysteine in Human Plasma using LC/MS/MS : A combination which may help to explain disorders in metabolism of sulphur-containing amino acids
Dr. Véronique Ducros

11.45–12.05 18PW33 Quantification of small Molecules in biological Fluids using LC/MS/MS: Applications to Metabolic Diseases
Dr. Odile Rigal

12.05–12.30 18PW34 MS/MS Neonatal Screening for Genetic and Metabolic Disorders
Dr. Roselyne Garnotel

12.30–14.00 **Lunch Break**

12.30–13.30 **Poster viewing**

12.30–13.45 **SGKC - SSCC**
General meeting

Afternoon

14.00–15.30 **Parallel Workshops**

18PW4 **Near Patient Testing** **Topic A**
Chair: Dr. Markus Hug

14.00–14.25 18PW41 POCT et médecine de premier recours
Dr. Markus Hug

14.25–14.45 18PW42 Point de vue du spécialiste du laboratoire hospitalier
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Walter Riesen

14.45–15.05 18PW43 Point de vue de l'enseignant AFCLP
Dr. Olivier Boulat

15.05–15.30 18PW44 Point de vue de l'hématologue
Dr. Jean-Philippe Grob

18PW5 **Diagnostics of Autoimmune Disease and Immunodeficiency** **Topic B**
Chair: Prof. Harald Renz

14.00–14.25 18PW51 New Developments in the Diagnostics of Rheumatoid Arthritis
Prof. Ekkehard Genth

14.25–14.45 18PW52 Autoimmune Hepatitis: Update on Diagnostic Procedures
Prof. Ansgar Lohse

14.45–15.05 18PW53 The Value of Laboratory Diagnostics in Autoimmune Skin Diseases
Dr. Rüdiger Eming

15.05–15.30 18PW54 Laboratory Diagnostics of Antibody/B-Cell Immunodeficiencies
Prof. Harald Renz

18PW6 **Quality Control in Morphology and Hematology** **Topic D**
Chair: BMA HF Janine Wey

14.00–15.30 18PW61 Quality Control in Morphology and Hematology
BMA HF Michaela Küng, BMA HF Janine Wey

15.30–16.00 **Break**

16.00–17.00 **OC2** **Oral Communication from selected Abstracts**
Chair: Dr. rer. nat. Martin Hergersberg

1825_C Automated Digital Cell Morphology: a new approach for microscopy in the daily routine of haematology
Dr. Adriana Méndez

1826_C Rapid identification of clinical relevant bacterial isolates utilizing MALDI-TOF profiling – the MALDI Biotyper workflow
Dr. Ulrich Eigner

1925_B Do methylmalonic (MMA) plasma, urine and CSF concentrations reflect MMA cerebral metabolism in MMA-CoA mutase deficient patients?
Dr. Olivier Braissant

1828_C SmileMS; A new Mass Spectrometry Based Identification Platform for Small Molecules
Yann Mauron and Roman Mylonas

1926_B Long-term correction of hyperphenylalaninemia in a mouse model for PKU by liver or intramuscular delivery of AAV expressing PAH with various serotypes
Prof. Dr. Beat Thöny

17.00–17.30 **Poster awarding**

19.00–23.00 **Gala Dinner at the "Petit Palace Montreux"**

Scientific Program Friday 19.9.

Morning

08.00–08.45 **Breakfast Workshop**
Roche Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG
Easy going mit Energy, Sibylle Sommerer, Speak GmbH, Etzgen. Workshop language: German

09.00–10.30 **Plenary Lectures** **Topic D**

19PL1 **Trends in the Economic, Social and Legal Environment of LM**
Chair: Dr. Jean-Luc Magnin
09.00–09.30 19PL11 Cost-Benefit-Considerations of Laboratory Medicine
Dr. Hans. H. Siegrist
09.30–10.00 19PL12 Management and Accreditation of Laboratories in Europe
Ian Mann
10.00–10.30 19PL13 Education in Laboratory Medicine
Prof. Matthias Müller

10.30–11.00 **Break**

11.00–12.30 **Parallel Workshops**

19PW1 **Laboratory Medicine in extreme Situations** **Topic A**
Chair: Dr. Samuel Roulin
11.00–11.25 19PW11 The Concept of Regional Laboratory Network
Dr. Hans Matter
11.25–11.45 19PW12 Maximum Containment Laboratory in Spiez: Facility for special Pathogens
Dr. Martin Schütz
11.45–12.05 19PW13 Question: Bioterrorism and other Events involving Bio-Agents? Answer: The Regional Laboratory Network
Dr. Herbert Hächler
12.05–12.30 19PW14 Management of suspect Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Patient in Geneva
PD Laurent Pascal Cherpillod

