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and 8th **Alps-Adria** Congress

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Dear Friends and Colleagues

A very warm welcome to all of you at Swiss MedLab 2004 in Lucerne. We appreciate very much that you took time out of your busy schedule to attend our conference.

The organizing committees believe that you will experience a true inter- and transdisciplinary meeting with science and social activities at its best. In analogy to the Olympic Games, where many different disciplines meet at the same place, at the same time every four years, we have organized Swiss MedLab in a similar fashion. Further, we have offered to the different participating societies to shed light from their own perspective to 5 hot topics. So to speak: The patient is visited by different professionals and not the other way round. With this approach we can learn from each other, we can refresh our knowledge from the brother and sister discipline, and we can realize that difficulties and problems are very often quite similar.

Further more, international contacts are a must in a more and more global environment. Media and information technologies all have become very important aspects in our discipline. Thus, we are very happy, that so many international delegates from all over the world are participating. We appreciate very much your efforts to travel from far to Lucerne.

Finally, we hope that Swiss MedLab 2004 will be a unique opportunity for tightening personal connections and friendships. We are sure, that Lucerne, a lovely part of Switzerland will contribute to make your stay a most memorable one.

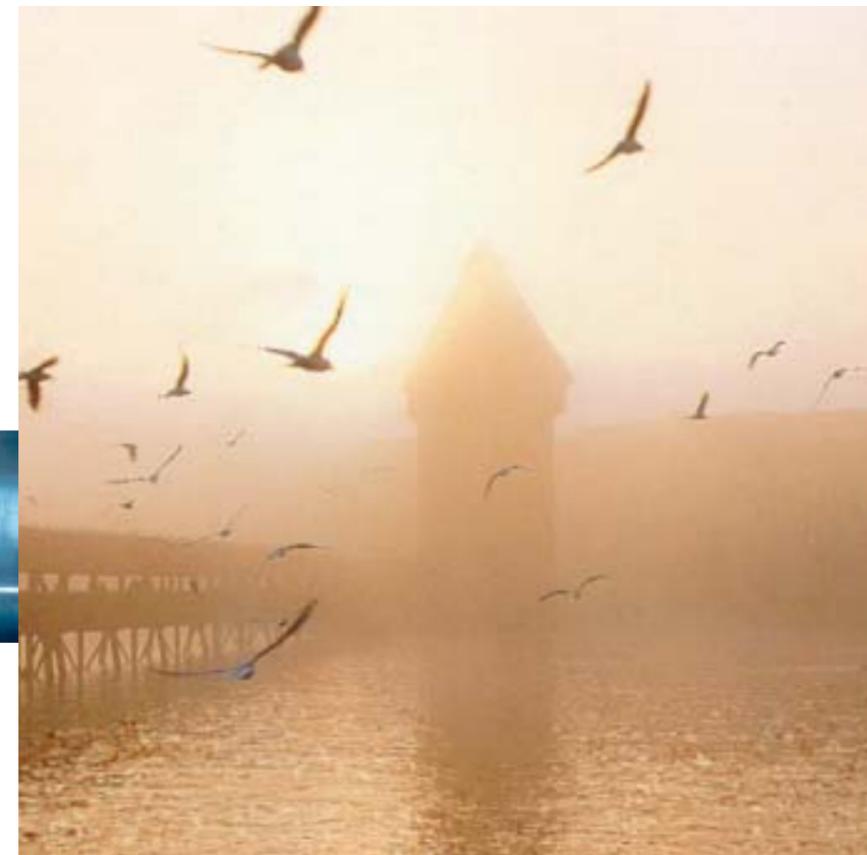
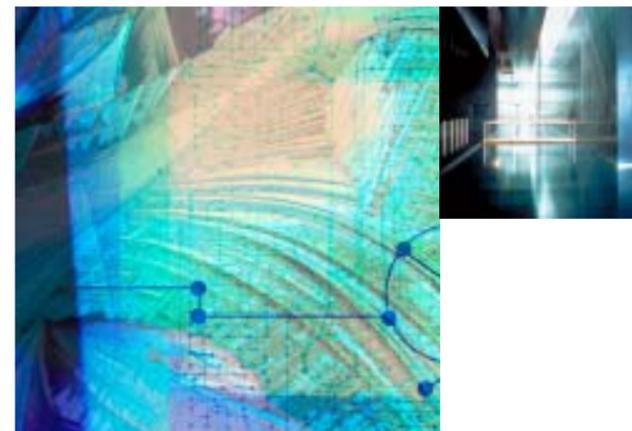
If there is anything we can do for you, please let me or my team know.

Andreas R. Huber
President SULM / Swiss MedLab 2004



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Organizing Societies

The Organizer of Swiss MedLab 2004 is the Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine (SULM)

SULM is the Swiss umbrella organization for all societies involved in laboratory activities in medicine and biology as well as relevant government agencies, diagnostic companies, health insurance companies, the Swiss Association of Laboratory Directors (FAMH) and the Swiss Association of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists (labmed). For every section, a committee with representatives of the different organizations has been nominated.

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Dear colleagues



It is a great pleasure and honor to welcome you on behalf of the Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry at the 8th Alps-Adria Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in Lucerne. The congress is jointly organized with Swiss MedLab and brings together laboratory scientists and other professionals interested in laboratory medicine in a truly international setting. Thanks to the support of IFCC and FESCC, grants could be awarded to a number of students and young investigators from all over the world. The congress therefore provides a perfect setting for the exchange of ideas between established and young laboratory specialists and to establish new relationships. In their greetings, my colleagues have highlighted the scientific program. I agree that it may be hard to escape the lecture rooms. Nevertheless, it would be a pity to miss the beauty of one of Switzerland's most attractive cities and its surroundings. Lucerne has something to suit all tastes, from a leisurely stroll through the city to excursions to the picturesque surrounding countryside. Whatever you will do in Lucerne, you will not be disappointed.

Bendicht Wermuth, President of the Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry, Swiss Alps Adria Representative

Dear Colleagues



On behalf of the German United Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (DGKL) I would like to congratulate the Organizing Committee of the joint Swiss MedLab 2004 and 8th Alps Adria Congress for having put together a highly interesting program with timely selected topics and excellent speakers. I am very pleased that the German United Society of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine had a chance to contribute to this congress as a co-organizing society and by presenting a symposium on «Risk factors of cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases». I am sure that all of you will gain from academic exchange and personal contact and that you will be able to renew old friendships and forge new ones. I wish you a wonderful time in Lucerne and the congress a successful outcome.

Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. M. Oellerich
President DGKL

Dear Chairman, Colleagues and Friends



On behalf of the FESCC executive board and of all presidents of our National Societies in Europe it is a honor to me as President of FESCC, the Forum of the European Societies of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, to welcome all of you at the International Swiss MedLab 2004 and the 8th Alps Adria Congress here in Lucerne. There is also a special welcome for our guests from China and I am proud that the organizers were able to organize a Sino event in the window of FESCC Sino-European cooperation and the title of our common meeting is a broth discussion on developments of Laboratory Medicine in China and Europe. I would like to congratulate the Swiss Society for organizing the meeting on main topics in diagnostic and metabolic perspectives especially in Heart Failure and Cancer, also important items are aging and life style main factors in prevention of the disease. It is real meaningful to repeat the vision of the meeting: «Clinical Chemistry is a dynamic system working in the interface between clinical medicine and biochemical research» The congress will bridge the span between these two dynamic forces. The meeting should give an answer on «How can we be the active players in the medical settings of today and tomorrow?» Based on these ideas the organizing scientific committee created a programme that will give valuable new knowledge which will be used in our future professional work. Congratulations to all organizers of programmes, workshops and discussion groups for doing an excellent job for the further development of our profession.

In a comparable way as in other Euromedlab meetings the organizers of the scientific programme used more attractive ways for the national societies of the surrounding countries and their members, who are the corner stones for our profession, to participate actively in the meeting. FESCC wishes all participants an active role in the symposia as well as interesting contacts with the companies, being the actual base of our profession. We feel sure that the congress will offer you besides sciences an opportunity to meet and discuss with so many friends our common professional questions. Besides scientific discoveries, we hope you will make new friends and take pleasant and lasting memories of the Lucerne meeting back home.

Prof. Dr. V. Blaton, FESCC President

Dear colleagues and congress participants,



I take pleasure in issuing you a warm welcome for your attendance and participation in Swiss Medlab jointly organised with the 8th Alps Adria Congress. The Alps Adria congresses are a series of meetings and a successful partnership between the 9 National Societies of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in the so-called Alps Adria region. In 1990 our Italian colleagues started this initiative with the 1st congress held in Gorizia, Italy. It was a 14 years journey to Lucerne passing Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovenia, and Germany. The main objective of these meetings was to stimulate close collaboration in the region in scientific, professional and educational aspects on a personal basis. A slogan successfully used and applied has been «adding value in life science research and clinical diagnosis for the benefit of patients».

It is evident that networking by Alps Adria diagnostic laboratories had been successful during the last decades. Here in this region concepts in standardisation programmes developed by IFCC and FESCC intended to enable clinical laboratories to be operated more efficiently, with a high standard of professional and technical competence and thus providing benefit to patients and value to society taking changing scientific knowledge, technologies, services, economies, and health care systems into consideration had been accepted. Arrival of more accurate information has increased an individual's responsibility to his own health as well as to that of the general public. In this changing environment, the traditional concept of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine moves toward patient care and health; laboratory professionals are met more and more with prevention, risk assessment, detection and monitoring of diseases and treatments. The laboratory professionals accepted this new challenge.

The programme organised by our Swiss colleagues under the leadership of Professor Huber followed this new concept and the change of paradigm of our discipline. Heart failure, cancer, infectious diseases, aging and life style, are important topics and threats for society nowadays. I am sure that during this conference leading scientists and medical professionals will discuss with you various aspects of these topics and will highlight the diagnostics laboratories' contributions for better life. In addition an exciting social programme was put together showing attractions of Lucerne one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. This Alps Adria / Swiss MedLab will certainly provide valuable opportunities for discussions, for making new friendships and for relaxation. Enjoy your stay in Lucerne !

Mathias M. Müller
IFCC President

Welcome to Lucerne!



From 5 to 9 October, Lucerne will be hosting laboratory physicians from all over the world. On behalf of Lucerne City Council, I wish you all a cordial welcome to our beautiful city and hope you enjoy your stay with us.

You have come to Lucerne because you wish to perfect your knowledge and benefit from the experience of your professional colleagues in neighbouring branches. The programme of plenary lectures and workshops promises to be as varied as it is demanding. However, Lucerne also offers plenty of opportunities for well-merited relaxation: why not visit one of the many museums such as the *Swiss Transport Museum* or the *Rosengart Collection* with its magnificent *Classic Modernist* works? Enjoy a short walk in the surrounding hills or a quiet boat trip on the lake. Or just sit down in a café and take in the southern charm of our city.

I wish you all an invigorating and unforgettable stay with us here in Lucerne.

Urs W. Studer, Mayor



Diagnostics Exhibition: Everything changes – Nothing changes

Swiss MedLab 2004 provides a unique opportunity for participants from Switzerland and all over the world to meet with the Diagnostic Industry and other Health Care Organisations. A large exhibition, together with workshops and presentations from scientists will allow you to familiarise yourself with latest technologies and trends in Laboratory Medicine.

Everything changes: Many of you remember the days where you came to an exhibition, expecting to see and to touch each instrument of a company. There was an «atmosphere of sport contest» when inviting for example participants to find out who is the fastest to change properly the membrane of a dialyzer.

Today, companies are going beyond presenting a major instrument. They are showing individual solutions for the medical laboratory and how specific instruments fit into a laboratory organisation. At Swiss MedLab the IVD-Industry is not only represented at the «main-exhibition» but at many separate exhibits like workshops, scientific presentations, poster sessions and more.

Nothing changes: The Diagnostic Exhibition (incl. associated events) is still the «Heart of the Congress». It is the platform where you are meeting with the representatives of individual companies to get up-dates on their latest equipment / technologies, individual solutions and services provided.

The SVDI (Swiss Diagnostic Manufacturers Association) is pleased to see the SULM (Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine) and their members organising this international Swiss MedLab Congress. We would like to express our warmest thanks to the SULM President Andreas Huber, Aarau for taking the driver seat to organise this event. We wish all participants a beneficial congress and an enjoyable stay in Lucerne.

