

8th Swiss Experimental Surgery Symposium

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University of Geneva, Switzerland

Organisers: *Beat H. Walpoth, MD, Paolo Meda, MD*

EVALUATION

Hands-On Workshop

10 Hands-on Workshops were held on Thursday, 19 January during a 4-hour period. 41 participants were thus able to attend each of the workshops.

Scientific Sessions

On Friday, 20 January, during an 8-hour period, there were 15 presentations and a moderated poster session. These were attended by:

- 126 participants (overall)
- 16 speakers and 14 chairmen
- 19 instructors of the Hands-On Workshop
- 11 sponsors (including 7 exhibitors)
- 13 staff

Awards

From the 12 submitted abstracts, the following three were selected for poster awards 1,2, and 3:

SCAVENGING LIPOSOMES: PROMISING UNIVERSAL ANTIDOTE TO TREAT DRUG-INDUCED TOXICITY

V Forster, P Luciani, and JC Leroux

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETHZ), Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Zürich, Switzerland

A REALITY-DRIVEN RAT HIND LIMB MODEL FOR STUDYING SKELETAL MUSCLE ISCHEMIA/ REPERFUSION INJURY

C Dührkop, R Rieben

University of Bern, Department of Clinical Research, Bern, Switzerland

PRL-INDUCED IMPROVEMENT OF β -CELL FUNCTION: IS Cx36 A PLAYER?

Helena Pontes, Anne Charollais, Dorothée Caille, Paolo Meda

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Evaluation - From 52 completed evaluation forms (1 = least; 5 = best)

	Mean
1. ... well structured and follows the theme	4.03
2. ... is well illustrated (examples, Vidéos)	4.03
3. ... covers the scientific subject in depth	4.02
4. ... is well documented	4.02
5. ... fulfills the goals as announced	4.02

Summary

The Hands-on Workshop with live demonstrations of animal surgery and evaluation methods attracted great interest due to its uniqueness. Owing to the small groups, participants had more interaction with the instructors.

The Scientific Sessions were of high quality and fitted very well to the topic of our meeting: *animal models for organogenesis*. Many novel techniques, models and studies were presented. From the above evaluation table, we can conclude that the overall quality of our symposium was excellent.