

## 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Seminar of the Center of Applied Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine (CABMM)



Following the 7<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CABMM, the 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Seminar of our center took place on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Animal Hospital in Zurich. Numerous participants had the opportunity to follow a clinically oriented program mainly including presentations from the field of experimental medicine and surgery.

The chairwomen of the CABMM Steering Committee, Prof. Dr. Brigitte von Rechenberg, opened the 4<sup>th</sup> CABMM Spring Seminar. After welcoming the audience, she made way for the scientific director of our center, PD Dr. Peter J. Richards who chaired the event.

The main focus of the first session was on vascular and cardiovascular disease. The meeting kicked off with two of the newest members presenting their area of research to the CABMM network: Dr. Serge Marbacher from the Kantonsspital Aarau talked about intracranial aneurysms and their contribution to subarachnoid hemorrhage. Prof. Dr. Isabel Wanke from the Hirslanden Klinik in Zurich continued this topic with her presentation on image-based evaluation of aneurysms based on their size and shape. Thereafter, Dr. Benedikt Weber from the University Hospital Zurich gave an in-depth account of his ongoing pre-clinical studies within the field of tissue engineering and heart valve replacement.



Dr. Serge Marbacher



Prof. Dr. Isabel Wanke



Dr. Benedikt Weber



Prof. Dr. Brigitte von Rechenberg



Dr. Karin Würtz-Kozak

The second series of lectures dealt with research in the field of musculoskeletal tissues and again began with a presentation from a new CABMM member, Prof. Dr. Martin Flück from the Balgrist University Hospital. He talked about focal-adhesion-targeted approaches against the degeneration of muscle tissue. The next speaker, Prof. Dr. David Spreng from the University of Bern talked about possible causes of canine cruciate ligament ruptures. Finally, Dr. Karin Würtz-Kozak from the ETH Zurich gave an overview of new approaches for the regeneration of disc and muscle tissue.



PD Dr. Peter J. Richards



Prof. Dr. David Spreng

Following the concluding remarks of Prof. Dr. Brigitte von Rechenberg, another successful meeting was brought to a close. She mentioned the importance of translational research and the increasing possibilities provided by the growing network of our centre.

The after meeting Apéro offered participants the opportunity to exchange new ideas and to reflect upon the presentations given. It also allowed new members the possibility to introduce themselves in an informal atmosphere.



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We would like to thank all participants for their contribution to our 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Seminar and looking forward to seeing all of you at our next Symposium!