Martin Rechsteiner, President SVDI / ASID

Dear Prof. Huber, Ladies and Gentlemen,



In this golden and harvest autumn season, and after almost one year's preparation, we are honored to get together in the beautiful Lucerne to hold the 1st Sino-Swiss Lab Medicine conference. On behalf of the Chinese Lab Medicine Society, I would like to send our sincere congratulations to the Conference; to send our sincere gratitude to the organizing committee, to send our sincere respects to our colleagues from Switzerland and Europe.

As rapid advancement of the medical and laboratory sciences, we have encountered unprecedented challenges in the 21st century. Therefore, the dialogues and the exchange of the information between our medical laboratory scientists in different countries have become an important way to improve our work. Although Chinese medical laboratory science has achieved tremendous developments in the last two decades, we still have long way to go before we can catch up with our European counterparts. This conference offered us the platform to learn from you, to benefit from you, and to get assistance from you. This conference also offered us the opportunity to see the beautiful land scene of Europe. I would like to give my honest gratitude for the hospitality that you provided to us. By the way, I should mention those who have contributed to our friendships.

Prof. Vonderschmitt of Switzerland, an old friend of Chinese people. He promoted the 1st Sino-European Conference in Florence, Italy in 1999. Dr. Pei, a Chinese Swiss, has bridged the friendship between our two peoples. He had initiated the dialogue at the beginning.

Prof. Gruenert of Germany, Prof. Blaton of Belgium and Prof. Siest of France have made great contributions in promoting the scientific exchange and friendship between China and European countries.

Prof. Huber is very enthusiastic in assisting our progress in the laboratory science. In recent two years, he has accepted many Chinese young laboratory scientists to study in his laboratory. His great efforts have enabled the success of this conference.

We should extend our gratitude to all of those old friends of Chinese people for all they had done for us. Altogether over 100 Chinese lab scientists have participated at this conference. They represent Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province, Guangdong Province etc.

Finally, I wish the full success for this conference. I wish the good health of all participants. I wish the friendship will last forever! Thank you very much!

Prof. Xia Shen Department of Clinical Laboratory, Xin Hua Hospital Shanghai Second Medical University



Congress Informations

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

On-Site Registration Desk

Main entrance, wing B

Opening times

Tuesday 08.30–18.00

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- Welcome Reception
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will be provided while you register for the Congress. You are requested to wear them all times, otherwise there is no entry to the Congress.

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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 programme changes have to be made because of the withdrawal of speakers etc. By registering for the event, the participant acknowledges this reservation.

Speakers

CME-Credits

Scientific Programme



Speaker presentation

As speaker you have to be present in the room of your presentation 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the first presentation of the session, where you will meet the chair responsible for the entire session. Together you will get ready for the presentation. Please bring your presentation as PowerPoint-file (ppt) either on a CD-ROM or on a memory stick to this room.

We remind all speakers to stay on time, allowing a few minutes for discussion. As the schedule is tight and needs synchronization (especially during the parallel sessions) the chairpersons are advised to interrupt presentations if a speaker overruns.

Speaker Ready Room, A/V Check

Those of you who would like to prepare themselves beforehand in a more relaxed atmosphere may do so in the speaker-ready-room.

Wing A, Level 3, BuM1

Opening times

Tuesday 10.00–18.00
Wednesday to Saturday 08.00–18.00

Continuous Education

The following societies guarantee CME-Creditpoints

6 points per day:

- Swiss Association of Laboratory Directors, FAMH
- Swiss Association of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists, labmed
- Swiss Cytometry Society, SCS
- Swiss Society of Allergology and Immunology, SGAI
- Swiss Society of Endocrinology and Diabetology, SGED
- Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry, SSCC
- Swiss Society of Microbiology, SGM

5 points per day:

- Swiss Society of Hematology, SGH
- Swiss Society of Transfusion Medicine, SVTM

4 points per day:

- Swiss Society of Medical Genetics, SGMG

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

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you on behalf of the Scientific Committee in Lucerne at Swiss Med-Lab 2004. At the time the Second Announcement appeared we were still working to fulfill «our commitment to an interdisciplinary approach to problems with an impact on Laboratory Medicine». Thanks to the efforts of all committee members we now present a Final Programme we believe meets our goal to a satisfactory degree:

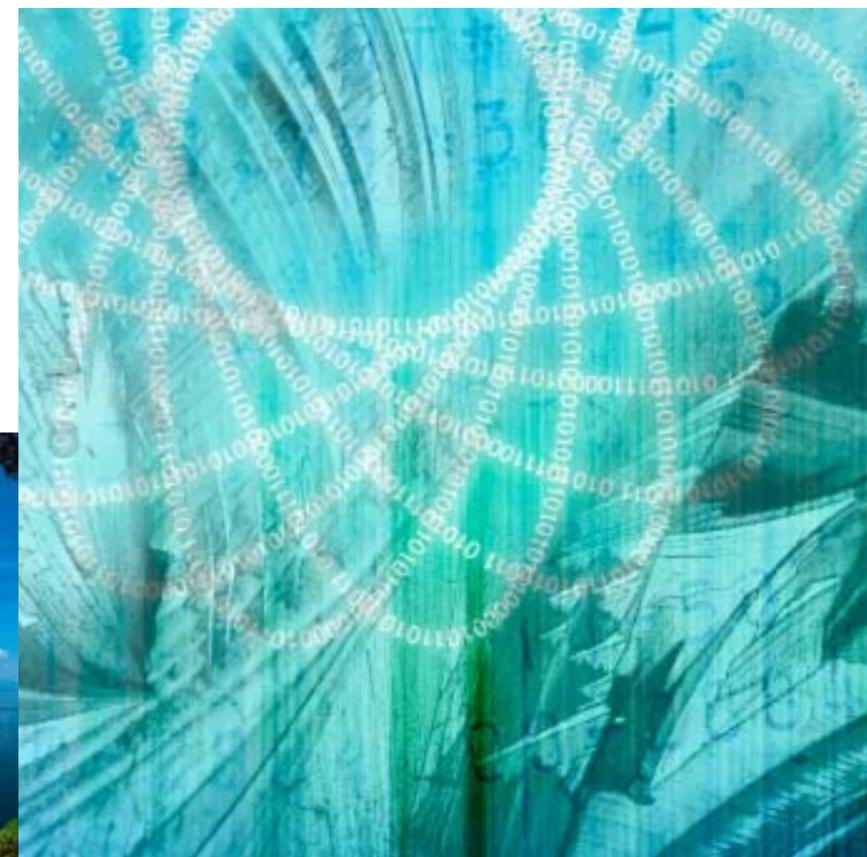
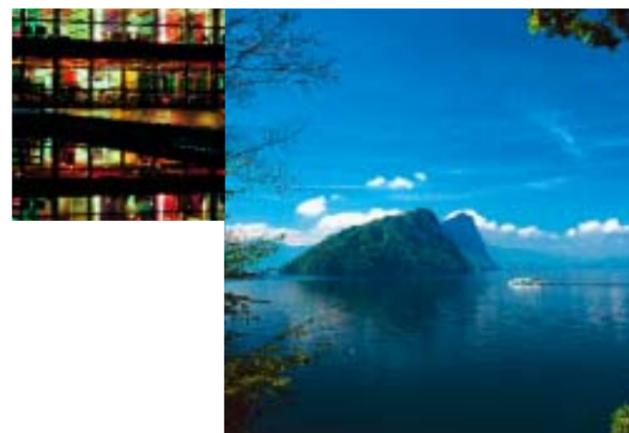
With the exception of Opening Day on Tuesday, October 5, each following day starts with a series of Plenary Lectures addressing the topic-of-the-day – «Heart Failure», «Host-Parasite-Interactions», «Benefits of Laboratory Medicine», «Ageing and Life Style» and «Cancer».

These introductory presentations are followed by topic-related Parallel Sessions and Workshops as well as by Symposia, organized by guest societies and delegations. Selected posters, competing for the SwissMedLab Poster-of-the-Day award, will be on display throughout the week.

Special highlights include the Nobel Laureate Lecture by Kurt Wüthrich on Wednesday afternoon, entitled «From Hemoglobin to Mad Cow Disease», and the Public Day «Arena» with participation of representatives from government, SULM and industry on Thursday morning.

The stage is set – it's now up to you, dear guest, to organize your stay and to spend a series of scientifically and socially rewarding days at Swiss MedLab 2004!

Max Hess
President Scientific Committee



Grants

Together with the IFCC and FESCC, the International Congress Swiss MedLab 2004 provided limited funds to assist scientists and researchers to participate (Young Investigators, Students & Trainees). These funds have been used to award grants to cover participation at the Congress. The grant consists of the benefits listed below.

A) Young Investigator Award (YIA)

9 Young Investigators have been selected

- 5 day Congress-Pass
- financial support for travel and / or hotel up to the value of CHF 500.–
- Steamboat Dinner

B) Students / Trainees

4 Students / Trainees have been selected

- 5 day Congress-Registration for CHF 100.– (instead of CHF 600.–)

Swiss MedLab Awards (SML-Awards)

The aim of the Congress – 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 persons with a constantly challenging and curious mind.

In future Laboratory Medicine will play a key role in health systems. To 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/Swiss MedLab decided to award prizes for outstanding presentations.

Swiss MedLab Award Auditorium ▲
Saturday, 9. October, Parallel Session 2, 9PS21
14.00–16.00

During evaluation of submitted abstracts by the Scientific Committee three abstracts have been selected by the scientific committee as oral presentation for finalists competing for the Swiss MedLab Award.

Swiss MedLab Award CHF 3000.–
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Poster of the DAY Award

The remaining Posters will be evaluated for the Poster of the DAY Prizes on each of the five days by the Poster Award Board.



Poster viewing

Opening times
Tuesday 10.00–17.30
Wednesday to Saturday 08.00–17.30

Tuesday
Poster set up 12.00–12.30
Poster take down 17.30–18.00
Wednesday to Saturday
Poster set up 08.00–09.00
Poster take down 17.30–18.00

Poster viewing with author present

Each poster author is requested to be at his or her poster from 12.30–13.00

Poster awarding Convention Foyer ◆

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 16.30–17.00
Wednesday and Saturday 13.30–14.00

Poster of the DAY Award
1. CHF 2000.–
2. CHF 750.–
3. CHF 500.–

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Saturday **labmed**

Poster Exhibition



Speaker Summaries – Pipette Supplementum

Summaries of Plenary- and Parallel Lectures are published within a Supplementum of «Pipette - Swiss Laboratory Medicine» thus a reference book for participants during and after the congress. The supplementum is part of the congress bag and can be picked-up at the SULM booth (wing B, B33).

Abstract Collection – CCLM 9/2004

All accepted abstracts are published in the September issue of «Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine» (CCLM). The CCLM September issue is part of the congress bag and will be distributed at the booth of Walter de Gruyter (wing A, A19).

CD-ROM Collection of Abstracts and Summaries

Abstracts and Speaker Summaries are collected on the special edition CD-ROM «Collection of Abstracts and Summaries». The CD-Rom is also part of the congress bag and thus distributed to all participants.

Oral Abstract Presentation Auditorium ▲
Saturday, 9. October, Parallel Session 2, 9PS21
14.00–16.00

Oral Abstract Presentation Sessions include 15-minute presentations of selected abstracts of scientific research in different topics of Laboratory Medicine.



Scientific Programme at a Glance

CME-Credits through participating societies will be granted
 Abstracts are published in «Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine CCLM»
 Speaker Summaries are published in «Pipette Supplementum»



Out of courtesy to all participants, you are kindly asked to be on time for all activities and turn your pager / mobile to silent mode.



