



2nd Symposium of the Center for Applied Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine (CABMM)

The 2nd CABMM Symposium took place on November 17th, 2011. More than 70 participants from both here in Switzerland and also from abroad, had the opportunity to listen to interesting presentations given by scientists connected to the CABMM network.

Prof. Dr. Brigitte von Rechenberg – chairwomen of the CABMM – opened the meeting by introducing the first speaker, Prof. em. Dr. A. Robin Poole from the McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Prof. Poole gave some useful insights into the writing and review of research grants based on his many years of experience. Subsequently, Dr. Peter Richards presented the results from one of the first projects to be funded by a CABMM start-up grant, a study investigating the role of serine proteases in spinal disc degeneration.



Prof. Dr. Brigitte von Rechenberg



Prof. em. Dr. A. Robin Poole



Dr. Peter Richards



Prof. Dr. Ohad Medalia



Dr. Sascha Beneke

Introduced by Prof. Dr. Dr. Michael Hottiger, Prof. Dr. Ohad Medalia opened the second session of the symposium with an exciting talk about about cryo-electron microscopy, and amazed the audience with some impressive images. Representing the field of molecular medicine, Dr. Sascha Beneke then gave a lecture on the technique of chromatin-immunoprecipitation and highlighted important new aspects associated with this field of research.

The last session was chaired by the Scientific Director of the CABMM, Dr. Peter Richards, and covered the fields of regenerative medicine and experimental medicine and surgery. Prof. Dr. Michael Blauth from the University Hospital of Innsbruck, Austria, gave an insightful and thought provoking overview of osteoporosis and associated clinical problems. Dr. Chad Brokopp then presented his latest data regarding the prevention of myocardial infarction. Finally, Prof. Dr. Benjamin Gantenbein from the University of Bern, Switzerland, ended the session by giving a well structured account of his current work in the area of intervertebral disc regeneration.



Prof. Dr. Michael Blauth



Dr. Chad Brokopp



Prof. Dr. Benjamin Gantenbein

With the concluding words of Prof. Dr. Brigitte von Rechenberg, another very successful meeting with reputable scientists from the fields of applied biotechnology and molecular medicine could be closed.

During the Apéro that followed, all participants had the opportunity to discuss scientific questions and to strengthen collaborations within the CABMM network.

We would like to thank all participants for their contribution making our second symposium a very successful event!

We already look forward to welcoming all of you again at our next meeting!



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