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**UPDATED VERSION**

**5<sup>th</sup> Swiss Meeting on Muscle Research**  
**Macolin / Magglingen**  
**28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2004**



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**REVISED**

**TIMETABLE OF ORAL PRESENTATION**

## REVISED PROGRAMME

### Day 1 - Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

12:00 - 18:00	Check-in rooms
18:00 -	Arrival and Welcome Drink
18:30 - 20:00	DINNER
20:15 - 20:35	Michael Sinnreich Montreal Neurological Institute, Montreal, Canada <b>From bedside to bench: neuromuscular clinics in specialized centers.</b>
20:35 - 21:10	Michael Sinnreich Montreal Neurological Institute, Montreal, Canada <b>The limb girdle muscular dystrophies: clinical, histopathological and molecular aspects</b>
21:10 - 21:45	Susi Strozzi Inselspital, Bern <b>Abnormalities in cerebral MR-spectroscopy in children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy</b>
21:45 - 22:00	Hans Thalmann Schweiz. Gesellschaft für Muskelkranken (SGMK) <b>Muscle centres - made in Switzerland: a project in progress</b>

### Day 2 - Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November

07:30 - 08:15	BREAKFAST
08:15 - 08:50	Thierry Kuntzer CHUV, Lausanne <b>Selective atrophy and muscle weakness in adults: inclusion body myositis</b>
08:50 - 09:25	Nadine Straumann Institut für Zellbiologie, ETH Hönggerberg, Zürich <b>Molecular characterisation and function of glycosylation in creatine transporter</b>

09:25 - 10:00	Yves Gontier Dept. of Dermatology, University Hospital, Geneva <b>C Z-disc Proteins Myotilin and FATZ Interact With Each Other and Are Potentially Connected to the Sarcolemma via Muscle-Specific Filamins</b>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:30 - 11:05	Laurent Kreplak M.E. Müller Institute, Biozentrum, Basel <b>Structural dissection of intermediate filaments assembly pathway</b>
11:05 - 11:40	Stéphane König Centre Medicale Universitaire, Geneva <b>Membrane hyperpolarization triggers human myoblast differentiation</b>
11:40 - 12:15	Beat Trueb ITI Research Institute, University Bern <b>A novel FGF receptor controls the formation of musculoskeletal tissues</b>
12:15 - 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:30 - 16:30	<b>POSTER SESSION</b>
16:30 - 17:05	Susan Treves Kantonsspital Basel <b>Functional role of JP-45 in skeletal muscle excitation-contraction coupling</b>
17:05 - 17:40	Christian Fuhrer Brain Research Institute, University Zürich <b>Tyrosine kinase pathways in formation and maintenance of the neuromuscular junction</b>
17:40 - 18:15	Hans-Rudolf Brenner Institute of Physiology, University Basel <b>Regulation of Synapse-specific gene expression at the neuromuscular junction</b>
18:15 - 18:50	Florence Perrin Dept. of Fundamental Neuroscience, Geneva <b>Gene profiling of laser micro-dissected motoneurons using microarrays in three mouse models of motoneuron disease</b>
18:50 - 20:15	<b>DINNER</b>

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20:15 - 20:50	Pico Caroni Friedrich Miescher Institute, Basel <b>The site of selective vulnerability in motoneuron disease</b>
20:50 -	POSTER SESSION
<b>Day 3 - Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
<b>08:15 - 08:50</b>	
08:15 - 08:50	Josef D. Magyar Myocontract AG, Liestal <b>Small-molecule calpain inhibition as a option for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy</b>
08:50 - 09:25	Sarina Meinen Biozentrum, University Basel <b>Development of new approaches for the treatment of muscular dystrophies</b>
09:25 - 10:00	Nicolas Mermod EPFL, Lausanne <b>The inducible system network for expression of utrophin cDNA by electrotransfer in mouse muscle</b>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:30 - 11:10	Jacques Ménétrey Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève <b>Autologous transplantation of myogenic precursor cells in pig skeletal muscle</b>
11:10 - 11:40	Urs T. Ruegg University of Geneva <b>Pharmacological approaches to the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy using the <i>mdx</i><sup>5Cv</sup> mouse model</b>
11:40 - 12:10	Irina Agarkova Institute of Cell Biology, ETH Zürich Hönggerberg <b>New insights into sarcomeric M-band function</b>