Tuesday, October 5 Opening Day Heart Failure

Congress Registration
 SGKC Vorstandsmeeting
 labmed Sektionenkonferenz
 SULM Delegiertenversammlung
 Industry Exhibition

Lunch and Contact
 Industry Symposia ●
 Poster viewing author present

Opening address
 Plenary Lectures ■
 5PL1-5

Beer & Pretzel welcome
 SML Poster of the DAY Award ◆

Wednesday, October 6 Host-Parasite Interactions

Congress Registration
 Breakfast Symposia ●

Plenary Lectures ■
 6PL1-4

Parallel Workshop 6PW1 ▲
 Parallel Workshop 6PW2 ●

Lunch and Contact
 Industry Symposia ●
 Poster viewing author present
 SML Poster of the DAY Award ◆

Parallel session 1 6PS11-14 ■
 Parallel session 2 6PS21-24 ●
 Parallel session 3 6PS31-34 ●
 SINO Symposium I 6SS1-4

Nobel Laureate Lecture ■

Government Welcome Ceremony

Thursday, October 7 Benefits of Laboratory Medicine

Congress Registration
 Breakfast Symposia ●
 EPBS Executive group meeting
 FAMH Generalversammlung

Plenary Lectures ■
 7PL1-3

Arena Publikumsveranstaltung ■
 Alps Adria I 7PWAA ●
 Preanalytik Workshop 7PW1 ▲

Lunch and Contact
 Industry Symposia ●
 CSQC Meeting
 Poster viewing author present

Parallel session 1 7PS11-14 ●
 Parallel session 2 7PS21-24 ■
 Parallel session 3 7PS31-34 ●
 SINO Symposium II 7SS1-4 ▲

SML Poster of the DAY Award ◆

Steam-Boat Gala-Dinner

Friday, October 8 Ageing and Life Style Medicine

Congress Registration
 EPBS Council meeting 2004

Plenary Lectures ■
 8PL1-4

Parallel Workshop 8PW1 ●
 Parallel Workshop 8PW2 ▲
 Parallel Workshop 8PW3 ●

Lunch and Contact
 Industry Symposia ●
 SGKC Generalversammlung
 Poster viewing author present

Alps Adria II Symposium 8AS1-5 ■
 DGKL Symposium 8DS1-5 ▲
 SVTM Symposium 8SV1-4 ●

SML Poster of the DAY Award ◆

Concert Night

Saturday, October 9 Cancer

Congress Registration
 EPBS Council meeting 2004
 SCS meeting 2004

Plenary Lectures ▲
 9PL1-4

Parallel Workshop 9PW1 ●
 Parallel Workshop 9PW2 ●
 Parallel Workshop 9PW3 ●
 Alps Adria III Symposium 9AS1-4 ▲

Lunch and Contact
 Alps Adria Meeting
 Poster viewing, author present
 SML Poster of the DAY Award ◆

Parallel session 1 9PS11-14 ●
 Parallel session 2 9PS21-24 ▲

Swiss MedLab-Award
 Farewell address ▲

Themes of the Day

In order 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, we decided on one broad scientific field for each day of the week.

Tuesday, October 5, Opening Day **Heart Failure**

The congress proper starts on Tuesday afternoon with a Plenary Session featuring five presentations under the general heading of Heart Failure. Topics addressed include reviews of metabolic and infectious causes of heart failure as well as special aspects of laboratory tests for early diagnosis and for monitoring cardiac insufficiency, e.g. following heart transplantation.

08.30–18.00	Congress Registration	<i>Main Entrance B</i>
09.00–18.00	Poster- and Industry Exhibition	<i>Foyers wing A, B, C</i>
09.00–14.00	SGKC Vorstandsmeeting	<i>Group Room 4</i> ●
09.00–15.00	labmed Sektionenkonferenz	<i>Group Room 1+2</i> ●
10.00–12.00	SULM Delegiertenversammlung	<i>Group Room 5+6</i> ●
12.00–13.30	Lunch and Contact	<i>Foyers wing A, B, C</i>
Opening address 14.00–14.15	<i>Andreas Huber, CH President SULM</i> <i>Victor Blaton, B President FESCC</i> <i>Bendicht Wermuth, CH President Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry SCCC, Swiss Alps Adria Representative</i>	<i>Lucerne Hall</i> ■
Plenary Lectures 14.15–16.30	<i>Chair: Sigrid Hess, CH</i> 5PL1 Clinical chances and limitations of BNP assay <i>Johannes Mair, A</i> 5PL2 Metabolic causes of cardiac insufficiency <i>Christine Vianey-Saban, F</i> 5PL3 Overview of infectious causes of heart failure, pathogenesis of bacterial endocarditis <i>Philippe Moreillon, CH</i> 5PL4 Current status of transfusion triggers for red blood cell concentrates <i>Jean-François Hardy, CDN</i> 5PL5 Laboratory parameters during and after heart transplantation <i>Paul Mohacsi, CH</i>	<i>Lucerne Hall</i> ■
16.30–17.00	SML Poster of the DAY Award, sponsored by Biorad	<i>Convention Foyer</i> ◆
17.00–18.00	Beer & Pretzel welcome	

Wednesday, October 6 **Host-Parasite Interactions**

Wednesday is dedicated to Host-Parasite Interactions. During the Plenary Session an overview on defense mechanisms will be followed by discussions on problems due to development of resistant bacterial strains and to the emergence of «new» viruses. Workshops are being organized on aspects of biosafety and decontamination, and members of labmed offer a practical brush-up on diagnostic parasitology. The theme will be taken up by Parallel Sessions on nosocomial infections and dysregulation of hemostasis.

08.00–18.00	Congress Registration	Main Entrance B
08.00–09.00	Breakfast Symposium: <i>Digitana / Sysmex</i> Analytics, Organisation, Knowledge, Information, Service Roundtable Diskussionen in Deutsch	Group Room 1+2 ●
09.00–18.00	Poster- and Industry Exhibition	Foyers wing A, B, C
Plenary Lectures		Lucerne Hall ■
09.00–10.30	Chair: <i>Gaby E. Pfyffer, CH</i> 6PL1 Defense mechanisms reviewed <i>Max Hess, CH</i> 6PL2 Factors and mechanisms of resistance <i>Brigitte Berger, CH</i> 6PL3 Antibiotic-resistant bacteria <i>Georg Peters, D</i> 6PL4 Emerging infections <i>Albert Osterhaus, NL</i>	
11.00–12.30	Parallel Workshop 1 Diagnostic and biosafety Chair: <i>Kathrin Mühlemann, CH</i> <i>Gerhard Eich, CH, Felix Gmünder, CH, Christian Ruef, CH</i>	Auditorium ▲
11.00–12.30	Parallel Workshop 2 Parasitology <i>Elisabeth Escher, CH</i>	Group Room 5+6 ●
12.30–14.00	Lunch and Contact	Foyers wing A, B, C
12.30–14.00	Industry Symposium: <i>Digitana / Sysmex</i> The Quantification of Immature Blood Cells - New Tools for Clinical Haematology Chairman: <i>Dr. Rolf D. Hinzmann, Manager Scientific Marketing, SYSMEX EUROPE GMBH, Norderstedt</i> Referenten und Referate: <i>Prof. Dr. Lothar Thomas, Frankfurt, Krankenhaus Nordwest, Zentrallabor</i> - Reticulocyte Hemoglobin in the Diagnosis and Therapeutic Monitoring of Anemias <i>Dr. med. Axel Stachon, Bochum, BG Kliniken Bergmannsheil, Universitätsklinik der Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Institut für Klinische Chemie, Transfusions- und Laboratoriumsmedizin</i> - Significance of Erythroblasts in the Blood of Hospitalised Patients <i>Ms Carol Briggs & Prof. Dr. Sam Machin, London, University College London Haematology Department</i> - Assessment of an Immature Platelet Fraction (IPF) in the Clinical Evaluation of the Thrombocytopenic Patient	Group Room 1+2 ●
12.30–14.00	Industry Symposium: <i>Beckman Coulter</i> - Immunoassay-Testung einfach, automatisiert, innovativ <i>Marc Meyer, CH</i>	Group Room 3+4 ●
13.30–14.00	SML Poster of the DAY Award, sponsored by SULM	Convention Foyer ◆

Parallel session 1		Nosocomial Infections	Lucerne Hall ■
14.00–14.25	6PS11	Chair: <i>Reinhard Zbinden, CH</i> Nosocomial infections – the burning issues in 2004 <i>Christian Ruef, CH</i>	
14.25–14.50	6PS12	Swiss-NOSO: Swiss nosocomial infection prevalence study (snip) <i>Hugo Sax, CH</i>	
14.50–15.15	6PS13	Project of the Swiss National Foundation (NRP49) on antibiotic resistance surveillance-search <i>Kathrin Mühlemann, CH</i>	
15.15–15.40	6PS14	Surveillance and prevention of surgical site infections <i>Nicolas Troillet, CH</i>	
15.40–16.00		Discussion	

Parallel session 2		Coagulation	Group Room 5+6 ●
14.00–14.25	6PS21	Chair: <i>Dimitrios Tsakiris, CH</i> Coagulopathy in sepsis: pathogenesis and laboratory hallmarks <i>Dimitrios Tsakiris, CH</i>	
14.25–14.50	6PS22	DIC in sepsis: New treatment modalities <i>Alexander Duncan, USA</i>	
14.50–15.15	6PS23	Haemophilia and infections <i>Brigit Brand, CH</i>	
15.15–15.40	6PS24	Platelets as defence cells <i>Beate Kehrel, D</i>	
15.40–16.00		Discussion	

Parallel session 3		Diagnostics/Analysis of Dangerous Microorganisms	Group Room 7+8 ●
14.00–14.25	6PS31	Chair: <i>Günter Siegl, CH</i> Diagnostics/analysis of dangerous microorganisms <i>Urs Vögeli, CH</i>	
14.25–14.50	6PS32	Transport of dangerous organisms <i>Andrea Brandes, CH</i>	
14.50–15.15	6PS33	Bio-Terror: Swiss networks and referencing of relevant bacteria at the Swiss National Centre for anthrax (NANT) <i>Herbert Hächler, CH</i>	
15.15–15.40	6PS34	SARS and other respiratory viruses <i>Laurent Kaiser, CH</i>	
15.40–16.00		Discussion	

SINO-Symposium I		Developments of Laboratory Medicine in China and Europe	Auditorium ▲
14.00–14.25	6SS1	Chairs: <i>Tong Ming-An, PRC & Andreas Huber, CH</i> Education and training in clinical chemistry in Europe: FESCC initiatives and lessons from the experiences <i>Victor Blaton, B</i>	
14.25–14.50	6SS2	Review of fight against the infectious atypical pneumonia in Guangdong province <i>Qian Wang, PRC</i>	
14.50–15.15	6SS3	Estimates and measurements of renal function: uses and pitfalls <i>Lorenz Risch, A</i>	
15.15–15.40	6SS4	Heterogeneous expression of the retinoblastoma protein in childhood acute leukemia <i>Lisong Shen, PRC</i>	
15.40–16.00		Discussion	

Nobel Laureate Lecture		Lucerne Hall ■
16.15–17.00		From hemoglobin to mad cow disease – 35 years of NMR in biological and biomedical research <i>Kurt Wüthrich, CH</i>

17.00–17.45		Government Welcome Ceremony, <i>Stadträtin Ursula Stämmer-Horst</i> Lucerne Hall ■ Swiss Army Brass Band
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Thursday, October 7 Benefits of Laboratory Medicine

Benefits of Laboratory Medicine is the theme of Thursday, an official day of the congress with invitees from government and industry. The ground will be laid by a Plenary Session in which specialists present overviews on economics of laboratory medicine, health costs and quality management. The main event will be an open-to-the-public Arena with a provocative and visionary input lecture from Manfred Lütz followed by a round table discussion with government, insurance and health care representatives. In Parallel Sessions areas to be treated include handling of results obtained in gene analyses, cost of quality management systems, point-of-care testing and drug monitoring.

08.00–18.00 Congress Registration **Main Entrance B**

08.00–09.00 Breakfast Symposium: *IG Instrumenten Gesellschaft Zürich* **Group Room 1+2** ●
 New Intelligent Quality Management system (iQM) and fully automated Quality Assurance system on IL's Bloodgas Analyzer GEM Premier 3000
Mario Ferrario, IL Instrumentation Laboratory, I, Mr. Christophe Callewaert

09.00–18.00 **Poster- and Industry Exhibition** **Foyers wing A, B, C**

09.00–16.30 EPBS Executive group meeting **Group Room 3** ●

Plenary Lectures **Lucerne Hall** ■

09.00–10.00 7PL1 *Chair: Max Hess, CH*
 Economic assessment – for the right or for the wrong? *Konrade von Bremen, CH*
 7PL2 Q-Economics: Laboratory medicine in different health care systems
Mathias Müller, A
 7PL3 QM-Systems, focussing on accreditation and ISO *Anne Catherine Bollerup, S*

10.00–13.00 FAMH Generalversammlung **Group Room 7+8** ●

Arena **Visionen zur Zukunft der Labormedizin** **Lucerne Hall** ■

Chair: Gerald Tippelmann (PULS SF DRS), CH (die Arena findet in Deutsch statt)
 10.30–11.30 **Inputreferat: Manfred Lütz, D**
 11.30–12.30 **Arenadiskussion mit: Eugen David, René Disler, Klaus-Jörg Dogwiler, Andreas Huber, Gianpiero Lupi, Jean-François Sauter, Daniel Wiedmer**

Preanalytik-Workshop **Auditorium** ▲

11.00–12.30 Optimierte Preanalytik in der Arztpraxis unter Sicherheitsaspekten für Patienten und Personal (der Präanalytik-Workshop findet in Deutsch statt).
 In Zusammenarbeit mit *Becton-Dickinson*. *Chair: Gunter Linke, Direktor Marketing BD GSA. Referenten: dipl. Ing. Andreas Wittmann, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Dr. Josef Jost, Klinik im Park, Zürich, Frau Vittoria La Rocca, Hygiene-Beauftragte, Kantonsspital Aarau AG, Aarau, Frau Barbara Jost, Applikationsspezialistin, BD, Allschwil*

Alps Adria I **Quality Standards in the Alps-Adria Laboratories** **Group Room 5+6** ●

10.30–12.30 7PWAA *Chair: Walter G. Guder, D & Ana Stavljenic-Rukavina, HR*
 Roundtable discussion with *Pika Mesko Brguljan, SL, Fabio Gonano, I, Peter Hagemann, CH, Gustav Kovac, SK, Gábor L. Kovács, H, Mathias Müller, A, Vladimir Palicka, CZ and H. Reinauer, D:*
 - Present legal background of quality assurance
 - Internal and external quality criteria of the analytical phase
 - Quality improvement using quality indicators
 - Quality of diagnostic samples and of their transport, storage and treatment
 - Quality of the postanalytical phase
 - Towards a european quality management scheme - how far are we at present?

