



NRP 78 «Covid-19» 2nd Programme Conference

Wednesday, 4 May 2022, 13h00 to Thursday, 5 May 2022, 14h00

Location: [Kursaal Interlaken](#)

Objectives

- Scientific update and Knowledge exchange throughout the research projects and groups
- Discussion and Exchange in between Research Modules
- Science in crisis mode: learnings, best practices
- Community building between researchers (and further participants)

Participants

- NRP 78 research teams
- Special Call on Coronaviruses research teams

Berne, April 2022

Final Programme

Wednesday, 4 May 2022 – Day I

12:30 – 13:00	Registration
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome Marcel Salathé , President of the Steering Committee
13:10 – 13:40	Children and the pandemic: a complex interplay – Key Note Speech Elsa Lorthe , Geneva University Hospitals. Projects <i>SEROCOV-KIDS</i> funded by Jacobs Foundation and FOPH and <i>SEROCOV-Schools</i> funded by FOPH, HUG Private Foundation, Fondation des Grangettes and NRP 78.
13:40 – 14:00	Potential best and worst scenarios for the future of the pandemic – Key Note Speech Annelies Wilder-Smith , London School of Hygiene and Visiting Professor at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Singapore, Consultant to the Initiative of Vaccine Research at the World Health Organization (WHO) and Member of the Steering Committees of NRP 78 and NRP 80
14:00-14:15	Short break – settle in short presentations
14:15 – 15:30	Research Group Short Presentations - Part I
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break and Networking
16:00 – 16:45	Research Group Short Presentations - Part II
16:45 – 18:15	Poster Sessions with Discussions (4 groups with moderator)
18:45	Transfer by funicular to the Harder Mountain – Apéro and Dinner

Thursday, 5 May 2022 – Day II

08:30 – 08:35	Welcome
08:35 – 09:50	Research Group Short Presentations - Part III
09:50 – 10:15	Coffee break and Networking
10:15 – 10:50	<p>Covid-19 crisis in Switzerland: Review and outlook – Key Note Speech</p> <p>Tanja Stadler, ETH Zurich, former President Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force, PI of project <i>Phylogenomics</i> and co-PI of project <i>Deep sequencing</i> funded by SNSF Special Call on Coronaviruses</p>
10:55 – 11:50	<p>Panel Discussion on Long Covid, Variants of Concern (VOCs), and Immunodynamics</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Annelies Wilder-Smith, London School of Hygiene and Visiting Professor at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Singapore, Consultant to the Initiative of Vaccine Research at the World Health Organization (WHO) and Member of the Steering Committees of NRP 78 and NRP 80</p> <p>Participants</p> <p>Tanja Stadler, ETH Zurich, former President Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force, PI of project <i>Phylogenomics</i> and co-PI of project <i>Deep sequencing</i> both funded by SNSF Special Call on Coronaviruses</p> <p>Isabella Eckerle, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG). Co-PI of <i>Large-scale serological profiling of SARS-CoV-2 with high-throughput microfluidic nano-immunoassays</i>, funded by NRP 78 and PI of <i>Phenotypic characterization of a SARS-CoV-2 and risk assessment of evolving virus variants</i> and co-PI of <i>Real-time pandemic functional characterization of SARS-CoV-2</i> funded by Special Call on Coronaviruses</p> <p>Robert Rieben, University of Berne, co-PI of project <i>SARS-CoV-2 in cardiovascular disease</i> funded by NRP 78</p> <p>Christian Kahlert, Kantonsspital St. Gallen, co-PI of project <i>COVID-19 among HCW</i> funded by SNSF Special Call on Coronaviruses</p>
11:50 – 12:00	Short break – settle in short presentations
12:00 – 13:00	Research Group Short Presentations - Part IV
13:05 – 13:15	<p>Closing Words</p> <p>Nicolas Rodondi, Member of the National Research Council</p>
13:15	Networking Lunch