## **SCHEDULE OF POSTER PRESENTATION**

## **Schedule of Poster Presentations**

- 1 G.P. Ramelli, J. Hammer  
**Physicians' attitude and practises in long-term non-invasive ventilation of Duchenne muscular dystrophy in Switzerland**
- 2 G.P. Ramelli, A. Bagnall, C. King, T. Davies, R. Knight, F. Muntoni  
**Indications for gastrostomy placement in paediatric neuromuscular patients and its outcome**
- 3 T. Girard  
**Genetic testing for malignant hyperthermia susceptibility in Switzerland**
- 4 O.M. Dorchies, S. Wagner, K. Waldhauser, O. Vuadens, M. Pasquier, K. Wiegler, R. Debernardi, T.M. Buetler, P. Kucera, and U.T. Rüegg  
**Green Tea antioxidant polyphenols improve histology and mechanical properties of skeletal muscle in the dystrophic mdx5Cv mouse**
- 5 S. Lin, X. Chu Kong, M.A. Rüegg  
**RNA interference of mTOR and its interactors induces muscle hypertrophy or atrophy**
- 6 S. Ducreux  
**Effect of ryanodine receptor mutations on IL-6 release and intracellular calcium homeostasis in human myotubes from Malignant Hyperthermia susceptible individuals and patients affected by Central Core Disease**
- 7 I. Courdier-Fruh, J.P. Magyar, and A. Briguet  
**Protease inhibition increases utrophin level in muscle cells**
- 8 M. Dunand, A. Lobrinus, G. Gremion, C. Navarro, T. Kuntzer  
**Severe expression of a McArdle disease due to a splicing mosaic of the myophosphorylase gene**
- 9 T. Kuntzer, P. Michel, K. Jurkat-Rott, D. Sternberg  
**Transient muscle membrane inexcitability after provocative tests in myotonic disorders is related to mutation type or to number of triplets**
- 10 T. Kuntzer, A. Lobrinus, M. Dunand, R. Janzer, M. Davis, N. Laing  
**Correlations in an Autosomal Dominant Congenital Myopathy with Cores and Rods Associated with a Novel C13910T Mutation in the Ryanodine Receptor (RYR1) Gene**
- 11 G.P. Ramelli, S. Torelli, L. Feng, C. Jimenez-Mallabrera, M. Antonietta Maioli, S.C. Brown  
**Expression of a-dystrobrevin in patient with neuromuscular disease**