12.30–14.00 Lunch and Contact **Foyers wing A, B, C**

12.30–14.00 Industry Symposium: *Bayer: Advances in Infectious Disease Testing*
Francesco Dati, IVD - Consulting, Marburg Germany
Paul Taylor, West London Virology, St. Mary's Hospital, UK **Panorama Foyer**

Industry Symposium: *Roche Diagnostics* **Group Room 1+2** ●
 How many answers to a question? - In life and in the laboratory
Prof. Dr. Ernst Peter Fischer, Universität Konstanz

13.30–16.30 CSCQ Meeting **Group Room 4** ●

Parallel session 1 **Reporting Genetic Results** **Group Room 5+6** ●

Chair: Martin Hergersberg, CH
 14.00–14.30 7PS11 Conserved non-genetic sequences *Stylianos Antonarakis, CH*
 14.30–15.00 7PS12 Automated reporting of multiparametric genetic tests *Paul Cullen, D*
 15.00–15.30 7PS13 Reporting genetic results *Alistair Kent, GB*
 15.30–16.00 7PS14 Setup and management of the Swiss DNA database *Cordula Haas, CH*
 16.00–16.30 Discussion

Parallel session 2 **Benefits and costs of quality assurance** **Lucerne Hall** ■

Chair: Wolfgang Vogt, D
 14.00–14.30 7PS21 Worldwide comparability of measuring results *Rolf Straub, CH*
 14.30–15.00 7PS22 Experiences with the new IVD regulations *Jean-François Sauter, CH*
 15.00–15.30 7PS23 Benefits and costs of quality: accreditation of the autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation program at the Inselspital in Bern, CH
Caroline Zwicky, CH
 15.30–16.00 7PS24 Economic benefits of laboratory medicine *Ludwig Bapst, CH*
 16.00–16.30 Discussion

Parallel session 3 **POCT and near patient testing** **Group Room 7+8** ●

Chair: Jean-Pierre Colombo, CH
 14.00–14.30 7PS31 Limits, benefits, and pitfalls of POCT and near patient testing *Michelle Rossier, CH*
 14.30–15.00 7PS32 Reconciliation of physicians needs with laboratory requirements
Esther Hofmann, CH
 15.00–15.30 7PS33 Near patient drug Monitoring *Katharina Rentsch, CH*
 15.30–16.00 7PS34 POCT in the hospital: What's the point and who cares? *Hans von Pelt, NL*
 16.00–16.30 Discussion

SINO-Symposium II **Diagnostic tools from molecular biology** **Auditorium** ▲

Chairs: Xia Shen, PRC & Gerard Siest, F
 14.00–14.30 7SS1 The antithrombotic effect of TMVA, a GPIIb binding protein from snake venom
Hong Tai, PRC
 14.30–15.00 7SS2 Recent tools for DNA extractions, mutation detection and SNP genotyping
Gabor Matyas, CH
 15.00–15.30 7SS3 Two novel mutations in fibrillin-1 gene from patients with marfan syndrome
Yan-an Wu, PRC
 15.30–16.00 7SS4 Tumorcytogenetics *Benno Röthlisberger, CH*
 16.00–16.30 7SS5 Three analysis of mass spectral urine profiles discriminates transitional Cell carcinoma of the bladder from non-cancer patient *Yuan Lu, PRC*

16.30–17.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award, sponsored by **Radiometer** **Convention Foyer** ◆

18.30 Boarding for the Steam-Dream Gala-Dinner

Friday, October 8 Ageing and Life Style

The theme of Friday is Aging and Life Style. The Plenary Session covers a wide range of aspects, such as intergenerational changes in aging, aging at the cellular level, laboratory parameters of premature aging and the misuse of the term «functional food». Workshops on home monitoring in chronic disease and measurement of bone density are being held, and members of labmed give an introduction to wellness during which tired participants may recover with Power Yoga. In Parallel Sessions oral presentations of selected abstracts are planned.

08.00–18.00 Congress Registration **Main Entrance B**

09.00–18.00 **Poster- and Industry Exhibition** **Foyers wing A, B, C**

09.00–18.00 EPBS Council meeting 2004

Plenary Lectures **Lucerne Hall** ■

Chair: Claude Bachmann, CH

09.00–10.30 8PL1 Ageing and lifestyles – new ageing of new generations *François Höpflinger, CH*
 8PL2 Role of the clinical laboratory in diagnosing and monitoring (premature) ageing
Arnold von Eckardstein, CH
 8PL3 Reactive oxygen species and ageing *Stephan Christen, CH*
 8PL4 Functional foods: Probiotics-Microorganisms for health beneficial foods
Stephanie Blum, CH

Parallel Workshop 1 **Group Room 7+8** ●

11.00–12.30 8PW1 Body awareness and relaxation in everyday life *Catherine Cottier, CH*

Parallel Workshop 2 **Home monitoring** **Auditorium** ▲

11.00–12.30 8PW2 *Walter Wuillemin, CH, Peter Diem, CH*

Parallel Workshop 3 **Bone density** **Group Room 5+6** ●

Chair: Kurt Lippuner, CH
 11.00–12.30 8PW3 *Andrea Griesmacher, A, Janja Marc, SLO*

12.30–14.00 Lunch and Contact **Foyers wing A, B, C**

12.30–14.00 Industry Symposium: *Dade Behring* **Group Room 1+2** ●
 Präventive- und akute Diagnostik kardialer Erkrankungen
*Prof. Dr. med. Arnold von Eckardstein, Institut für Klinische Chemie, Universitäts-
 spital Zürich, PD Dr. med. Martin Möckel, Abteilung für Kardiologie, Charité-
 Virchow Klinikum, Berlin, Prof. Dr. med. Christian Müller, Kantonsspital, Basel*

Industry Symposium: *Abbott* **Group Room 3+4** ●
 Laboratory Medicine – today and tomorrow
*Tony Currel, Chief Biomedical Scientist, Southport & Ormskirk NHS Trust, UK, Ms
 Simone Schulze MD, Labor Dr. Güntert, Lucerne, Cass Grandone, Vice President
 of System Development and Core R&D, Abbott Diagnostics, Chicago, USA*

12.30–14.00 SGKC Generalversammlung **Panorama Foyer, wing C**

Alps Adria II, Symposium **New frontiers in laboratory medicine** **Lucerne Hall** ■

Chair: *Elizabeta Topic, HR, Ana Stavljenic-Rukavina, HR*
 14.00–14.30 8AS1 Pharmacogenetic testing in therapy optimization *Elizabeta Topic, HR*
 14.30–15.00 8AS2 Follow up of enzyme replacement therapy in lysosomal diseases
Ksenija Fumic, HR

15.00–15.30 8AS3 Probabilistic kinetic model of slow oxidation of LDL *Natasa Stojanovic, HR*
 15.30–16.00 8AS4 Role of stress proteins in development of apoptosis *Tihana Zanic, HR*
 16.00–16.30 8AS5 Role of early inflammatory markers in surgery *Jerin Ales, SLO*

DGKL-Symposium **Risk factors of cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases** **Auditorium** ▲

Chair: *Arnold von Eckardstein, CH*
 14.00–14.30 8DS1 Implications of emerging risk factors for therapeutic intervention
Gerd Assmann, D
 14.30–15.00 8DS2 New risk factors of cardiovascular disease *Karl Lackner, D*
 15.00–15.30 8DS3 Genetic risk factors *Harald Funke, D*
 15.30–16.00 8DS4 Risk factors of cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases: Role of oxidative
 stress *Eberhard Wieland, D*
 16.00–16.30 8DS5 Diagnostic and prognostic laboratory parameters in neurodegenerative diseases
Winfried März, A

SVTM-Symposium **Diagnostic tools in molecular biology** **Group Room 7+8** ●

Chair: *Rudolf Schwabe, CH*
 14.00–14.30 8SV1 Blood products: yesterday, today & tomorrow *Guy Lévy, CH*
 14.30–15.00 8SV2 Immunohaematologic test (patients and donors) *Marie-José Stelling, CH*
 15.00–15.30 8SV3 Haemovigilance in Switzerland *Marianne Senn, CH*
 15.30–16.00 8SV4 Blood grouping by molecular genetics: present and future *Geoff Daniels, GB*
 16.00–16.30 Discussion

16.30–17.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award, sponsored by **SVDI** **Convention Foyer** ◆

19.00 Concert Night, sponsored by **RUWAG** and **SVDI** **Concert Hall, wing C**
 21st Century Orchestra plays «Movie Classics», conducted by Ludwig Wicki



Saturday, October 9 Cancer

The congress will close on Saturday under the heading of Cancer. The presentations of the Plenary Session address aspects of oncological markers, pathogenesis at the molecular level, diagnostic gene analysis in leukemias and new laboratory tools. Diagnostic morphology, exfoliative cytology and flow cytometry are the objects of Workshops, and the scientific program ends with Parallel Sessions on cancer in families and preventive measures, complemented again by abstract presentations.

08.00–17.00 Congress Registration **Main Entrance B**

09.00–18.00 **Poster- and Industry Exhibition** **Foyers wing A, B, C**

09.00–18.00 EPBS Council meeting 2004

09.00–11.00 SCS meeting 2004 **Group Room 1+2**

Plenary Lectures **Auditorium**

Chair: Hans Gerber, CH
 09.00–10.30 9PL1 Oncological biomarkers - from observation to intervention *Petra Stieber, D*
 9PL2 Molecular pathogenesis in pediatric cancer: the TEL-AML1 chimera in ALL
Kurt Leibundgut, CH
 9PL3 New Tools in the diagnosis of cancer *Rolf Jaggi, CH*
 9PL4 Leukemia: genetic and diagnostic aspects *Claudia Schoch, D*

Parallel Workshop 1 **Morphology** **Group Room 3+4**

11.00–12.30 9PW1 The workshop «Morphology» offers an opportunity to look at and interpret bloodslides & samples of bone marrow aspirate and bone marrow biopsies. The participants will be guided through the Myeloproliferative and Myelodysplastic Disorders following the WHO-classification. *Regula Rüegg, CH*
 Please register at the congress registration, max. 20 participants

Parallel Workshop 2 **Practical flow cytometry in cancer diagnosis** **Group Room 5+6**

11.00–12.30 9PW2 Lymphomas and leukemia *Thomas Matthes, CH*
 Use of FACS in a mouse tumor model *Matthias Matter, CH*
 ΔNp73 antisense activates PUMA and induces apoptosis in neuroblastoma cells
Ana Paula Simones-Wüest, CH
 Problems in measurement of antigen-specific immune responses in a clinical setting *Walter Fierz, CH*

Parallel Workshop 3 **Non gynecologic diagnostic cytopathology (Papanicolaou stain)** **Group Room 7+8**

11.00–12.30 9PW3 Deutsch, Teil 1: Zytologische Diagnostik (Diavortrag), Teil 2: Individuelle Arbeit am Mikroskop mit zahlreichen Präparaten von benignen und malignen Läsionen
Lidia Zöbeli, Rita Keller und Marianne Bächler, CH
 Bitte melden Sie sich bei der Kongress-Registration an, max. 20 Teilnehmer