19PW2 **Metabolic Syndrome** **Topic B**
Chair: Prof. Elizabeta Topic
11.00–11.25 19PW21 Pathophysiology of Metabolic Syndrome
Prof. Dr. Izet Aganovic
11.25–11.45 19PW22 Genetic Risk Factors for Metabolic Syndrome
Dr. Nora Nikolac
12.05–12.30 19PW23 Pharmacogenetic Approach to Metabolic Syndrome Treatment
Prof. Elizabeta Topic

19PW3 **Education in Laboratory Medicine** **Topic D**
Chair: Dr. Damiano Castelli
11.00–11.30 19PW31 Harmonisation of Post-Graduate Education of the Medical Doctors in Laboratory Medicine
Dr. Utz Merten
11.30–12.00 19PW32 Integration of the Laboratory Medicine in the Academic Basic Training Programs
Prof. Dr. Antonio Pavan
12.00–12.30 19PW33 Laboratory Medicine: Is there a Place for Scientists?
Dr. Marco Balerna

12.30–13.30 **Lunch Break**

12.30–13.00 **Poster viewing**
13.00–13.30 **Poster awarding**

12.30–13.30 **Lunch Workshop**
Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics - Safety first
Part 1) Aviation safety concepts and their possible application in the medical area, Captain Wolfgang Müller
Part 2) VITROS technologies and reliable results, Oswald Sonntag, Product Manager Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics
Workshop language: English

12.30–13.30 **Lunch Symposium**
Sysmex Digitana AG, Dr. Klaus Dombrowski, Sysmex Europe GmbH
The Future of Haematology Diagnostics - Case Manager and EXPERTviewer

Afternoon

13.30–15.30 **Plenary Lectures** **Topic B**

19PL2 **Trends in Expertise and Content of LM**
Chair: Prof. Denis Hochstrasser
13.30–14.00 19PL21 Diagnostics of Leukemias
Prof. Torsten Haferlach
14.00–14.30 19PL22 Diagnostics of Allergies
Prof. Rudolf Valenta
14.30–15.00 19PL23 Early Diagnosis of Bacterial Infections
Prof. Beat Müller
15.00–15.30 19PL24 Brain Damage Biomarkers: From Discovery to Clinics
Dr. Natacha Turck

15.30–16.30 **Award Lectures**

15.30–15.50 Awarding of SGKC/SSCC Promotion Prize, lecture of the laureate
15.50–16.20 SULM Presidential Award, PD Dr. Mirjam Christ-Crain and PD Dr. Lorenz Risch
16.20–16.30 Swiss MedLab Award, winner out of "Oral Communication from selected Abstracts"