- 12 S. König, A. Beguet, V. Hinard, S. Arnaudeau, N. Holzer, C.R. Bader and L. Bernheim  
**Membrane hyperpolarization triggers human myoblast differentiation**
- 13 V. Hinard, S. König, C.R. Bader and L. Bernheim  
**Activation of Kir2.1 channels by tyrosine kinase inhibition initiates human myoblast differentiation**
- 14 S. Arnaudeau, N. Holzer, S. König, C.R. Bader, L. Bernheim  
**Calcium homeostasis during human myoblast differentiation**
- 15 G. Sadashivam, R. Willmann, X. Chu Kong, S. Erb-Vögeli, M.A. Rüegg, Ch. Fuhrer  
**Mode of action of Src-family kinases in acetylcholine receptor stabilization**
- 16 R. Willmann, G. Sadashivam, S. Erb-Vögeli, Ch. Fuhrer  
**Role of lipid rafts in stabilization of the postsynaptic apparatus in muscle**
- 17 A.A. Camilleri, P. Mittaud, R. Willmann, Ch. Fuhrer  
**Mechanisms of MuSK signaling at the neuromuscular junction**
- 18 P. Escher  
**Laser-assisted and proteomics approaches in neuromuscular junction analysis**
- 19 M.M. Lino, S. Atanasoski, M. Kvajo, U. Suter and D. Monard  
**Schwann cells PN-1 expression is critical for a proper re-innervation after nerve crush**
- 20 S. Carnejac, P. Esher, H.R. Brenner  
**Emargin, a surface molecule in muscle involved in neuromuscular synapse formation?**
- 21 M. Ferrer-Alcón, C. Hirt and A.C. Kato  
**Effect of grafted neural stem cells on the motor functions and life-span in mice with an inherited degeneration of motoneurons**
- 22 S. Lefler, P. San, A. Ferrão Santos and P. Caroni  
**Selective vulnerability of FF motor units in a mouse model of ALS**
- 23 S. Meinen, R. Stucka, H. Lochmüller, M.A. Rüegg  
**Inducible systems to evaluate the therapeutic potential of mini-agrin in MDC1A mice**
- 24 P. Barzaghi, M.A. Rüegg  
**Analysis of the functional domains of mini-agrin involved in the amelioration of the phenotype in MDC1A mice**
- 25 G. Bittcher, S. Lin, M.A. Rüegg  
**Upregulating utrophin on muscle membrane by overexpression of neural agrin: an alternative strategy**

- 26 T. Laumonier  
**Heat shock pre-treatment of myogenic precursor cells: how they survive after autologous transplantation in pig skeletal muscle?**
- 27 A. Briguet, M. Foster, I. Courdier-Fruh, T. Meier, and J.P. Magyar  
**In vitro profiling of calpain inhibitors as potential drug candidates of the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy**
- 28 A. Briguet, I. Courdier-Fruh, M. Foster, T. Meier, and J.P. Magyar  
**Histological parameters for the quantitative assessment of muscular dystrophy in the mdx-mouse**
- 29 A. Briguet, I. Courdier-Fruh, M. Foster, T. Meier, and J.P. Magyar  
**Improved muscle histology in the mdx-mouse upon application of novel small-molecule calpain inhibitors**
- 30 Harald Bär  
**Molecular basis of desmin-related myopathy**
- 31 J.L. Ridet, T. Tallone, S. Rusconi, D. Bron  
**First steps towards systemic muscle gene therapy: in vitro efficiency and stability of non-viral vectors**
- 32 R. Schönauer, P. Bertoni, M. Hegner, I. Agarkova, G. Machaidze, U. Aebi and J.-C. Perriard  
**Myomesin is a molecular spring with adjustable elasticity**