11.00–12.30 SINO 2006 **BuM 3**

Alps Adria III, Symposium **Consultative role of laboratory** **Auditorium**

Chair: Gábor L. Kovács, H & Petr Kocna, CZ
 11.00–11.20 9AS1 Serology markers in the screening and diagnostics of coeliac disease
Petr Kocna, CZ
 11.20–11.40 9AS2 Activation products of the haemostatic system in cardiovascular disease
Mojca Stegnar, SLO

11.40–12.00 9AS3 Diagnostic role of soluble serum transferrin receptors in anemias

Sandra Margetic, HR

12.00–12.20 9AS4 Quality issues of immunochemistry assays *Gábor L. Kovács, H*

12.30–14.00 Lunch and Contact

12.30–14.00 Swiss MedLab 2008

12.40–13.55 Alps Adria Meeting

13.30–14.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award, sponsored by **labmed**

Foyers wing A, B, C

BuM 3, wing A

Group Room 1+2

Convention Foyer

Parallel session 1 **Familial Cancer** **Group Room 5+6**

Chair: Gérard Siest, F
 14.00–14.25 9PS11 Preventive strategies in hereditary breast cancer *Rita Schmutzler, D*
 14.25–14.50 9PS12 Hereditary colon cancer: from bedside to bench and back
Hansjakob Müller, CH
 14.50–15.15 9PS13 PSA Screening for prostate cancer *Franz Recker, CH*
 15.15–15.40 9PS14 Secondary prevention of hereditary cancer *Hans Vasen, NL*
 15.40–16.00 Discussion

Parallel session 2 **Oral presentation of selected abstracts** **Auditorium**

Chair: Claude Bachmann, CH, Gábor L. Kovács, H
 Swiss MedLab-Award Finalists oral presentations:
 14.00–14.20 9PS21 5AP011 Side by side evaluation of three fully automated BNP/pro-NT-BNP assays
Reto Savoca et. al, Aarau, CH
 14.20–14.40 9PS22 7AP029 High in-hospital mortality of intensive care patients with nucleated red blood cells in blood
Axel Stachon et. al, Bochum, D
 14.40–15.00 9PS23 7AP050 Serum creatinine is a strong independent predictor of death and of vascular events in patients undergoing coronary angiography
Christoph Sály et. al, Feldkirch, A
 15.00–15.30 9PS24 SGKC / SSCC-Award Lecture and Award presentation
 15.30–16.00 Swiss MedLab-Award, Sponsored by **Labor Dr. Güntert AG**
 16.00–16.30 Farewell and see you again at Swiss MedLab 2008
Mathias Müller, A, Euromedlab 2005, Glasgow
Xia Shen, PRC, SINO-SWISS Elite 2006, Kunming
Paolo Mocarelli, I, 9th Alps Adria, 2006, Como
Andreas Huber, CH, Swiss MedLab 2008, Montreux

16.30–17.30 Bye-bye Bar

Auditorium Foyer

Speakers and Chairs in alphabetical order

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Antonarakis	Stylianos	CH	7PS11
Assmann	Gerd	D	8DS1

B

Bachmann	Claude	CH	8PL, 9PS2
Bapst	Ludwig	CH	7PS24
Berger-Bächi	Brigitte	CH	6PL2
Bieri	Rolf	CH	Industry Symposia
Blaton	Victor	B	6SS1
Blum	Stephanie	CH	8PL4
Bollerup	Anne Catherine	S	7PL3
Brand	Brigit	CH	6PS23
Brandes	Andrea	CH	6PS32
Brguljan	Pika Mesko	SL	7PWAA
Briggs	Carol	UK	Industry Symposia
Büchler	Marianne	CH	9PW3

C

Callewaert	Christophe		Industry Symposia
Christen	Stephan	CH	8PL3
Colombo	Jean-Pierre	CH	7PS3
Cottier	Catherine	CH	8PW1
Cullen	Paul	D	7PS12
Currel	Tony	UK	Industry Symposia

D

Daniels	Geoff	GB	8SV4
David	Eugen	CH	Arena
Dati	Francesco	D	Industry Symposia
Diem	Peter	CH	8PW2
Disler	René	CH	Arena
Dogwiler	Klaus-Jürg	CH	Arena
Duncan	Alexander	USA	6PS22

E

Eich	Gerhard	CH	6PW1
Escher	Elisabeth	CH	6PW2

F

Ferrario	Mario	I	Industry Symposia
Fierz	Walter	CH	9PW2
Fischer	Ernst Peter	D	Industry Symposia
Fumic	Ksenija	HR	8AS2
Funke	Harald	D	8DS3

G

Gerber	Hans	CH	9PL
Gmünder	Felix	CH	6PW1
Gonano	Fabio	I	7PWAA
Grandone	Cass	USA	Industry Symposia
Griesmacher	Andrea	A	8PW3
Guder	Walter G.	D	7PWAA

H

Haas	Cordula	CH	7PS14
Hächler	Herbert	CH	6PS33
Hagemann	Peter	CH	7PWAA
Hardy	Jean-François	CDN	5PL4
Häusler	Ramona	D	Industry Symposia
Hergersberg	Martin	CH	7PS1
Hess	Sigrid	CH	5PL
Hess	Max	CH	6PL1, 7PL
Hinzmann	Rolf D.	D	Industry Symposia
Hofmann	Esther	CH	7PS32
Höpflinger	François	CH	8PL1
Huber	Andreas	CH	6SS, 7PS24, Arena

J

Jaggi	Rolf	CH	9PL3
Jansen	Henk	D	Industry Symposia
Jerin	Ales	SLO	8AS5
Jost	Barbara	CH	Industry Symposia
Jost	Josef	CH	Industry Symposia

K

Kaiser	Laurent	CH	6PS34
Kehrel	Beate	D	6PS24
Keller	Rita	CH	9PW3
Kent	Alistair	GB	7PS13
Kocna	Petr	CZ	9AS1
Kovac	Gustav	SK	7PWAA
Kovács	Gábor L.	H	9AS4
Lackner	Karl	D	8DS2

L

La Rocca	Vittoria	CH	Industry Symposia
Leibundgut	Kurt	CH	9PL2
Lévy	Guy	CH	8SV1
Linke	Gunter	D	Industry Symposia
Lippuner	Kurt	CH	8PW3
Lissen	Jo	D	Industry Symposia
Lu	Yuan	PRC	7SS5
Lupi	Gianpiero	CH	Arena
Lütz	Manfred	D	Arena, Inputreferat

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Machin	Sam	UK	Industry Symposia
Mair	Johannes	A	5PL1
Marc	Janja	SLO	8PW3
Margetic	Sandra	HR	9AS3
März	Winfried	A	8DS5
Matter	Matthias	CH	9PW2
Matthes	Thomas	CH	9PW2
Matyas	Gabor	CH	7SS2
Meyer	Marc	CH	Industry Symposia
Ming-An	Tong	PRC	6SS
Möckel	Martin	D	Industry Symposia
Mohacsi	Paul	CH	5PL5

Moreillon	Philippe	CH	5PL3
Mühleman	Kathrin	CH	6PS13, 6PW1
Müller	Christian	CH	Industry Symposia
Müller	Hansjakob	CH	9PS12
Müller	Mathias	A	7PL2, 7PWAA

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Osterhaus	Albert	NL	6PL4
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Palicka	Vladimir	CZ	7PWAA
Peters	Georg	D	6PL3
Pfyffer	Gaby E.	CH	6PL

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Recker	Fanz	CH	9PS13
Reinauer	H	D	7PWAA
Rentsch	Katharina	CH	7PS33
Risch	Lorenz	A	6SS3
Röhl	Jörg	D	Industry Symposia
Rossier	Michelle	CH	7PS31
Röthlisberger	Benno	CH	7SS4
Ruef	Christian	CH	6PS11
Rüegg	Regula	CH	9PW1

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Sauter	Jean-François	CH	7PS22, Arena
Sax	Hugo	CH	6PS12
Schmutzler	Rita	D	9PS11
Schoch	Claudia	D	9PL4
Schulze	Simone	CH	Industry Symposia
Schwabe	Rudolf	CH	8SV
Senn	Marianne	CH	8SV3
Shen	Lisong	PRC	6SS4
Shen	Xia	PRC	7SS
Siegl	Günter	CH	6PS2
Siest	Gerard	F	7SS, 9PS
Simones-Wüest	Ana Paula	CH	9PW2
Stachon	Axel	D	Industry Symposia
Stavljenic-Rukavina	Ana	HR	7PWAA
Stegnar	Mojca	SLO	9AS2
Stelling	Marie-José	CH	8SV2
Stieber	Petra	D	9PL1
Stojanovic	Natasa	HR	8AS3
Straub	Rolf	CH	7PS21

T

Tai	Hong	PRC	7SS1
Taylor	Paul	UK	Industry Symposia
Thomas	Lothar	D	Industry Symposia
Tippelmann	Gerald	CH	Arena
Topic	Elizabeta	HR	8AS1
Troillet	Nicolas	CH	6PS14
Tsakiris	Dimitrios	CH	6PS21

V

Vasen	Hans	NL	9PS14
Vianey-Saban	Christine	F	5PL2
Vögeli	Urs	CH	6PS31
Vogt	Wolfgang	D	7PS2
Völkel	Matthias	D	Industry Symposia
von Bremen	Konrade	CH	7PL1
von Eckardstein	Arnold	CH	8PL2, 8DS
von Pelt	Hans	NL	7PS34

W

Wang	Qian	PRC	6SS2
Wiedmer	Daniel	CH	Arena
Wieland	Eberhard	D	8DS4
Wittmann	Andreas	D	Industry Symposia
Wu	Yan-an	PRC	7SS3
Wuillemin	Walter	CH	8PW2
Wüthrich	Kurt	CH	Nobel Lecture

Z

Zanic	Tihana	HR	8AS4
Zbinden	Reinhard	CH	6PS1
Zöbeli	Lidia	CH	9PW3
Zwicky	Caroline	CH	7PS23

win-win

Swiss MedLab 2004 provides a unique opportunity for diagnostic industry and other relevant organizations to promote themselves in front of a large, international audience. Throughout the week, industrial Exhibits allow you to familiarise yourself with the latest equipment and technologies in Laboratory Medicine.

The exhibition is located in all three main sectors (A, B, C) of the KKL Congress Centre in Lucerne. Registration and all catering breaks during the conference will also take place in this area.

This conference offers companies the opportunity to present their products and services to the participants from Switzerland, Europe, and Far East. On the other hand, participants can stay tuned with the latest developments in the field of Laboratory Medicine. Thus, the industry exhibition is a win-win for all parties.

Major Sponsors



The Industry week at a glance

Tuesday, October 5, Opening Day

16.30–17.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award
Sponsored by **Biorad** **Convention Foyer** ◆

Wednesday, October 6

08.00–09.00 Breakfast Symposium
Digitana / Sysmex **Group Room 1+2** ●

12.30–14.00 Industry Symposia
Digitana / Sysmex **Group Room 1+2** ●
Beckman Coulter **Group Room 3+4** ●

13.30–14.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award
Sponsored by **SULM** **Convention Foyer** ◆

Thursday, October 7

08.00–09.00 Breakfast Symposium
IG Instrumenten Gesellschaft **Group Room 1+2** ●

11.00–12.30 Preanalytik Workshop
Becton-Dickinson **Auditorium** ▲

12.30–14.00 Industry Symposia
Bayer **Panorama Foyer** ●
Roche Diagnostics **Group Room 1+2** ●

16.30–17.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award
Sponsored by **Radiometer** **Convention Foyer** ◆

Friday, October 8

12.30–14.00 Industry Symposia
Dade Behring **Group Room 1+2** ●
Abbott **Panorama Foyer** ●

16.30–17.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award
Sponsored by **SVDI** **Convention Foyer** ◆

19.00–20.00 Concert Night, sponsored by **RUWAG** and **SVDI**

Saturday, October 9

13.30–14.00 SML Poster of the DAY Award
Sponsored by **labmed** **Convention Foyer** ◆

15.30–16.00 Swiss MedLab Award
Sponsored by **Labor Dr. Güntert** **Auditorium** ▲

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**SULM
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Roche Diagnostics (Schweiz) AG
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CH-Baar A1
CH-Zürich A3
CH-Nyon A4
CH-Genève A14
D-Henningsdorf A17 and 18
D-Appenheim A21
CH-Vionnaz A20
CH-Zug A16
CH-Aarau A15
D-Hamburg A13
CH-Menziken A10
CH-Langnau im Emmental A12
CH-Greifensee A11
CH-Rotkreuz A2
CH-Greifensee A11
D-Berlin A19