Name	Country	Code				
A Prof. Dr. Izet Aganovic	Croatia	19PW21		Prof. Mark McCarthy	UK	17PW21
Ursula Amstutz	Switzerland	1729_B		Prof. Dr. med. Thomas Meitinger	Germany	17PL3
B Dr. Marco Balerna	Switzerland	19PW33		Dr. Adriana Méndez	Switzerland	1825_C
Dr. Barbara Ballmer	Switzerland	18PW21		Dr. Utz Merten	Germany	19PW31
Prof. Jacques Beckmann	Switzerland	17PW2		Dr. Patrick Meyer	Switzerland	17PW11
Josse Berckmans	Belgium	Keynote Lecture		MD Vincent Mooser	Switzerland	17PW22
Prof. Jacques Bille	Switzerland	18PL3		Prof. Michael A. Morris	Switzerland	17PL2
Dr.rer.nat. Thomas Binz	Switzerland	17PW34		Prof. Beat Müller	Switzerland	19PL23
Dr. Pierre-Alain Binz	Switzerland	17PW5		Prof. Matthias Müller	Austria	19PL13
Prof. Victor Blaton	Belgium			Wolfgang Müller		IW
PD Dr. Thomas Bodmer	Switzerland	18PW11		N Dr. Denise Nardelli Haefliger	Switzerland	18PW12
Dr. Olivier Boulat	Switzerland	18PW43		Dr. Nora Nikolac	Croatia	19PW22
Dr. Olivier Braissant	Switzerland	1925_B		PD Dr. Rainer Neumann	Switzerland	IW
Dr. Roland Bühlmann	Switzerland	IW		P Prof. Simon Panzer	Austria	17PW43
C Dr. Damiano Castelli	Switzerland	19PW3		Prof. Dr. Antonio Pavan	Italy	19PW32
PD Laurent Pascal Cherpillod	Switzerland	19PW14		Prof. François Pralong	Switzerland	17PW13
PD Dr. Mirjam Christ-Crain	Switzerland	17PW12		R Dr. Daniel Rabier	France	18PW31
D Dr. Eric Dayer	Switzerland	17PW63 / 18PW2		Dr. Guido Reber	Switzerland	17PW61
Dr. André Deom	Switzerland	17PW6		Dr. Axel Regeniter	Switzerland	1730_B
PhD Manolis Dermitzakis	UK	17PW23		PD Dr. Katharina Rentsch	Switzerland	17PW52
Dr. Klaus Dombrowski		IW		Prof. Harald Renz	Germany	18PW54
Dr. Véronique Ducros	France	18PW32		Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Walter Riesen	Switzerland	18PW42
E Prof. Didier Ebo	Belgium	18PW22		Dr. Odile Rigal	France	18PW33
D. Ulrich Eigner	Germany	1826_C		PD Dr. Lorenz Risch	Switzerland	17PL
Dr. Rüdiger Eming	Germany	18PW53		Dr. Martin Risch	Switzerland	18PW1
F Dr. Marc Fathi	Switzerland	17PW53		Dr. pharm Christian Robert	Switzerland	17PW33
Dr. med. Walter Fierz	Switzerland	OC		Dr. Michel Rossier	Switzerland	17PW1
Dr. Roman Fried	Switzerland	17PW6		Dr. Michelle Rossier	Switzerland	1928_B
G Dr. Roselyne Garnotel	France	18PW34		Dr. Samuel Roulin	Switzerland	19PW1
Prof. Ekkehard Genth	Germany	18PW51		S Dr. phil. II Reto Savoca	Switzerland	17PL1
Roland Geyer		LW		Dr. Martin Schöndorf	Switzerland	IW
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Prof. Rolf Gruetter	Switzerland	18PL2		Prof. Ilse Schwarzingger	Austria	17PW4
H Philippe Hayoz	Switzerland	17PW32		Dr. Hans. H. Siegrist	Switzerland	19PL11 / 18PL
Dr. Herbert Hächler	Switzerland	19PW13		Dr. Max Solenthaler	Switzerland	17PW62
Prof. Torsten Haferlach	Germany	19PL4		Sibylle Sommerer	Switzerland	IW
Dr. rer. nat. Martin Hergersberg	Switzerland	OC		Oswald Sonntag		IW
Dr. Rolf Hinzmann		IW		Ph.D. Markus Stoeckli	Switzerland	17PW51
Prof. Denis Hochstrasser	Switzerland	19PL1		Prof. Dirk Strunk	Austria	17PW42
Prof. Patrick Hohlfeld	Switzerland	18PW13		T Prof. Dr. Beat Thöny	Switzerland	1926_B
Dr. Markus Hug	Switzerland	18PW41		Dr. Willi Tillmann	Switzerland	IW
J Dr. Dirk Janasek	Germany	18PL1		Prof. Elizabeta Topic	Coratia	19PW23
K Dr. Ilse Kern	Switzerland	1727_B		Dr. Natacha Turck	Switzerland	19PL24
PhD Robert Kralovics	Austria	17PW41		V Prof. Rudolf Valenta	Austria	19PL22
BMA HF Michaela Küng	Switzerland	18PW61		Véronique Viette	Switzerland	17PW54
L Prof. Ansgar Lohse	Germany	18PW52		Prof. Arnold von Eckardstein	Switzerland	1927_B
M Dr. Jean-Luc Magnin	Switzerland	19PL1		W Dr. phil. nat. Manfred Weitz	Switzerland	17PW31
Ian Mann	Switzerland	19PL12		BMA HF Janine Wey	Switzerland	18PW61
Dr. Adriano Mari	Italy	18PW23		Z Dr. Reinhard Zbinden	Switzerland	17PW64
Dr. Hans Matter	Switzerland	19PW11				
Yann Mauron	Switzerland	1828_C				

Key to code
PL = Plenary Lecture
OC = Oral Communication
PW = Parallel Workshop
IW = Industry Workshops
 Example: **19PW13** = 19th September, **PW** Parallel Workshop, **13** 1st work-shop, speech on 3rd position

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Industry Exhibition

The exhibition is an important and interactive part of the congress. Swiss MedLab 2008 will offer a wide and complete overview of the current state-of-the-art of the industry companies related to laboratory medicine. The exhibition will be located in the Miles Davis Hall, the heart of the congress.

