



NRP 78 “Covid-19” 1st Programme Conference

Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 April 2021
Afternoon Online Sessions 14h00 – 18h00

Objectives

- Scientific update and Knowledge exchange throughout the research projects and groups
- Discussion and Exchange in between Research Modules
- Foster Dialogue with Science, General Public, Politics and Media

The Zoom link will be provided upon registration

Programme

Wednesday, 28 April 2021

13:45 – 14:00	Login and Setup
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and Programme-specific Information Marcel Salathé, President of the Steering Committee
14:10 – 14:40	Keynote Presentation: Zoonoses and the emergence and ongoing evolution of COVID-19 Edward C. Holmes, FAA FRS, University of Sydney, Australia
14:40 – 14:50	Questions & Discussion
14:50 – 15:50	4 Breakout Sessions in Modules Short Presentations per project
15:50 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break – Change to Gather Town</i>
16:00 – 17:15	Poster Session with 28 NRP 78-Projects (Gather Town) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Exchange • Focus on challenges of continuing modifications of the research settings due to the rapid pandemic development
17:15 – 17:20	<i>Short comfort break – and change back to Zoom</i>
17:20 – 17:55	Panel Discussion: Covid-19: Opportunities and Threats for Research and Industry William Pao, Head of Pharma Research & Early Development (pRED), Roche Bettina Ernst, PRECLIN Biosystems AG & Innovation Council Innosuisse Giacomo Grasselli, Member of the Steering Committee Moderation: Marcel Salathé
17:55 – 18:00	Wrap Up first day Marcel Salathé, President of the Steering Committee

Thursday, 29 April 2021

13:45 – 14:00	Login and Setup
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome Marcel Salathé, President of the steering committee
14:05 – 14:35	Keynote Presentation: Drug and Vaccine development Barbara Rath, Member of the Steering Committee
14:35 – 14:45	Questions & Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Knowledge and Technology Transfer: The NRP 78 Implementation Programme Pascal Walther, Programme Manager NRP 78 Bettina Ernst, PRECLIN Biosystems AG & Innovation Council Innosuisse
15:00– 15:50	Discussion Forums on Top Scientific Challenge (I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onur Boyman (Breakout Group Modules 1+3) • Jing Wang/Walter Zingg (Breakout Group Modules 2+4)
15:50– 16:00	<i>Short Break</i>
16:00– 17:00	Discussion Forums on Top Scientific Challenge (II) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sebastian Maerkl/Benjamin Meyer (Breakout Group Modules 3+2) • Stefano Barco/Nils Kucher (Breakout Group Modules 4+1)
17:00– 17:10	Supporting Note Martina Hirayama, State Secretary, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI
17:10 – 17:55	Panel Discussion: The Role of Science as a Support of Politics vs. the Role of Politics as a Support for Research Christine Kopp, Head of the Covid-19 Task Force FOPH Lukas Engelberger, President GDK Marina Carobbio, Member Social Security and Health Committee SR Samia Hurst-Majno, Vice President Scientific Taskforce Marcel Salathé, President Steering Committee NRP 78 Moderation: Mark Baecher, Communication Officer NRP 78
17:55 – 18:00	Closing Words Pascal Walther, Programme Manager NRP 78