Wing B

BAG Med GmbH
BioRad AG
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IG Instrumenten Gesellschaft
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CH-Rapperswil B30
CH-Schönenbuch B35 to 37
CH-Düdingen B49
CH-Schlieren B26
CH-Horgen B41 to 44 and B50
CH-Allschwil B32A
CH-Bäch B40
CH-Zürich B34
CH-Bern, Lugano, FL-Schaan B22
CH-Rüschlikon B38
CH-Nunningen B28 and 29
CH-Radelfingen B39
CH-Zug B45
CH-Spreitenbach B51
CH-Littau-Luzern B31
CH-Thalwil B27
CH-Zürich B25
CH-Sevelen B23 and 24
CH-Aarau B33
CH-Littau-Luzern B32

Wing C

ACC AG
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Olympus Optical (Schweiz) AG
SGKC
Sweden Diagnostics AG
TecDev
Torex Health Switzerland GmbH

CH-Zürich C65
CH-Galmiz C60
CH-Baden-Dättwil C54
CH-Allschwil C66
CH-Villars-sur Glâne C56 and 57
CH-Cressier sur Morat C55
GB-Glasgow C62
I-Milano C63
CH-Glattbrugg C67 and 68
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CH-Dübendorf C52
CH-Belmont s/ Yverdon C64
CH-Schwerzenbach C58 and 59

Floorplan Industry Exhibition



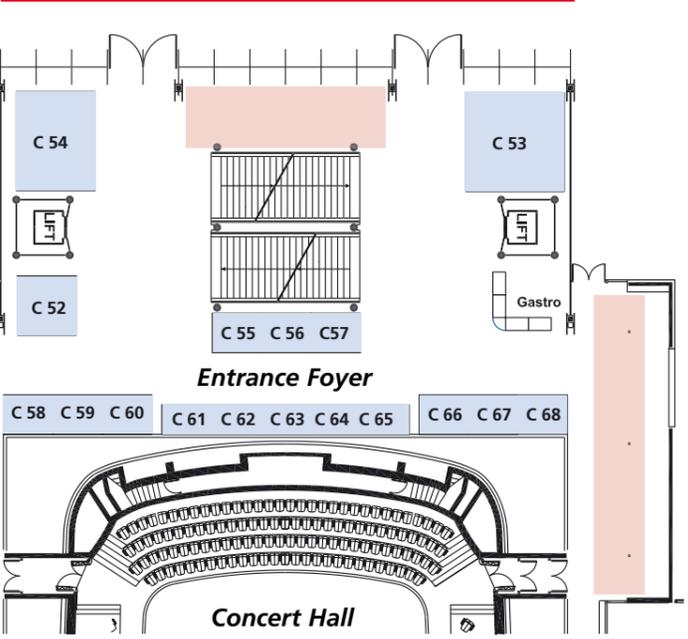
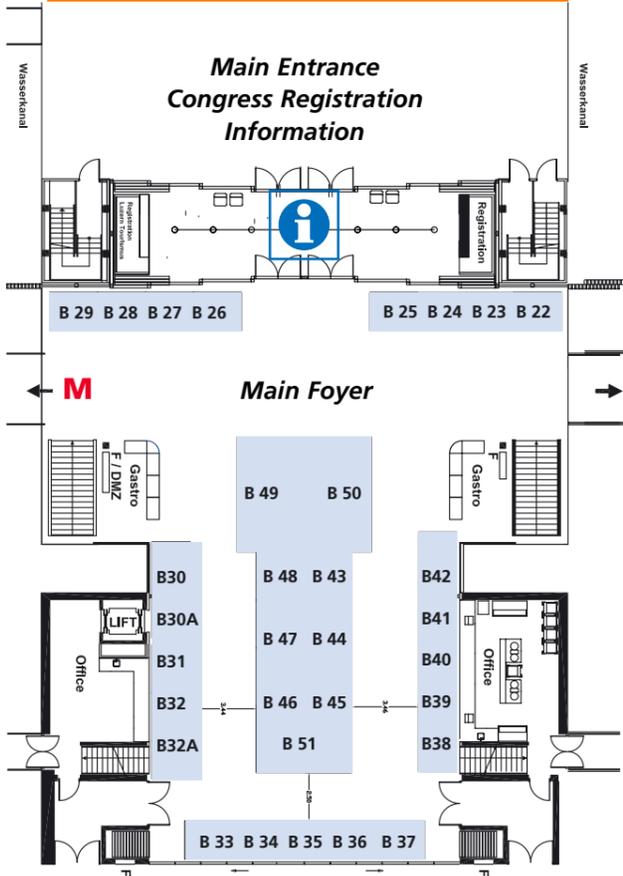
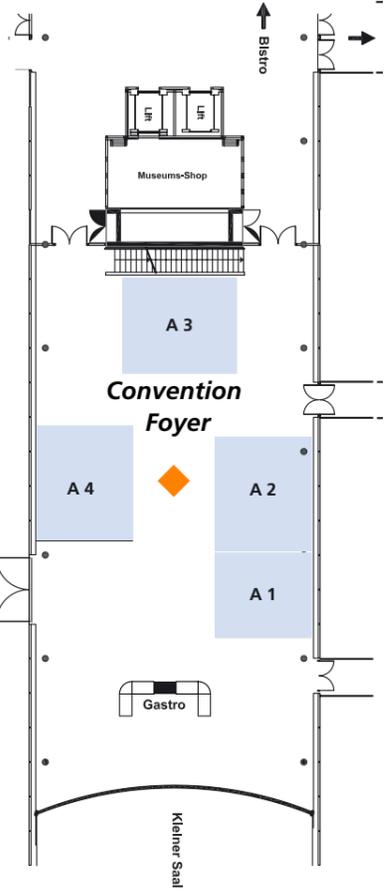
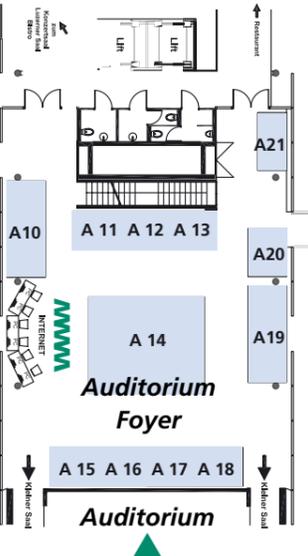
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The Social Week at a Glance



Tuesday, October 5, Opening Day

16.30–17.30

Beer & Pretzel welcome

Convention Foyer ◆

Wednesday, October 6

14.00–16.30

Guided City Walking Tour

Wagenbach Fountain

17.00–17.45

Government Welcome Ceremony,
Swiss Army Brass Band, Apéro

Lucerne Hall ■

Thursday, October 7

09.00–16.30

Visit to the Sbrinz cheese dairy in Bouchs and the
monastery in Einsiedeln

Wagenbach Fountain

10.15–15.30

Excursion to Mt. Rigi

Wagenbach Fountain

18.30

Boarding for the Steam-Boat Gala-Dinner

at the boat landing piers

19.00–22.00

Steam-Boat Gala-Dinner

right next to the KKL

Friday, October 8

10.00–15.30

Excursion to Mt. Pilatus

Wagenbach Fountain

10.00–14.00

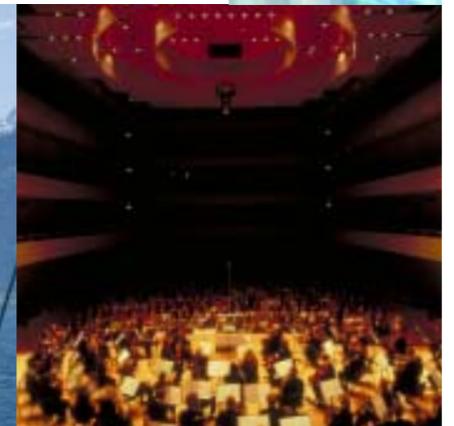
Visit to the Hergiswil Glass factory

Wagenbach Fountain

19.00–20.00

Concert Night, sponsored by **RUWAG** and **SVDI**

Concert Hall, wing C



Discover the beauty of one of Switzerland's most attractive cities and its surroundings. Lucerne has something to suit all tastes, from a leisurely stroll through the city to exciting adventures. Just as fascinating as the city itself is the picturesque surrounding countryside, which offers a wide range of attractive excursions.



Tuesday, October 5, Opening Day

16.30–18.30 Beer & Pretzels for arriving participants at the congress site (KKL)

Wednesday, October 6

14.00 Guided City Walking Tour

Meet your guide in front of the Culture and Convention Center (Wagenbach» Fountain) the start of the guided walking tour.

You will learn important, humorous and interesting facts about Lucerne's history, churches, bridges, narrow streets, towers, squares, and of course, Lucerne's trademark, the Chapel Bridge.

Apart from its unique situation on the western end of Lake Lucerne the town, which was founded around 1180 on even older foundations, is worth visiting for its many historical monuments, such as the famous Chapel Bridge, the Town Hall, the Weinmarkt Square and the Jesuit Church, just to name a few examples.

16.00 End of the walking tour in the old part of the town – goodbye.

17.00–17.45 Government Welcome Ceremony (KKL)

from 22.00 Penthouse Afterparty, Hotel Astoria, Pilatusstrasse

Thursday, October 7

10.15 Excursion to Mt. Rigi

Meet your guide in front of the Culture and Convention Center (Wagenbach» Fountain), then a short walk to the boat pier

10.34 Departure of the boat to Vitznau

11.40 Arrival in Vitznau

The Rigi, the so-called «Queen of the mountains» has been considered for over 100 years as the mountain

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18.30

with the best view in Central Switzerland. It was here that Europe's first cogwheel railway was built. The trip to the peak and back combines a cogwheel train ride, an aerial cable car ride and a boat trip on Lake Lucerne.

Departure of the cogwheel train

Arrival at the top of Mt. Rigi

Time at leisure – individual lunch

Departure by cogwheel train to Rigi Kaltbad

Arrival at Rigi Kaltbad, change to the cable car

Departure of the cable car to Weggis

Arrival in Weggis, bus transfer to Lucerne

Arrival at Lucerne, end of the Excursion

Visit to the Sbrinz cheese dairy in Buochs and the monastery in Einsiedeln

Meet your guide in front of the Culture and Convention Center (Wagenbach» Fountain).

Departure by coach to Buochs

Arrival at the Sbrinz cheese dairy in Buochs. Tour of the dairy and aperitif.

Departure by coach to Beckenried

Departure of the ferry across Lake Lucerne to Gersau

Arrival in Gersau and bus ride to Einsiedeln

Arrival in Einsiedeln. Time at leisure – individual lunch

Tour of the monastery in Einsiedeln *The monastery Einsiedeln was an intellectual and cultural centre, and the traditional high school is still running today. The library which was recently renovated, contains 50000 books from all centuries and in addition a number of thousand years old handwritings. Today about 90 monks belong to the convent. Inside, the baroque complex unfolds to its utmost beauty.*

End of the visit and transfer by coach to Lucerne

Arrival in Lucerne, end of the Excursion

Boarding the Authentic Steam Boat Gala-Dinner on Lake Lucerne

Friday, October 8

10.00

Excursion to Mt. Pilatus

Meet your guide in front of the Culture and Convention Center (Wagenbach» Fountain) then a short walk to the boat pier

10.15 Departure of the boat to Alpnachstad

11.57 Arrival in Alpnachstad – change to the cogwheel train

12.10 Departure of the steepest cogwheel train of the world to Mt. Pilatus

12.40 Arrival at the summit of Mt. Pilatus (2129m). Time at leisure – individual lunch. *Enjoy an unforgettable trip to Mount Pilatus, Lucerne's most striking landmark, by taking the boat, the world's steepest cogwheel railway, a gondola and a cable car. Marvel at the breathtaking view over the Alps and enjoy international cuisine in the hotels and restaurants.*



14.30 ca. Return by gondola and cable car to Kriens

15.15 ca. Arrival in Kriens, bus transfer to Lucerne

15.30 ca. Arrival in Lucerne, end of the Excursion

or

10.00

Visit to the Hergiswil Glass factory

Meet your guide in front of the Culture and Convention Center («Wagenbach» Fountain).