The Industry Week

Tuesday 16.9.2008

12.30–13.30	Lunch Workshop Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG
12.30	Welcoming remarks Dr. Willi Tillmann
12.35	Integrated diagnostic approaches for the optimization of patient care PD Dr. Rainer Neumann
13.00	Innovance D-dimer, a new assay Dr. Guido Reber
13.15	Cardiac Markers PD Dr. Rainer Neumann

Wednesday 17.9.2008

08.00–08.45	Breakfast Workshop Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG
08.00	DPC/IMMULITE® business transfer from Bühlmann AG to Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Dr. Roland Bühlmann & Dr. Willi Tillmann
08.10	Integrated diagnostic approaches for the optimization of patient care PD Dr. Rainer Neumann
08.30	Automation of the Central Laboratory Dr. Martin Schöndorf

12.30–13.45	Lunch Workshop Applied Biosystems Routine and Emerging Applications of Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) in Clinical Research Roland Geyer - Applied Biosystems Support Specialist
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Thursday 18.9.2008

08.00–08.45	Breakfast Symposium Sysmex Digitana AG Automated Measurement of Body Fluids: Clinical Indications, Interpretation and Analytical Performance Dr. Rolf Hinzmann, Sysmex Europe GmbH.
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Friday 19.9.2008

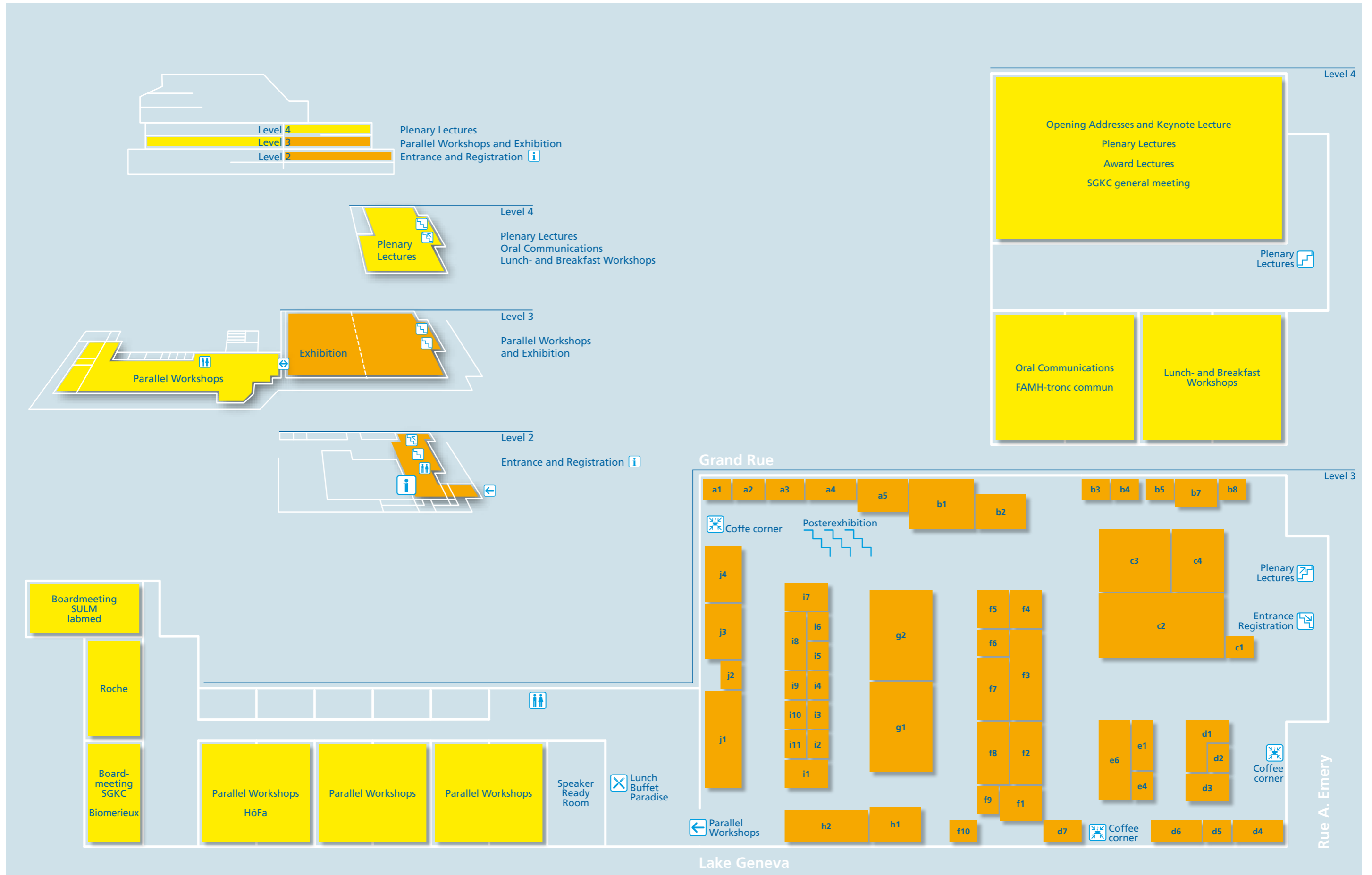
08.00–08.45	Breakfast Workshop Roche Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG Easy going mit Energy, Sibylle Sommerer, Speak GmbH, Eitzgen. Workshop language: German
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12.30–13.30	Lunch Workshop Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics – Safety first Part 1) Aviation safety concepts and their possible application in the medical area Captain Wolfgang Müller Part 2) VITROS technologies and reliable results Oswald Sonntag, Product Manager Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics Workshop language: English
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12.30–13.30	Lunch Symposium Sysmex Digitana AG The Future of Haematology Diagnostics - Case Manager and EXPERTviewer Dr. Klaus Dombrowski, Sysmex Europe GmbH
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A	Abbott AG	6341 Baar	CH	f3
	ACC AG für Computer und Communication	8004 Zürich	CH	a1
	Almedica AG	3285 Galmiz	CH	d4
