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SWISS SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE - 2017 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

RESERVE THE DATE!
Annual Meeting SSB+RM
June 6-7, 2018
Adolphe Merkle Institute
University of Fribourg, Fribourg
Special Topic: Bioinspired Materials

Dear SSB+RM Members, Sponsors and Friends,

After a busy summer of activities including the Annual Meeting at Empa, St.Gallen, participation in the Swiss MedTech day in Bern, and sponsoring of a symposium on cell-based therapies at the TERMIS-EU Meeting in Davos, SSB+RM looks forward to another active year and hope you will join us at some of our events. Please see <http://ssbrm.ch/> for the latest list of activities and forward this Newsletter to colleagues and friends who might be interested in SSB+RM.

1. The 24th Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society for Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine will take place at the Adolphe Merkle Institute in Fribourg on June 6-7, 2018.

There will be a session dedicated to the special topic: "Bioinspired Materials".

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

Confirmed speakers:

Dr. Simon Berner, Institut Straumann AG, Basel

Prof. Peter Fratzl, Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Munich, Germany

Prof. André Studart, ETH Zürich

Prof. Christoph Weder, Adolphe Merkle Institute, University of Fribourg, Fribourg

Abstract Deadline: Monday, April 9, 2018

2. Young Scientists SSB+RM Awards

PhD/MD Thesis Award

To honor excellent scientific work in the area of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine, the SSB+RM will present a **Research Award** for an **outstanding PhD or MD thesis**. The award will be given based on originality and impact of the work. The PhD/MD Research Award consists of **CHF 1'500.- and a certificate**. We ask the scientists, who finalized their PhD or MD Thesis in 2017 or 2018 to apply. Supervisors are invited to inform potential candidates. Winners are expected to attend the Annual Meeting and present their work. For more information see: <https://ssbrm.ch/young-scientists/awards/>

Deadline: Monday, April 9, 2018

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 December 31, 2017.

3. Young Scientists – SSB+RM Activities

Interested Young Scientists should register for the upcoming event at ysbm.ch@gmail.com

2nd Young Scientist Symposium by the SSB+RM Young Scientists

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 21st, 2017

UniversitätsSpital Zürich | Grosser Hörsaal NORD1

Registration: 10.30 | Symposium: 11.00 - 18:00

Keynote speakers:



Prof. Matthias Lutolf
Head of the Laboratory of Stem
Cell Bioengineering (EFPL)
Co-Founder of Qgel



Dr. Christopher Millan
Co-Founder and CTO at CellSpring
Forbes 30 Under 30 2017 - Science
and Healthcare

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Past Activities: For a head start on the 23rd SSB+RM conference, the Young Scientists organized a training for scientific writing led by Prof. Martin Stoddart from AO Davos. Prof. Stoddart, editor for *Tissue Engineering* and *eCM*, guided the young scientists through the submission and acceptance of a manuscript from the perspective of both the publisher and the researcher. Furthermore, the whole process was illustrated with real abstracts and manuscripts to decipher the pitfalls and learn from the strengths.



4. Highlights of the SSB+RM 23rd Annual Meeting at Empa St.Gallen

The 23rd annual meeting was attended by over 100 participants. Keynote presentations by Prof. Henk J. Busscher, Dr. Marie H. Lindic, Dr. Jens Möller and Dr. Mario Morgenstern gave interesting insights into the world of anti-microbial biomaterials. Awards were presented to Fabian Passini, ETH Zürich, for his presentation on “Calcium Signaling in Tendons: An Early Response to Mechanical Loading” and to Willemijn Boot, ARI Davos, for her presentation “FISH-based detection of bacteria in orthopedic implant-related infections”. The 2017 SSB+RM Research Award was presented to Claudia Loebel, ETH Zürich, for her PhD thesis on “Engineering hyaluronan-tyramine hydrogels to modulate mesenchymal stem cell behavior”. Many thanks to Dr. Qun Ren and her team for the excellent organization and chance to sample St.Galler specialities.



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 Fribourg next June 2018.

With kind regards,
Your SSB+RM Executive Committee