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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
Participating Societies

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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 (LDDL)
- 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 (MÖ)
- 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)
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A Bird Never Flew on one Wing

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Greetings

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 symposium 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 diagnostic expertise 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 medical lecture, 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

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

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the board of EFFF and of all presidents from our National Societies in Europe it is an honor for me as president of the EFFF 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 EFSCE and ECP and they created a new European organization in accordance with the IFCC organization nominated as “EFFC - 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 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.

Ilse Schwarzinger
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 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. Elizabetta Topic
President DGKL

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.

President HDMB

Karl J. Lackner, MD
**Greetings**

**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-ophone 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 favourable 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 cooperation 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 that just IVDs.

SVDI Managing Committee and SVDI member companies

**Registration, Information**

**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
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**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.

**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.

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Hélène Schüpbach
Professional Congress Organizer

Located at the Main entrance, Level 2
Abstracts

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 will be disposed of by the congress center.

Poster Award > see next page

CME-Credits

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

Speakers

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

Posters
Grants and Awards

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 existing 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 communications 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 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

Poster exhibition
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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 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.

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 a 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
# Scientific Program at a Glance

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**Workshop and Symposium Elements**

- **Breakfast Workshop**: Roche Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG, Easy going mit Energy, Sibylle Sommerer, Speak GmbH, Etzgen. Workshop language: German
- **Poster viewing and awarding**
- **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
- **Lunch Symposium**
  - Sysmex Digitala AG, Dr. Klaus Dombrowski, Sysmex Europe GmbH
  - The Future of Haematology Diagnostics - Case Manager and EXPERTviewer
Speakers and Chairs

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### Catering and Restaurants

#### Coffee corners

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Daily from 12.00 to 14.00 “Paradise Catering” offers a tasty selection from sandwich-es, paninis, burritos, various freshly prepared salads and lunch menus which change daily. It will be located in the Parallel Workshop Foyer, right in front of the Speaker Ready Room.

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  Phone 021 962 50 50
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  Thai and Chinese cuisine
  Hotel Montreux Palace, “La Brasserie du Palace”
  Avenure des Alpes 102
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**Key to code**

- PL = Plenary Lecture
- PW = Parallel Workshop
- OC = Oral Communication
- IW = Industry Workshops
- Example: 19PW13 = 13th September, PW Parallel Workshop, 13th workshop, speech on 3rd position
**The Industry Week**

**Tuesday 16.9.2008**

12.30–13.30 Lunch Workshop  
Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG  
Welcoming remarks  
Dr. Willi Tillmann  
Integrated diagnostic approaches for the optimization of patient care  
PD Dr. Rainer Neumann  
Innovation D-dimer  
Cardiac Markers  
PD Dr. Rainer Neumann

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**Wednesday 17.9.2008**

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Symyx Digitala AG  
Automated Measurement of Body Fluids: Clinical Indications, Interpretation and Analytical Performance  
Dr. Rolf Hinzmann, Symyx Europe GmbH

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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 Train

SBB Rail Service, phone 0900 300 300

International rail information phone +41 (0) 51 220 11 11

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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

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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