	Applied Biosystems	6343 Rotkreuz	CH	a4
	Axon Lab AG	5405 Baden - Dättwil	CH	b1
B	BD Becton Dickinson AG	4123 Allschwil	CH	h2
	Beckman Coulter SA	1260 Nyon	CH	c4
	bioMérieux (Suisse) SA	1202 Genève	CH	c3
	Bio-Rad Laboratories AG	4153 Reinach	CH	d1
	BRAHMS Aktiengesellschaft	16761 Hennigsdorf	DE	d7
	Bruker Daltonik GmbH	28359 Bremen	DE	a2
	BÜHLMANN Laboratories AG	4124 Schönenbuch	CH	b2
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	Cliniline SA	1895 Vionnaz	CH	i4
D	Datamed AG	1752 Villars-sur Glâne	CH	f2
	DiaMed (Schweiz) AG	1785 Cressier sur Morat	CH	e1
	Dionex (Europe) Management AG	4600 Olten	CH	f10
	DORNER GmbH & Co. KG	79379 Müllheim	DE	j2
E	Endotell AG	4123 Allschwil	CH	i3
	EUROIMMUN Schweiz AG	6006 Luzern	CH	f1
G	Geneva Bioinformatics (GeneBio) S.A.	1206 Geneva	CH	i8
H	Health Sciences eTraining Foundation	1091 Grandvaux	CH	i9
	Horn Imaging GmbH	D-73431 Aalen	DE	a3
I	Immundiagnostik AG	64625 Bensheim	DE	i5
	Informatique-MTF SA	1762 Givisiez	CH	f2
	INOVA Diagnostics Inc.	CA 92131 San Diego	USA	f8
K	Kaiser Data AG	8832 Wollerau	CH	i2
L	Lab Force AG	4208 Nunningen	CH	b5
	Labmed Schweiz	3011 Bern	CH	f6
	Labormedizinisches Zentrum Dr. Risch	9494 Schaan	FL	f5
	Labs are vital	SL6 4XF Maidenhead, Berkshire	UK	d6
	Leica Microsystems (Schweiz) AG	9435 Heerbrugg	CH	f9
	LifeAssays AB	223 70 Lund	SWE	i6
M	Medim Schweiz GmbH	6341 Baar	CH	b3
O	Olympus (Schweiz) AG	8604 Volketswil	CH	j1
	Ortho - Clinical Diagnostics	8957 Spreitenbach	CH	f7
P	Perkin Elmer Life Sciences (Switzerland) AG	8810 Horgen	CH	d3
	Phadia AG	6312 Steinhausen	CH	f4
	Polygon - Diagnostics AG & Tosoh Bioscience AG	6014 Littau - Luzern	CH	e4
	Promega AG	8600 Dübendorf	CH	i11
Q	Qiagen AG	8634 Hombrechtikon	CH	j3
R	Radiometer GmbH	8800 Thalwil	CH	e6
	Roche Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG	6343 Rotkreuz	CH	g1
	RUWAG Handels AG	2544 Bettlach	CH	h1
S	Sarstedt AG	9475 Sevelen	CH	i7
	Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co. Ltd	518057 Shenzhen	PRC	j4
	Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics AG	8047 Zürich	CH	c2
	Socorex Isba SA	1024 Ecublens-Lausanne	CH	c1
	Sodiag SA	6616 Losone	CH	b6
	SULM	5001 Aarau	CH	d5
	SVDI	1735 Giffers	CH	b7
	Sysmex-Digitana AG	8810 Horgen	CH	g2
T	Teomed AG	8606 Greifensee	CH	b4
	Thermo Fisher Scientific (Zürich) AG	8045 Zürich	CH	i10
V	vision4health Laufenberg & Co.	8831 Wilen	CH	a5

