

SSAI NEWS FLASH 2014 N. 3



President's Note

Dear Members of the Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology,

This issue of the News Flash comes to you just before the summer break, a time to relax, to enjoy families and friends. I therefore take just a few moments to remind you of some of the forthcoming SSAI events, which will take place in the last quarter of 2014 and in the first months of 2015. The SIICA-SSAI Joint Workshop «Imaging the Immune System» in Milan (23-24 October) has an attractive program for students and postdocs interested in learning about recent advances in the field of intravital microscopy and in studying the dynamics of immune cells in living organism and the molecular determinants of leukocyte trafficking. After the success of last year, the SSAI is organizing the 2nd SSAI Meeting for Medical Laboratory Diagnostics in Aarau (14 November) with a similar format and broad program. Finally, Andreas Bircher and Daniela Finke are putting together an exiting scientific and social program for our most important event, the 2015 SSAI Annual Congress, which will take place at the Congress center in Basel, March 12-13. Remember to save the dates in your calendar!

There is also some good news that I am pleased to share with you. Cezmi Akdis, Director of the Swiss Institute of Allergy and Asthma Research in Davos and Past President of the EAACI, has been elected member of the Swiss Medical Academy of Science (SAMW) in recognition of the excellence of his work. For many years now Cezmi and the SIAF team organize the WIRM, the World Immune Regulation Meeting, which has become a successful and regularly-attended meeting among immunologists and allergologists in Switzerland and Europe. The 2014 Specialist exam took place in Geneva and three candidates obtained the FMH title in Immunology and Clinical Immunology. I'd like to thank Jörg Seebach, who organized the exam, François Spertini, President of the Examining Committee, and the other experts, Onur Boymann, Philippe Eigenmann, Dominique Jaques, and Nathalie Jeannot-Peter, for having dedicated their time to fulfil this task. In 2015 the oral exam will take place on June 18th at the Inselspital in Bern under the organization of Arthur Helbling. More information will be available on the [SSAI](#) and [SIWF](#) website. Other information, including national and international events can be found on pages 5-8.

I wish you all a relaxing vacation,

Federica Sallusto
Bellinzona, 15 July 2014

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SSAI-SGAI Member Elected at SAMW



Cezmi A. Akdis



MIDWINTER
CONFERENCE
Advances in Immunobiology

MWC 2015

17. – 21. January 2015
Seefeld, Tyrol, Austria

Early registration deadline: 30 September 2014

Next SSAI Event

SIICA – SSAI Joint Workshop «Imaging the Immune System»

23 – 24 October 2014

San Raffaele Conference Centre
Milan, Italy**Conference Organizers**

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Jens Stein, University of Bern

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Next SSAI Event

2nd SSAI Meeting for Medical Laboratory Diagnostics

14 November 2014

Aarau

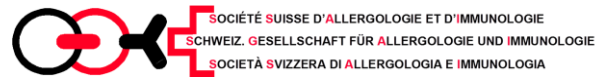
Sessions will include:

- 1) New methods and tests
- 2) Quality assurance and standardization
- 3) Selected topics: IgG subclasses and IgG4-related disease;
Transplantation Immunology
- 4) Case studies

This Continuing Education Meeting is open to Medical
Laboratory Immunologists with FAMH-titles and title candidates.

Further Information will follow in the next News Flash.

Next SSAI Event



Annual Congress SSAI-SGAI 2015 «Impact of Basic Research on Clinical Practice»

12 – 13 March 2015

Congress Center, Basel

Presidents of the Organizing Committee

Andreas Bircher, University Hospital, Basel

Daniela Finke, University Children's Hospital, Basel

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Ingmar Heijnen, University Hospital, Basel

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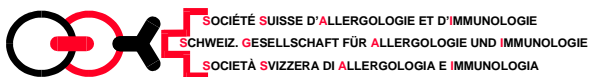
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Next SSAI Event



Memorial Jürg Tschopp Symposium

and

Annual Congress SSAI-SGAI 2016 Joint with the Society of Oto-Rhino- Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

27 – 29 April 2016

Music and Convention Center, Montreux

News from FMH and Politics

Nathalie Jeannet Peter

SSAI Delegate at ASQM

3rd SAQM-ASQM Quality Forum – 12 June 2014

As delegate for the SSAI/SGAI, I attended on June 12th the 3rd Quality Forum, a meeting of the Swiss Academy for Quality in Medicine (SAQM in German, ASQM in French). The Academy was established by the FMH in 2012.

The goal of the Academy is to have a «tool» organized by physicians to coordinate all aspects of quality in medicine and to be the medical interlocutor regarding the political aspects, the public, insurances, etc. for all aspects regarding quality. All Swiss specialty societies and cantonal's societies of medicine are represented in the ASQM.

At the Forum, we were all asked to fill out a questionnaire on the web site of the ASQM, of how our society deals with quality. Many specific questions were asked, such as: «Does your society have a strategy for quality» or «Does your society has a commission for quality», or «Do you recommend guidelines or have a medical register», etc. This questionnaire must be regularly updated.