Bus transfer to Hergiswil

10.30 –12.00 Guided tour of the glass factory *Hergiswil*

The tour starts in our permanent exhibition of the history of glass and glassworks. This labyrinth of scenes, positioned somewhere between a country theatre, a gallery of illusions and a time machine, leads you through the ups and downs of the 180-years history and directly to the incandescent glass furnace. With a good view to the glassmakers' platform you will observe the craftsmen at their rhythmical work.



afterwards Time at leisure

12.45 Departure of the boat to Lucerne

13.32 Arrival in Lucerne, end of the trip



19.00 Swiss MedLab Concert, sponsored by RUWAG and SVDI 21st Century Orchestra plays «Movie Classics», conducted by Ludwig Wicki, KKL-Concert Hall

Saturday, October 9

Morning Time for individual visits and shopping

Further information about social activities in and around Lucerne will be given at the information Desk, Main Entrance, wing B.

In general

Museums in Lucerne

www.museen-luzern.ch
Picasso Museum, Rosengart Foundation, New Art Museum, Bourbaki Panorama, Swiss Transport Museum, and others

Museums within one hour by train

www.museums.ch
Zurich, Kunstmuseum, Kunsthalle, Museum Konstruktiv
Basel, Kunstmuseum, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Beyeler Foundation, Vitra Design Museum
Bern, Kunsthhaus, Paul Klee Foundation

Theater and Dance

www.luzerner-theater.ch

Cinemas & IMAX

www.cineman.ch

Sport

www.luzern.org
rowing, hiking, ski, golf, swimming
www.fcb.ch

Restaurants and Bars

www.town.ch/luzern

Casino

www.casinoluzern.ch

Concerts

www.jazzluzern.ch
Jazz
www.stadt Keller.ch
Blues, Rock, Pop

The venue



Lucerne



The Congress Site

The Lucerne Culture and Convention Centre (KKL) was designed by the French architect Jean Nouvel and offers «state of the art» congress facilities. The Jewel of the KKL is its concert hall, one of the finest in the world.

The convertible Lucerne Hall provides 1000 seats with excellent acoustics, appropriate audio-visual installations, variable stage pedestals and a mobile rostrum. The Auditorium is equipped with the latest conference technology, 270 comfortable upholstered leather chairs and pullout tables, ideal lighting and perfectly balanced acoustics and is an attractive venue for lectures.

In addition to this, we will benefit from a number of small meeting rooms as well as the spacious congress foyers.

The KKL Congress Center and Swiss MedLab 2004 guarantee facilities of the highest standards.

Address

Culture and Convention Centre (KKL)
Europaplatz 1
CH-6005 Lucerne

Opening times

Tuesday 10.00–18.00
Wednesday to Saturday 08.00–18.00

Catering during the Congress

The KKL Bistro offers a tasty selection from croissants to various freshly prepared menus throughout the day. Snack-Islands will be located in wing B. They are specially designed to suit congress-needs and offer delicious sandwiches, warm snacks and sweets.

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Opening times
Daily 17.00–24.00
Friday and Saturday till 02.00

Bistro

Opening times
Monday to Friday 07.30–23.00
Saturday 09.00–23.00

Restaurants

In Lucerne we do not only eat traditional Swiss food. You will find international cuisine well represented. Whether you want to enjoy the gaiety of a Lucerne inn, exotic tidbits after a concert, an elegant evening for two; any of the above will be a culinary experience.

Tourist Information

The Tourist Information located at the west side of the railway station (Zentralstrasse 5).

Opening times

Monday to Friday 08.30–17.30
Saturday and Sunday 09.00–13.00
phone +41 (0) 41 227 17 17

Shopping

Both the Old Town and the new part of the city are a shopper's paradise. The charming backdrop of old buildings lends your shopping spree a special atmosphere. Take a break from shopping in one of the many restaurants and cafés. Most stores accept credit cards.

Opening times

Monday to Wednesday 09.00–18.30
Thursday and Friday 09.00–21.00
Saturday 09.00–16.00
Sunday closed

The shops in the train station have more flexible hours and are mostly open daily until 20.00

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 09.00–17.00

Cash withdrawals cash machine

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

Cash withdrawals window counter, change

At the railway station

Tipping

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

Communication

Post office

The main Post office is near the railway station (corner Bahnhofstrasse / Bahnhofplatz)

Opening times

Monday to Friday 07.30–18.30
Saturday 08.00–12.00
Sunday closed

Public Phone

International public telephones are located in the railway station

Internet Corner

Would you like to check your personal E-Mails or do you need to look up something specific on the web? Have a look at the Internet Corner, where H-Informatik, Aarau has provided all necessary tools for you to catch on with your backoffice.

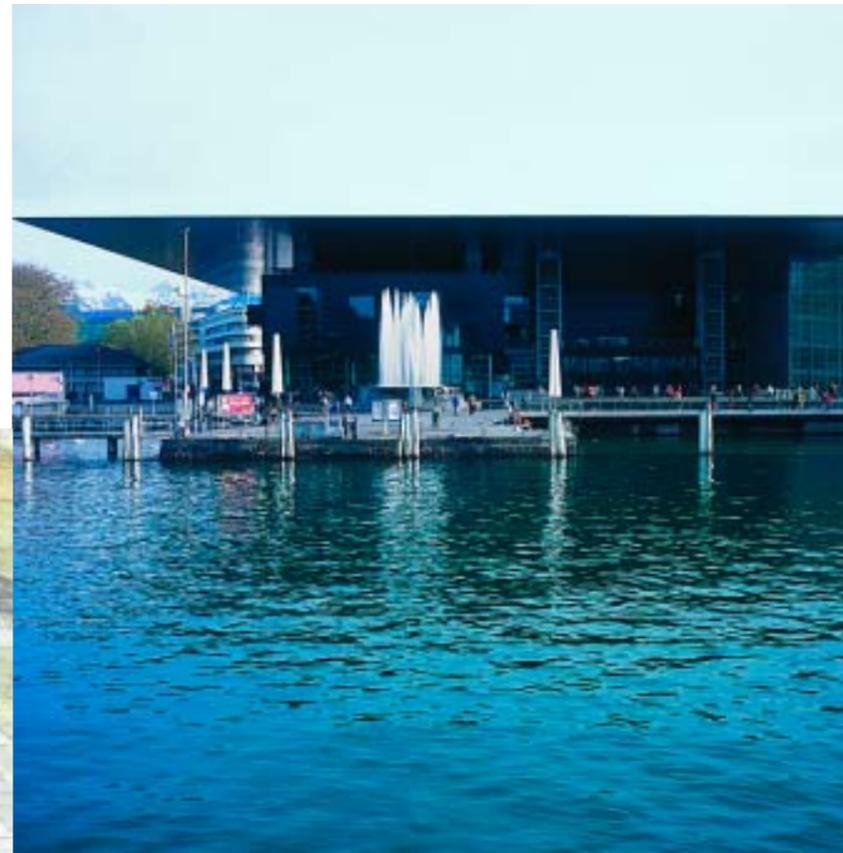
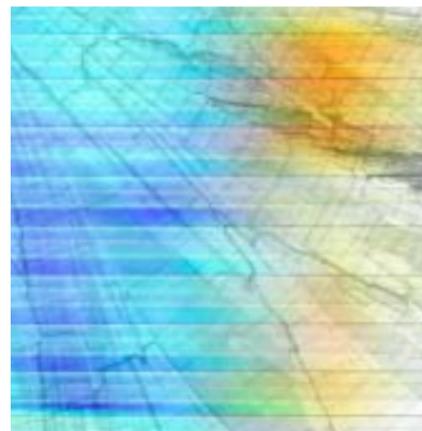
The Internet and E-Mail Service is located in wing A, Level 1, at the Auditorium Foyer.

Opening times

Tuesday 10.00–18.00
Wednesday to Saturday 08.00–18.00

Message Board

You don't reach your colleague by phone? Leave a message for him/her at the message board, located at the footbridge between wing A & B.



Travel by Plane



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By Plane

Travelling by plane, you preferably arrive at the International Airport in Zurich. Find the train station within the same building and enjoy your transfer from Zurich Airport to Lucerne on the new comfortable double decker intercity, which departs every 30 minutes and brings you within an hour directly to the heart of Lucerne, right next to the KKL conference-center.

Flight check-in at the train station Lucerne

Window 21
Daily 08.00–19.00

Does not include American airline companies and several other airlines. Earliest check-in 24 hrs before, latest 5 hrs prior to departure from Zurich Airport. Including boardingpass excl. British Airways.

Flight confirmation

Please contact your airline in Zurich or Zurich airport. For flights with Swiss and their partner companies, please dial 0848 85 2000.

Swiss International Air Lines Information

If you do have any questions concerning Swiss, the official carrier of Swiss MedLab 2004, get in contact with Swiss directly on: phone 0848 85 2000

Please always quote the following tour code:

Tour Code CXX4-047

Travel by Train



By Train

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

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Zurich Airport	Lucerne
06.13	07.26
06.43	07.49
during the whole day every 20 and 40 minutes until	
22.13	23.26
22.43	23.49

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Lucerne	Zurich Airport
06.35	07.50
07.10	08.13
during the whole day every 35 and 25 minutes until	
21.35	22.50
22.10	23.16

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Zurich	Lucerne
06.01	06.49
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during the whole day every 26 and 34 minutes until	
22.01	23.49
22.35	23.26

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Lucerne	Zurich
06.35	07.25
07.10	07.57
during the whole day every 25 and 35 minutes until	
22.35	23.25
23.10	23.56

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Berne	Lucerne
06.23	08.05
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18.49	20.15
20.32	22.05

<i>dep</i>	<i>arr</i>
Lucerne	Berne
06.24	08.08
06.46	08.11
19.54	21.37
21.54	23.35

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Basel	Lucerne
05.45	06.58
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Lucerne	Basel
06.46	07.49
06.54	08.08

20.54	22.08
21.54	23.08

Public parking

In the city of Lucerne, 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. Bahnhof-Parking P1, P2 and P3 are open 24 hours and are very close to the KKL. They offer special conditions for congress participants, please check details at www.parking-luzern.ch

