SGV Meeting 2026

CHUV · Auditorium César Roux (BH08) · Lausanne

Tuesday, 24 November · Morning

Check-in from 08:00 both days · Programme from 09:00

09:00	Welcome	**Paolo Cinelli** University of Zurich, CH
09:15	**KEYNOTE** **Large animal models in translational cardiovascular research**	**Bruno Podesser** Medical University of Vienna, AT
10:15	**Gene therapies to prevent arrhythmias in cardiac channelopathies – first evidence of feasibility and efficacy in transgenic rabbit models**	**Katja Odening** University and University Hospital of Bern, CH
10:45	**Heart Regeneration in Zebrafish**	**Ines Marques** University of Bern, CH
11:15	Coffee break	
11:50	**Sex as a Variable in Cardio Research**	**Petra Kleinbongard** University Duisburg Essen, DE
12:20	**Cardiovascular Research Using Rodent Models**	**Attila Kiss** Medical University of Vienna, AT
12:50	**Beyond Phenotyping: Mouse Models of Congenital Heart Disease from Cardiac Phenotypes to Molecular Mechanisms**	**Nadine Spielmann** Institute of Experimental Genetics, Helmholtz Munich, DE
13:20	Lunch	

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14:40	**PET4Pet's – Research for both ends of the leash**	**Mirja Christine Nolff** ETH Zürich, CH **Lars Gerchow** ETH Zürich, CH
15:10	**How Models May Change During Translation**	**Christian Schnell** Consultant, FR
15:40	**Computational Models and AI**	**Liesbet Geris** University of Liège, BE; KU Leuven, BE
16:10	Coffee break	
16:50	**The Future of Animal Research: From One-Size-Fits-All Debates to Tailored Alternatives and Evidence-Based Regulation**	**Michael Hottiger** University of Zurich, CH
17:20	**The 3Hs Initiative: recent developments and future challenges**	**Emma Robinson** University of Bristol, UK
17:50	**AWARD LECTURE** **SGV Award Lecture: Centering People: Supporting Caregivers and Driving Behavior Change to Advance the 3Rs**	**Megan LaFollette** The 3Rs Collaborative, US
18:30	Concluding remarks	**Paolo Cinelli** University of Zurich, CH
18:40	Aperitif (registration required)	

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09:00	Welcome	**Paolo Cinelli** University of Zurich, CH
09:05	**Reconstructing brain tissue at synaptic resolution with light microscopy**	**Johann Danzl** Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Klosterneuburg, AT
09:40	**Towards 3Rs: Advanced Human Organoids as New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)**	**Oscar J. Abilez** Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA; Bullseye Biotechnologies, Menlo Park, CA, USA
10:15	**FELASA's scientific and strategic activities**	**Jean-Philippe Mocho** FELASA Executive Committee
10:50	Coffee break	
11:25	**From Incident to Improvement: Critical Incident Reporting (CIRS-LAS) in Everyday Animal Research**	**Sabine Bischoff** Düsseldorf University Hospital, DE
11:55	**Inhalant Anesthesia before Euthanasia with CO2 in Laboratory Mice: improvement or change for the worse?**	**Philipp Villiger** University of Zurich, CH
12:25	**Moving beyond oral gavage: micropipette-guided drug administration (MDA) as a 3R refinement for voluntary oral drug delivery in rodents**	**Pål Johansen** University Hospital Zurich, CH
12:55	Lunch	

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14:30	**Guidelines, Factsheets and Manual – Information from the FSVO and the cantons**	**Simone Gilg** FSVO, Bern, CH **Laurence Ferrari** Amt für Veterinärwesen, Bern, CH
15:00	**Sex Bias in vitro**	**Antonella Santuccione-Chadha** Women's Brain Foundation
15:30	**Taylor Swift vs. Mozart: Rethinking Music-Based Interventions in Laboratory Mice**	**Dominik Kamionek** Heidelberg University Hospital, DE
16:00	Coffee break	
16:30	**Trauma, Pain, and Infections – the Importance of Good Surgical Practice in Rodent Surgery**	**Thomas Svava Nielsen** TS Nielsen Scientific Consult, Copenhagen, DK
17:00	**Skills lab - Use of Animal Dummies in Training and Education**	**Manuela Wieser** University of Zurich, CH **Fabiola Jörger** University of Zurich, CH
17:30	**AWARD LECTURE** **3RCC Awardee**	**Speaker to be announced**
18:00	Concluding remarks	**Paolo Cinelli** University of Zurich, CH
18:05	End of the SGV meeting	

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