

Rigi-Workshop 2012, January 22 – 24, Rigi-Kulm Hotel

## “How to improve animal experimentation: From A to Z”

### Sunday, January 22

12:00 – 12:30	Arrival / Check-in / Registration
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:15	Installation of posters and oral presentations
14:15 – 14:30	Opening
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Oral – 3 slides poster presentation I</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Oral – 3 slides poster presentation II</b>
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Poster Session

### Monday, January 23

08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast
08:45 – 09:45	Merel Ritskes-Hoitinga and Marlies Leenaars, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center, NL <b>What to do prior to planning experiments? How to search literature and get the most out of it</b>
09:45 – 10:15	<b>Group work:</b> Use of GSPC when planning and reporting experiments
10:15 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:45	Marcel Gyger, EPFL and Bernard Baertschi, University of Geneva <b>Legal and ethical aspects to consider when applying a request for animal experiments</b>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Free Time
17:00 – 18:30	Michael F.W. Festing, Understanding Animal Research, UK <b>Statistical considerations</b>
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner
20:00 – 21:00	Friedrich Beermann, EPFL <b>Transgenic animals as research models</b>
21:00 – 22:00	<b>Discussion:</b> What are good animal models and where are the limits. Are transgenic animals useful to study human diseases?

### Tuesday, January 24

08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast / Check out
08:45 – 09:45	François Rochat, University of Fribourg <b>To what extent is modelling an alternative to experimentation? A discussion about some advantages and disadvantages of biological models</b>
09:45 – 10:15	Merel Ritskes-Hoitinga, Marlies Leenaars, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center, NL and Beat Riederer, University of Lausanne <b>Writing a paper, what needs to be mentioned and why?</b>
10:15 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Group work:</b> How to solve a given problem
11:45 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:00	Group reports
14:00 – 14:30	Prizes for poster, presentation and group work
14:30 – 15:30	Final discussion, evaluation and closing remarks
15:30	Conference closure and departures