If you have any activity related to quality in medicine, send an E-mail to Nathalie Jeannet Peter (njpeter@caat.ch), so that she can keep an update on the repertoire of what is being done in the SSAI for quality in medicine.

SSAI Participation

MEDIfuture 2014

15 November 2014

Kultur Casino, Bern

MEDIfuture is a congress organized by ASMAC and devoted to career orientation and including presentations by experts and exhibitors. The goal of is to show doctors the different facets of the medical profession.

SSAI will participate with a booth and the President elect, Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier, will be present at the event.

The event is free for all participants!

Further Information can be found [here](#).

News from FMH and Politics

Louis-François Debétaz

President CPP

Invitation to the FMH Round Table on: «Prävention und Mental Health: auch für Ärzte? / Prévention et santé mentale: pour les médecins?» – Olten, 21 August 2014, 16:15-17:45

The FMH is organizing a meeting on health prevention for physicians and invites delegates of medical societies to participate.

As there is no designed SSAI delegate for health prevention, the FK commission would like to open to everybody the possibility to participate to this meeting. As there is only one seat for each society, we ask you to announce your interest to Mrs. Evelyne Schenk at the SSAI office by e-mail (office@ssai.ch). The President of the FK commission, Carlo Chizzolini, will choose the delegate for our society, if more than one person is interested to participate. The designated delegate will be asked to report on the outcome of the meeting to the FK commission that will take place in Bern on November 6th, 2014.

SSAI Participation

DocDay 2014

25 October 2014, 10:00 – 17:00

Irchel Campus, University of Zurich

DocDay is a Swiss career fair organized by Medical students for Medical students. The aim of DocDay is to provide doctors-to-be with the possibility to discover their profession fields at various stalls and to get into contact with potential employers. Students will be able to discover various medical domains on an area of 1500 square metres and to find out about various career options, including alternative options.

The SSAI President elect, Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier, and the Vice-President of the FK Commission, Thomas M. Hauser, will be present at DocDay 2014 representing the Allergology and Clinical Immunology fields.

Further Information can be found [here](#).

News from the Allergy Foundation Ulrich Müller-Gierok



Dr. Marcel Bergmann, from the Pediatric Allergy Unit of the University Hospital of Geneva directed by Philippe Eigenmann, was awarded the Prix PIA-CH 2014 for his work entitled “Common colic, gastroesophageal reflux and constipation in infants under 6 months of age do not necessitate an allergy work-up” published in the

journal *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology* 2014, vol. 25, pages 404-418. The work was in part financially supported by the Ulrich Müller-Gierok Allergy Foundation. The SSAI wishes to congratulate Dr. Bergmann and the team in Geneva.

Ist CK-CARE Summer School Eczema / Dermatitis

10 – 12 September 2014
Davos, Switzerland

Organizers

Prof. Dr. Johannes RingSantiago
Prof. Dr. Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier
Prof. Dr. Cezmi A. Akdis

In cooperation with the International Society on Atopic Dermatitis (ISAD). The school will address young allergists, dermatologists, pediatricians, clinical immunologists and physicians from other specialties with a strong interest in allergy and skin immunology.

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Registration [here](#)

Travel grants of SFr. 500/each will be awarded to 10 best posters.

News from aha!

Allergy campus planned in Davos



Late last year, the bankruptcy of the Hochgebirgsklinik in Davos seemed inevitable but since last May, the continued existence of the clinic has been secured thanks to the financial commitment of the entrepreneur Klaus-Michael Kühne. The Hochgebirgsklinik was founded in 1901 and for the past 110 years has offered acute medical care and programs of rehabilitation for patients suffering from allergies and disorders of the immune system, lung and skin diseases. The current plan is to establish a new department at the Hochgebirgsklinik: an allergy campus. The newly established clinic will cooperate closely with the international research institute CK-CARE (Christine Kühne Center for Allergy Research and Education) and other leading research centers with a focus on research, treatment and education in the allergy field. Georg Schächli, Managing Director of aha! Swiss Allergy Centre, also acts as part-time Director of CK-CARE since 2010, with a mandate from the Foundation Board of aha!. Since 2010, Georg Schächli, Managing Director of aha! Allergy Centre Switzerland, is acting as Director of CK-CARE on behalf of the Foundation Board of aha!. It is expected that the close link between research, training, advice and information will create important synergies between the different institutions. aha! Swiss Allergy Centre also offers quality services in cooperation with the now rescued Hochgebirgsklinik and CK-CARE, for example in train-the-trainer training or for the development of the children's camp in Klosters / Davos.