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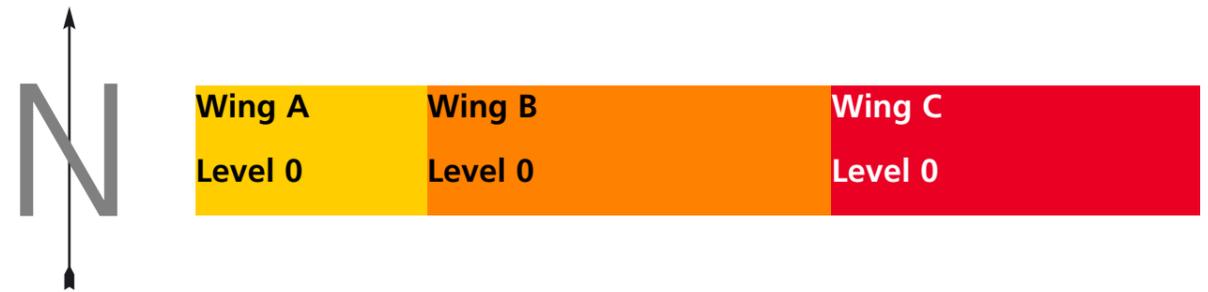
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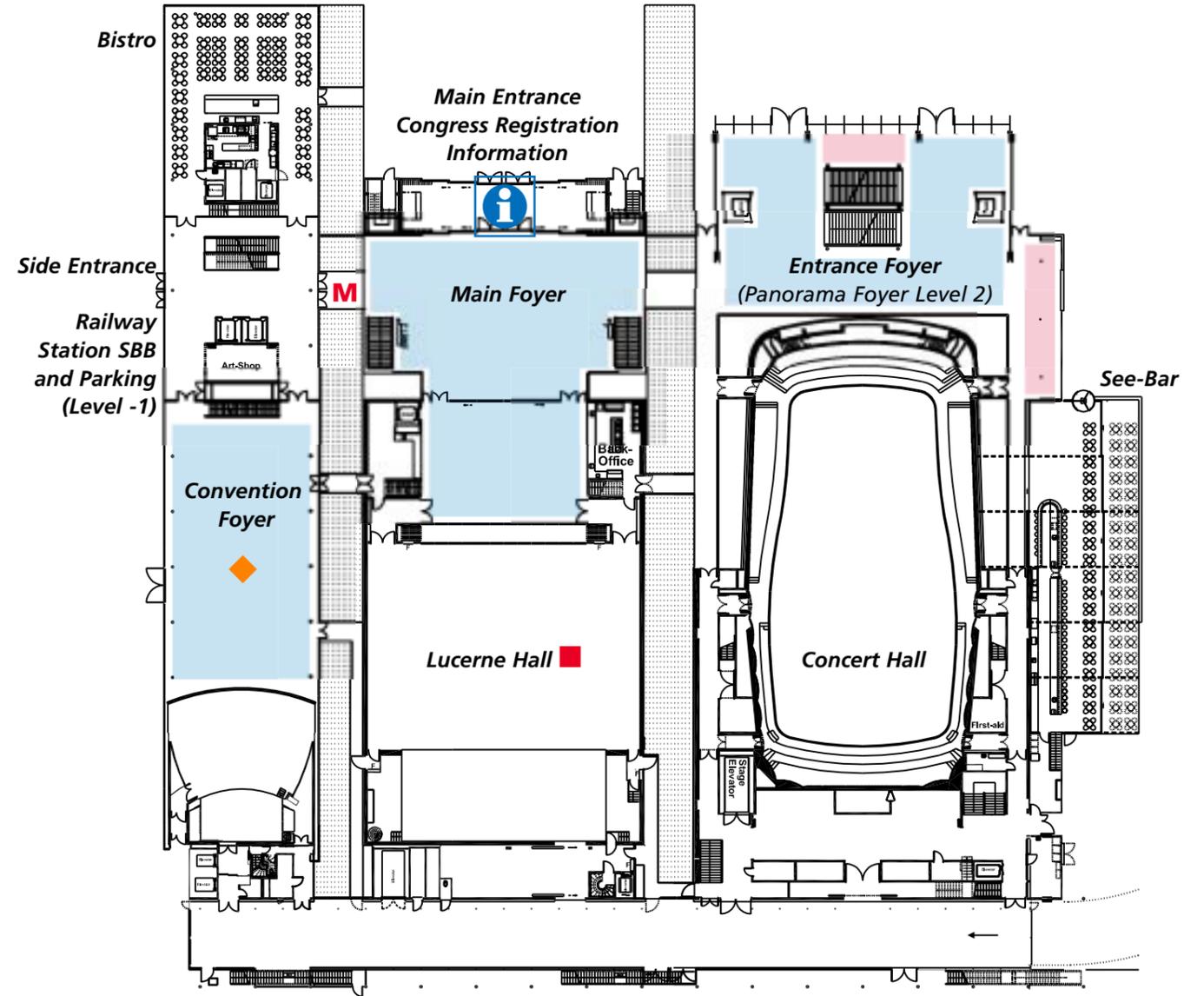
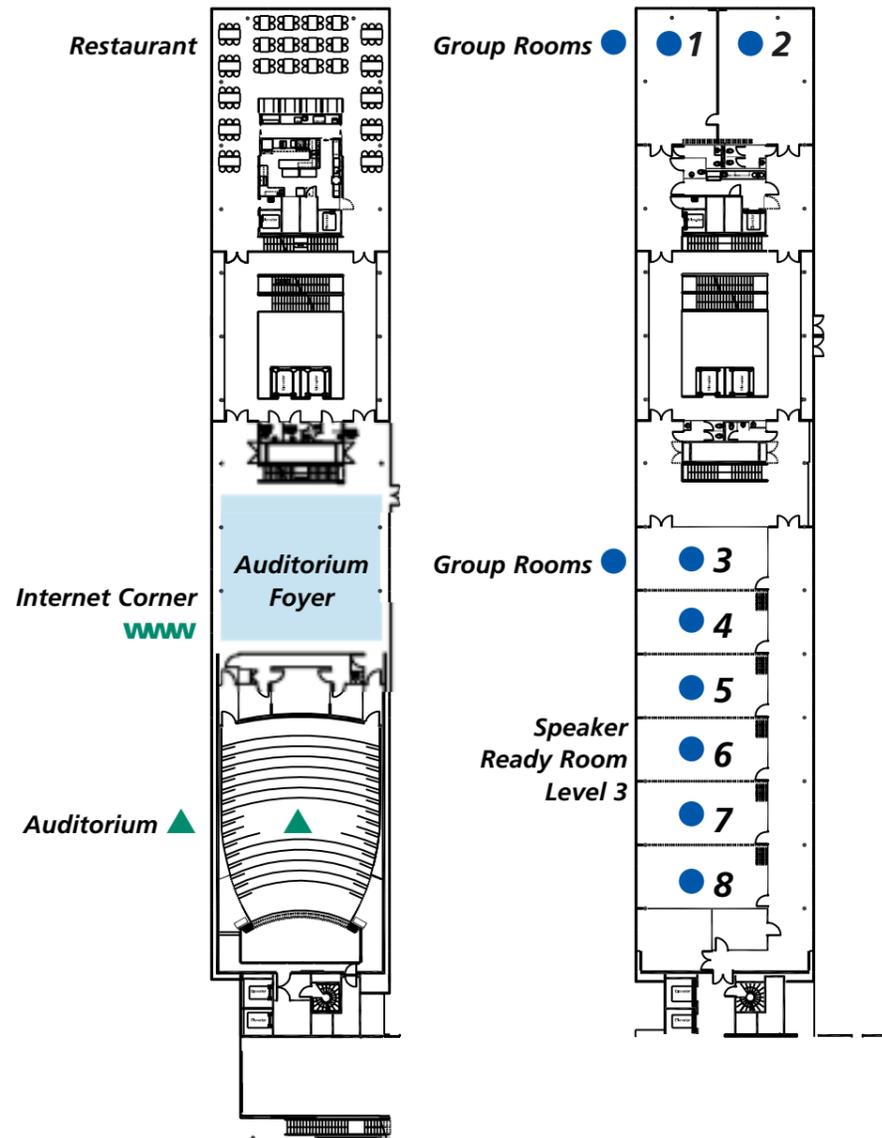
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During the Conference, transfers from the Hotel to the Congress-Center will be no bother as you reach nearly everything within walking distance! The public transport is reliable and efficient for a moderate fee.



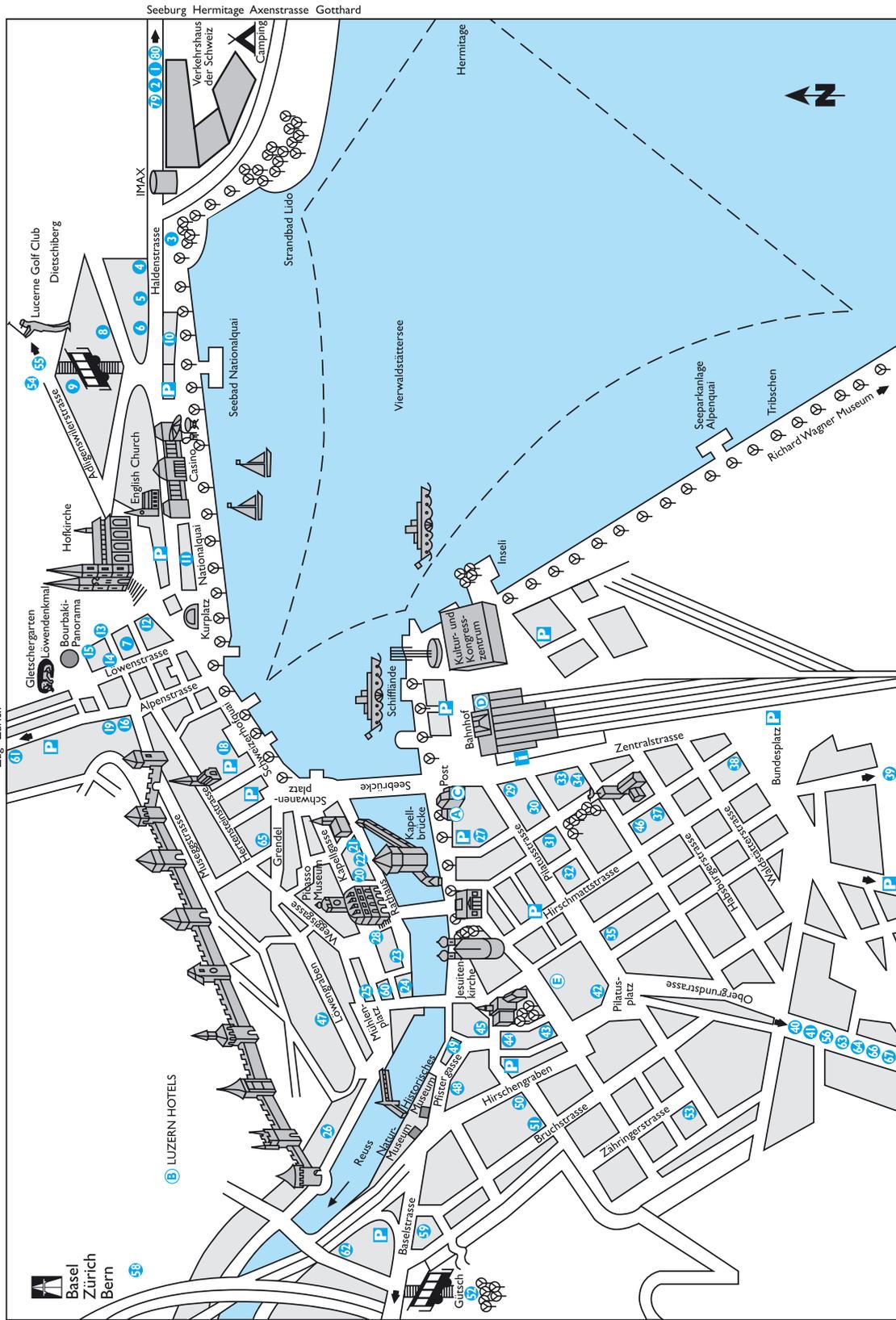
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- 13 Weinhof, Weystrasse 10
- 14 Golden Tulip, Löwenstrasse 16
- 15 Tulip Inn, Friedenstrasse 8
- 16 De la Paix, Museggstrasse 2
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- 19 Ambassador, Zürichstrasse 3
- 20 Zum Weissen Kreuz, Furrengasse 19
- 21 Des Alpes, Rathausquai 5
- 22 Pickwick, Rathausquai 6
- 23 Schiff Brandgässli 9 / Unter der Egg 8
- 24 Des Balances, Weinmarkt
- 25 Krone, Weinmarkt 12
- 26 Tourist Hotel, St.-Kärl-Quai 12
- 27 Flora, Seidenhofstrasse 5
- 28 Magic Hotel, Brandgässli 1
- 29 Monopol, Pilatusstrasse 1
- 30 Alpina, Frankenstrasse 6
- 31 Central, Morgartenstrasse 4
- 32 Schiller, Pilatusstrasse 15
- 33 Waldstätterhof, Zentralstrasse 4
- 34 Continental-Park, Murbacherstrasse 4
- 35 Astoria, Pilatusstrasse 29
- 37 El Greco, Sempacherstrasse 16
- 38 Cascada, Bundesplatz 18
- 39 Steghof, Voltastrasse 2
- 40 Spatz, Obergrundstrasse 103
- 41 Mothotel Pilatusblick, 6010 Kriens (Autobahnausfahrt Luzern-Süd)
- 42 Anker, Pilatusplatz
- 43 Goldener Stern, Burgerstrasse 35
- 44 Schlüssel, Franziskanerplatz 12
- 45 Wilden Mann, Bahnhofstrasse 30
- 46 The Hotel, Sempacherstrasse 14
- 47 Gefängnis-Hotel Löwengraben, Löwengraben 18
- 48 Baslerhof, Pfistergasse 17
- 49 Rösi, Pfistergasse 12
- 50 Rothaus, Klosterstrasse 4
- 51 Drei Könige, Bruchstrasse 35
- 52 Château Gütsch, Kanonenstrasse (via Sentimattstrasse - Kreuzstutz)
- 53 Alpha, Zähringerstrasse 24
- 54 Schweizerheim, Adligenswilerstr. 48, 6030 Ebikon
- 55 Kurhaus Sonnmatt, Hemschlen
- 56 Felimis, 6048 Horw
- 58 Express by Holiday Inn, Raastätte N2, Neuenkirch
- 59 Cityhotel, Baselsstrasse 15
- 60 Linde, Metzgerrainle 3
- 61 Falken, Luzernerstrasse 50, 6030 Ebikon
- 62 Appart-Hotel Utoring, Gütschstrasse 2
- 63 Seehotel Kastanienbaum, 6047 Kastanienbaum
- 64 Seehotel Sternen, 6048 Horw
- 65 Derby, Falkengasse 4
- 66 Waldhaus, 6048 Horw
- 67 Ibis, Kriens
- 79 Bellevue au Lac, Seeburgstrasse 79
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