



NEWSLETTER 02 / 2020

Dear Member,

Thank you for reading the Newsletter 2/2020. Any comments and suggestions to info@saphw.ch are welcome.
Kind regards, your SAPhS



A Word from the President



The Swiss Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences is going virtual. The annual Swiss Pharma Science Day at the end of August has always been a hallmark in our calendars, as this is when pharmaceutical scientists from all corners and walks of life in Switzerland gather for a day of discussion, networking and socializing. I myself was motivated by the first Swiss Pharma Science Day way back when to get active because our Swiss community is too small to not cooperate, yet powerful when we do. So, we are saddened that we cannot gather in Bern this year but promise to make it up in 2021!

In the meantime, we will have our General Assembly on July 3, 2020 online, and we are planning a series of webinars that will continue to support our community similar to the PharmaLunches we held in Basel.




Some happy news are that Pharmaceutical Sciences is growing, Bern has been established and welcomes Profs Alice Panchaud and Sven Streit. The team at Basel is reinforced by the arrival of Prof. Scott McNeil, as the former director of the Nanotechnology Characterization Lab at NCI (USA) a world expert in nanomedicine at its translation into clinical practice. Prof. Francesco Gervasio has joined the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Western Switzerland (ISPSO, former EPGL) in Geneva. Francesco, who also holds a professorship at University College London, has made great contributions to biomolecular and pharmaceutical modeling (see below his bio).

Personally, I would like to thank the scientific community for their willingness to cooperate in these difficult times, offering advice and infrastructure to tackle the challenges of this pandemic in the labs, the hospitals and pharmacies.

Let's keep this spirit!
Gerrit Borchard, PharmD, PhD





News

-  SARS-CoV-2 & Covid-19 : [Updates](#)
-  [Scott McNeil](#), University of Basel:
New professor for «Nanopharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences»
-  [Alice Panchaud and Sven Streit](#), University of Bern:
New professors for «Basic Care in Pharmacy and Medicine»



Events Save the Date

-  [SAPhS General Assembly 2020](#)
Postponed from April 21 to July 3, 2020 > Video Conference; still time to [register](#)
-  [Swiss Pharma Science Day 2020](#)
Postponed from August 26 to August 25, 2021





Portrait of the Month

-  [Prof. Francesco Gervasio, UniGE](#)




Science

-  Papers of the month:
Zimmermann P. et al.: COVID-19 in Children, Pregnancy and Neonates: A Review of Epidemiologic and Clinical Features. [Pediatr. Infect. Dis. J. 2020. PMID: 32398569 Review](#)
-  **Matter M., Mühlebach S., Puchkov M., Huwyler J.: Missbrauch von Opioiden und mögliche Auswege aus der Opioid-Krise. [Ther. Umschau 2020; 77\(1\) 24-28](#)**



Education

-  PharmaLunch:
The series of PharmaLunches will be continued as webinars per Zoom. We are currently in discussion with several excellent speakers from research institutions and regulatory authorities and will present the program very soon.



Statements

-  [\(Hydroxy\) Chloroquine: Benefits with COVID-19?](#)



Obituary



[Prof. Dr. Olivier Bugnon, UniGE](#)

Deceased May 13, 2020



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