Booth Plan and Room Situation



Travel by Plane

Swiss International Airlines is the official carrier of Swiss MedLab 2008.

Transfer from Geneva and Zurich

Travelling by plane, it is best to arrive at the International Airport in Geneva. The Airport railway station has direct access to the Airport Check-in and Arrival levels. All trains stop at Geneva-Cornavin station (city centre). There are four transfers per hour from Geneva Airport to Montreux that bring you within about one and a half hours directly to the heart of Montreux, close to the 2M2C conference center.

If you arrive at the international airport of Zurich, you will find the train station within the same building. Your transfer from Zurich Airport to Montreux will take about two and a half hours.

Travel by Car

Public Parking

In the city of Montreux, like most European cities, it is very difficult to find free parking space. Please follow the illuminated parking signs for the multi-storey car parking. Palace-Parking is very close to the 2M2C congress center.

Taxi

Cabstands are located in front of the train station.
 Gare Montreux phone +41 (0)21 963 75 63
 Taxi Kolly Albert phone +41 (0)21 964 69 69
 Taxi Riviera phone +41 (0)21 963 36 36
 Lémania phone +41 (0)21 963 63 63

Car Rentals

AVIS, Lausanne phone +41 (0)21 340 72 00
 EUROPCAR, Montreux phone +41 (0)21 963 72 41
 HERTZ, Lausanne phone +41 (0)21 312 53 11
 SIXT, Renens / Lausanne phone +41 (0)21 634 29 27

Local Traffic

During the Conference, transfers from the Hotel to the congress center will be no bother as you reach nearly everything within walking distance!
 Public transport is reliable and efficient, costs are reasonable. We are pleased to offer, to each guest paying the visitor's tax, the Riviera Card free of charge. It will be given to you on your arrival in your hotel.
 It entitles you to travel free of charge on the VMCV bus network and a 50% reduction on train excursions as well as museum and theme park entrance tickets.

Travel by Train

SBB Rail Service, phone 0900 300 300
 International rail information phone +41 (0) 51 220 11 11
 www.sbb.ch

Montreux

Tourist Information

Place de l'Eurovision

Opening times

Monday to Friday 09.00–12.00 and 13.00–17.30
 Saturday and Sunday 10.00–14.00
 phone +41 (0)848 86 84 84

Shopping hours

Monday to Friday 08.30–18.30
 Saturday 09.00–17.00
 Sunday closed
 Most stores accept credit cards.
 Local Time is UTC +2h

Electricity current

The wall socket (for 2- or 3-pole plugs) supply 220V AC, 50 Hz

Communication

Post office

The main Post office is close to the railway station, Avenue des Alpes 74

Opening times

Monday to Sunday 07.00–18.45

Public Phone

International public telephones are located in the railway station.

Internet Access

Would you like to check your personal E-Mails or do you need to look up something specific on the web?
 The entire congress building is covered by a free and fire-wall protected Wi-Fi access.

Message Board

Can't get hold of your colleague by phone? Leave a message for him/her at the message board, located at the Registration/Entrance of 2M2C.

Money

Banks

Opening times:
 Monday to Friday 09.00–12.00 and 13.30–17.00

Cash withdrawals cash machine

Eurocard/Mastercard, VISA, American Express: At the railway station and at every "postomat" machine.

Cash withdrawals window counter, currency exchange

At the railway station, 07.00–19.00

Tipping

At hotels, restaurants, taxis etc. tipping is included.

Map of Montreux