National Events

2014

University Hospital Basel - Dermatology
Postgraduate and Continuing Medical Education
[More information](#)

CHUV, Service d'Immunologie et Allergie, Lausanne
Postgraduate and Continuing Medical Education
[More information](#)

Universitätsklinik für Rheumatologie, Klinische Immunologie und Allergologie, Inselspital Bern
Postgraduate and Continuing Medical Education
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[More information](#)

28.08.2014

Burghalde-Symposium
Lenzburg
[More information](#)

04.09.2014

1. Schweizer Krebskongress / 1er Congrès suisse du cancer
Bern
[More information](#)

04.09 – 06. 09.2014

96th SGDV Annual Meeting
Basel
[More information](#)

10.09 – 12.09.2014

1st CK-CARE Summer School on Eczema / Dermatitis
Davos
[More information](#)

10.09 – 14.09.2014

CK-CARE Allergy Education Week «Progress in Allergology, Dermatology, Pneumology, and Immunology»
Davos
[More information](#)

18.09.2014

3. Symposium Management von Obstruktiven Lungenerkrankungen
Pfäffikon
[More information](#)

06.10.2014

Symposium Health Technology Assessment (HTA) / Hochspezialisierte Medizin (HSM) / Médecine Hautement Spécialisée (MHS)
Bern
[More information](#)

23.10.2014

Colloquio Dermatologia / Allergologia (3.5 Credits)
Bellinzona
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15.11.2014

MEDfuture
Bern
[More information](#)

04.12.2014

EADV Dermatological meeting in Ticino 2014
Bellinzona
[More information](#)

National Events

29.01.2015

Swiss Derma Day and STI reviews and updates (2 credits)

Lucerne

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05.02.2015

Pharmakologie Symposiums «Fortschritte in der Pharmakologie: Allergie und Autoimmunität» (5 Credits)

Bern

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18.03. – 21.03.2015

WIRM-IX – 9th World Immune Regulation Meeting

Davos, Switzerland

[More information](#)

26.04. – 29.04.2015

29th European Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Conference

Geneva

[More information](#)

International Events

06.09 – 10.09.2014

ERS 2014 - European Respiratory Society (ERS) International
Munich, Germany
[More information](#)

06.09 – 10.09.2014

11th EFIS-EJI Tatra Immunology Conference
Štrbské Pleso, High Tatras, Slovakia
[More information](#)

09.09 – 12.09.2014

47th Annual Meeting of the German for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology e.V. (DGTI) 2014
Dresden, Germany
[More information](#)

14.09 – 18.09.2014

13th International Symposium on Dendritic Cells in Fundamental and Clinical Immunology
Tours, France
[More information](#)

11.09 – 13.09.2014

EAACI Allergy School «An Insight into Allergy and Allergen Immunotherapy»
Athens, Greece
[More information](#)

11.09 – 13.09.2014

Third Annual International Graduate Student Immunology Conference (IGSIC)
Dallas, TX, USA
[More information](#)

17.09 – 20.09.2014

44th Annual Congress of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI)
Bonn, Germany
[More information](#)

18.09 – 20.09.2014

EAACI 3rd Skin Allergy Meeting (SAM 2014)
Krakow, Poland
[More information](#)

28.09 – 30.09.2014

3rd International Conference on Immune Tolerance 2014
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
[More information](#)

09.10 – 11.10.2014

2014 Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Meeting (FAAM 2014)
Dublin, Ireland
[More information](#)

23.10 – 24.10.2014

SIICA-SSAI Joint Workshop «Imaging the Immune System»
San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan, Italy
[More information](#)

29.10. – 01.11.2014

16th Biennial Meeting of the European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID 2014)
Prague, Czech Republic
[More information](#)

13.11. – 15.11.2014

Ataxia Telangiectasia Clinical Research Conference 2014
Bergen Dal, The Netherlands
[More information](#)

International Events

13.11. – 15.11.2014

EAACI 2nd International Severe Asthma Forum (ISAF 2014)
Athens, Greece

[More information](#)

19.11. – 21.11.2014

Inflammatory Skin Disease Summit: The Translational Revolution
Vienna, Austria

[More information](#)

30.11. – 04.12.2014

9th FAIS Federation of African Immunological Societies Conference
Nairobi, Kenya

[More information](#)

01.12. – 04.12.2014

The British Society for Immunology Annual Congress 2014
Brighton, UK

[More information](#)

06.12. – 09.12.2014

WAO International Scientific Conference 2014 (WISC 2014) and XLI Congress of the Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunology

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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07.12. – 09.12.2014

EFIS-EJI advanced course «The Maternal Immune System in Pregnancy»
Naples, Italy

[More information](#)

11.12. – 13.12.2014

7th International Congress «Psoriasis: From Gene to Clinic»
London, UK

[More information](#)

17.12. – 19.12.2014

Dutch Society for Immunology 50th Anniversary Annual Congress
Kaatsheuvel, The Netherlands

[More information](#)

17.01. – 21.01.2015

Midwinter Conference 2015
Seefeld, Tyrol, Austria

[More information](#)

18.03. – 21.03.2015

25th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Virology (DVV)
Bochum, Germany

[More information](#)