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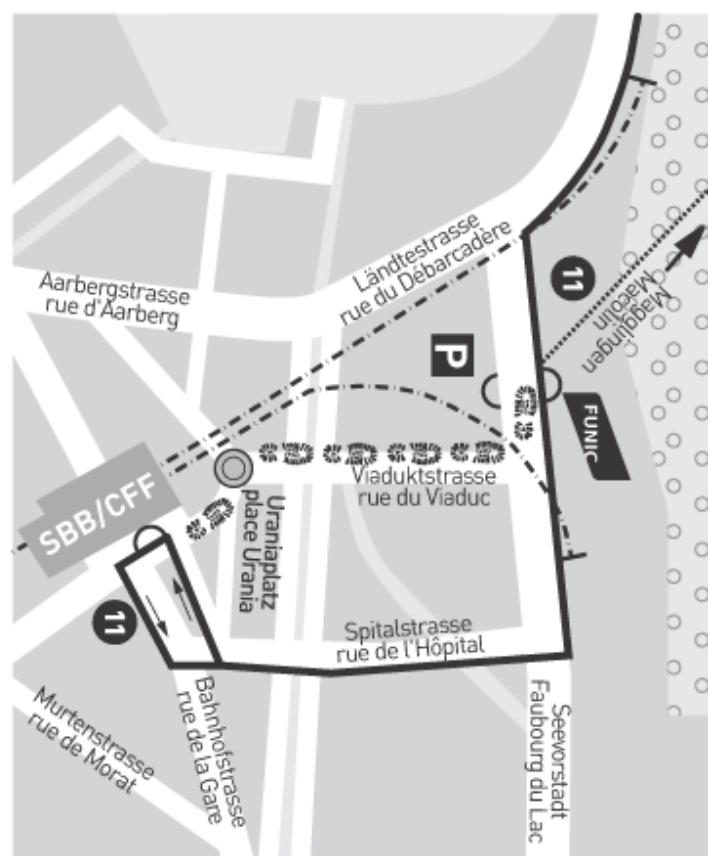
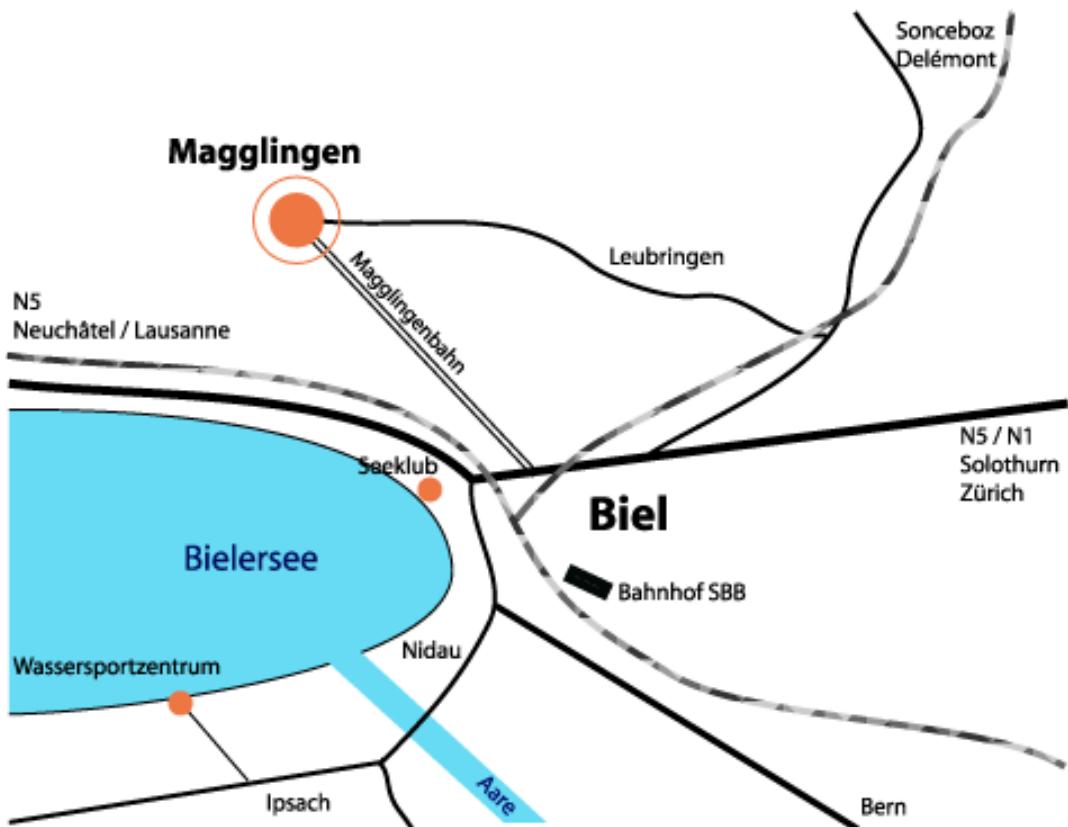
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