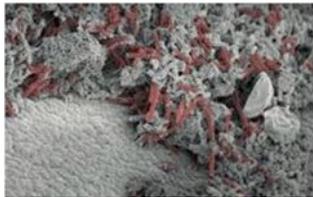




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## **SWISS SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE- late Winter 2017 NEWSLETTER**



Please reserve the date: May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2017,  
Empa, St. Gallen

**Advances in Antimicrobial Biomaterials**  
**Call for Abstracts**

Dear SSB+RM members, sponsors and friends,

we are pleased to present to you the topics of this Newsletter:

1. **Save the date and Call for Abstracts: SSB+RM annual meeting 2017, Empa, St.Gallen** - Focus theme: Advances in Antimicrobial Biomaterials
2. **Young scientists SSB+RM – awards**
3. **Young scientists – SSB+RM Activities**
4. **SSB+RM contribution at the Swiss MedTech Day in Bern, June 13<sup>th</sup>**
5. **SSB+RM contribution at the TERMIS-EU Annual Meeting, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

The SSB+RM Newsletters can also be found on the SSB+RM website: <http://ssbrm.ch/>

Please forward this Newsletter to colleagues and friends who might be interested in SSB+RM.

**1. The 23<sup>st</sup> edition of the annual conferences of the Swiss Society for Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine will take place at Empa in St. Gallen on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Parts of the meeting will be dedicated to the focus theme: “Advances in Antimicrobial Biomaterials”.**

The conference will include keynote lectures and sessions on biomaterials, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine with presentations from academia, industry and clinics.

Confirmed speakers:

Prof. Henk Busscher, Biomedical Engineering, University of Groningen, NL  
Dr. Mario Morgenstern, University Hospital Basel  
Dr. Jens Möller, Laboratory for Applied Mechanobiology, ETH Zürich  
Dr. Canet Acikgoz, Oerlikon Surface Solutions AG, Balzers LI

Dr. Gabor Szekely, KTI MedTech Expert, Bern

Please find the new **flyer for the 2017 meeting** attached.... and save the date.

## 2. Young scientists SSB+RM - awards

Information: [https://ssbrm.ch/young\\_scientists/awards](https://ssbrm.ch/young_scientists/awards)

### \* PhD and MD-/DDS-thesis awards

To honor excellent scientific work in the area of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine, the SSB+RM will present **two Research Awards** a year, one for an **outstanding PhD thesis** and one for an **outstanding MD/DDS thesis**. The awards will be given based on originality and impact of the work. The research award consists of **CHF 1'500.- and a certificate**.

We ask the scientists, who finalized their PhD- or MD-/DDS-theses in 2016, to consider an application for the dedicated awards. Supervisors are invited to inform candidates accordingly.

**Deadline: March 30<sup>th</sup>**

### \* Travel awards

The SSB+RM Student travel award intends to support students from Swiss research institutions to visit international conferences and give talks and present posters. The next application deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 3. Young scientists – SSB+RM Activities

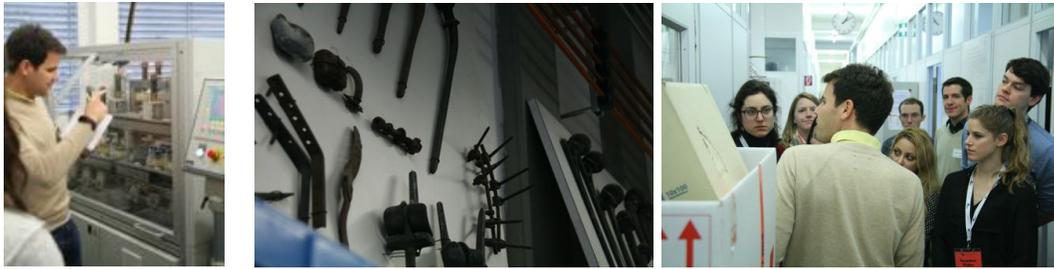
### \* Review of Lab Networking Event

A Young Scientists Lab Networking Event took place on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the RMS Foundation in Bettlach. RMS Foundation welcomed the Young Scientists to an afternoon of lab tours, research, company overview and hands-on demonstrations, culminated with a delicious apéro.

The Young Scientists had the chance to learn about the RMS Foundation role in Switzerland and worldwide as both research and testing institute. On the research side, the bioceramics group, led by Marc Bohner, presented their latest data and current projects. Furthermore, several demonstrations such as testing different onsets of cement polymerization were performed in live. And on the testing services of the RMS Foundation, development and validation of accredited test methods was overviewed and cohesion test was as well animated, enabling the Young Scientists to test it by themselves.

Last but not least, Patrick Streit from Mathys AG Bettlach gave an insight of the company presenting their bone substitute products. All rounded off by an apéro sponsored by the RMS Foundation!

An afternoon of learning, networking and fun all together!



*Tour in the RMS Foundation laboratories*

*Hands-on time!*



*The Young Scientists and the RMS Foundation team!*

Thank you to RMS Foundation for the great organization and hosting the young scientists.

**\* Young Scientist Pre-Conference Workshop around the Annual Meeting  
- morning of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Pre-conference Young Scientist Workshop: Training for scientific writing: Tips and Tricks by Prof. Martin Stoddart, Scientific Editor eCM Journal”

May 17<sup>th</sup>, morning

Limited number of places available.

**4. SSB+RM contribution at the Swiss MedTech Day in Bern, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

We announce the contribution of SSB+RM to this year’s Swiss MedTech Day, which is will take place in Bern, Kursaal on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.swissmedtechday.ch/home.html>

Prof. Wendelin Stark, ETH Zürich and Prof. Michael de Wild, University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland will give an insight into their research on Nanomaterials for Healthcare and Smart Implants, respectively.  
Stay tuned for more information...

#### 4. SSB+RM contribution at the TERMIS-EU Annual Meeting, June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

The SSB+RM is organizing and sponsoring a symposium on "Translational Cell-Based Therapies" at the TERMIS-EU annual meeting, in June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Davos ([www.termis.org/eu2017/](http://www.termis.org/eu2017/)). Three invited speakers; Dr. Ernst Reichmann from University of Zurich, Dr. Marcus Mummer from the University of Basel and Dr. Paris Jafari from the CHUV, will address scientific challenges toward translational cell-therapies and provide the audience with current understanding and examples of recent cell-therapy development in TERM.

The SSB+RM team would like to thank all sponsors of the society for financial support!



We wish you all the best and hope to see many of you in St. Gallen in May.

With kind regards,  
Your SSB+RM Executive Committee

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