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SCS CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Swiss Snow Symposium 2026

January 15–17, 2026, Saas-Almagell

The youngSCS happily welcomes you again in Saas-Almagell for the 22nd edition of the Snow Symposium to share your passion for chemistry, connect with one another and be inspired by renowned researchers and industrial partners. Join us for 3 days of lectures, short talks and posters as well as get-togethers at the hotel bar and snow activities such as skiing, sledging and snow shoeing on the slopes of the Almagellerhorn.

Speakers
Prof. Sascha Feldmann, EPFL Lausanne
Prof. Sascha Hoogendoorn, University of Geneva
Prof. Murielle Delley, University of Basel
Prof. Jeffrey Bode, ETH Zurich
Dr. Maximilian Menche, BASF
Dr. Alexander Lederer, Braunpat
Dr. Ana Marques, Adolphe Merkle Institute, Fribourg

Organizing Committee
Konstantina Armadorou, Tara Forrest, Patrick Fritz, Gaetano Geraci, Marta Oggioni, Marie-Désirée Schlemper-Scheidt, Helena Solé

Website: *https://sss26.scg.ch*

6th Swiss Industrial Chemistry Symposium, SICS 2026

January 30, 2026, Biozentrum Basel

The SICS is a one-day symposium with lectures, short talks and offers a unique platform for industrial scientists, working in research and process research, to present their latest results. The event will be completed with a poster session in which PhD students can also participate.

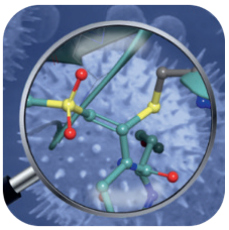
Program
09.00 Welcome Message
Session 1 - Chair: Dr. Hayley Binch, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd
09.15 Dr. Henrick Moebitz, Novartis
SCS Senior Industrial Science Award Lecture 2025
«Adventures in Chemical Space»
09.45 Dr. Fides Benfatti and Dr. Federico Dapiaggi, Syngenta
«Target-Based Design and Hit to Lead Optimization of Pyrimidinylpyrazole Insecticides»
10.15 Coffee Break
Session 2 - Chair: Dr. René Wyler, Novartis Pharma AG
10.45 Dr. Lorena de Luca, Givaudan
«AmbreXolideTM: Synthesis via Olefin Metathesis»
11.15 Dr. Rafael Bermeo Malo, and Dr. John Lopez, Novartis
«FXX489 – A FAP targeting ligand with best-in-class potential for Radioligand Therapy»
11.45 Dr. Lionel Saudan, dsm-firmenich
«Hydrogenation and Hydroformylation Reactions for the Synthesis of New Perfumery Ingredients»
12.15 Lunch Break
Poster Session: max. 50 posters will be accepted. Abstract submission until Dec 15, 2025
Exhibition and Networking
Session 3 - Chair: Dr. Sarah Sulzer, Syngenta
14.00 Dr. Thomas Debnar, Siegfried
«Sustainability by Process Design – Development of a 3-Step Domino-Sequence en route to buprenorphine»
14.20 Dr. Michal Shoshan, metaLead Therapeutics AG
«Short peptides as next-generation chelating agents for treating Wilson disease»
14.40 Dr. Alessandro Castrogiovanni and Dr. Francesca Militano, Merk
«An end-to-end robotic platform for high-throughput formulation development of biologics»
15.00 Dr. Valentin Lair, Deasyl
«Mechanochemical Synthesis and Production Scale-up of Calcium Diglyceroxide (CaDG) as a Heterogeneous Catalyst for Sustainable Biodiesel Production»
15.20 Dr. Trung Cao, Cilag
«Driving Sustainability in the API Early Development Space»
15.40 Coffee Break
Session 4 - Chair: Dr. Stefan Abele, Pharvaris GmbH
16.10 Dr. Dominique Roberge, Lonza
«Innovative Journey to Continuous-Flow Industrialization»
16.40 Dr. Daniel Hunziker and Dr. Serena Fantasia, Roche
«Discovery and process development of Mosperafenib: the next-generation brain permeable, paradox breaker BRAF inhibitor»
17.10 Ceremony Best Presentation Awards
3x 2min pitches of the winners
17.30 Aperitif and networking

Deadlines
15.12.2025 Poster abstract submission
15.12.2025 Registration deadline for exhibitors
15.01.2026 Registration deadline for participants

Organizing Committee
Dr. Stefan Hildbrand, F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG, OC Chair
Prof. Christof Sparr, University of Basel, local host
Dr. Hayley Binch, F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG
Dr. Fabrice Gallou, Novartis Pharma AG
Dr. Sarah Sulzer-Mosse, Syngenta Crop Protection AG
Dr. René Wyler, Novartis Pharma AG
Dr. Stefan Abele, Pharvaris

Website: *https://sics26.scg.ch*

DMCCB Basel Symposium 2026 «Covalent Chemistry in Drug Discovery: From Screening to Development»



February 5, 2026, Biozentrum Basel

In the year of its 125th anniversary, the Swiss Chemical Society celebrates a long tradition of advancing chemistry and fostering scientific exchange. Against this backdrop, the DMCCB Basel Symposium 2026 highlights the transformative role of covalent chemistry in modern drug discovery. Covalent drugs have re-emerged as powerful therapeutic agents, offering unique advantages in potency, selectivity, and durability of action. With advances in screening technologies, structural biology, and chemical design, covalent chemistry is being applied to a broad range of biological targets once considered difficult or inaccessible. This symposium will bring together leading experts to explore how covalent strategies are reshaping the future of drug discovery.

This event is designed to engage professionals and students alike, fostering dialogue and collaboration across disciplines. Don't miss this unique opportunity to be part of the discussion driving the next generation of covalent therapeutics.

Invited Speakers

- Prof. Alberto Dal Corso, University of Milan
- Dr. Andrea Vaupel, Novartis Basel
- Prof. Matthias Gehringer, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
- Dr. Jeff McKenna & Dr. Veronika Ehmke, Novartis Basel
- Prof. Stephan A. Sieber, Technical University of Munich
- Prof. Megan Wright, University of Leeds

Deadlines

11.01.2026 Deadline for abstract submission
25.01.2026 Registration deadline for participants

Organizing Committee

Dr. Christoph Sager, leadXpro, OC Chair
Prof. Nina Hartrampf, University of Zurich
Prof. Dennis Gillingham, University of Basel
Dr. Fides Benfatti, Syngenta

Website

https://dmccb26.scg.ch

*CH*analysis 2026

March 18–19, 2026, Dorint Resort Beatenberg

The Division Analytical Sciences (DAS) of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) is organizing *CH*analysis, a meeting of Swiss analytical scientists on a yearly basis.

The goal of this two-day conference series is to stimulate a stronger interaction among persons working in different areas of analytical sciences. Scientists from applied and fundamental research, from industry, education, and regulation are welcome.

The program includes

- Invited lectures
- Talks from our event partners
- Contributed talks from PhD/Postdocs
- Poster pitches and a poster session
- Panel discussion
- Conference dinner

Program

Wed, March 18, 2026

12.15 Lunch
13.30 Welcome Message by DAS President
13.40 Prof. Davy Guillarme, University of Geneva and Dr. Pascal Miéville, EPFL Lausanne «The Centre de compétences Chimie et Toxicologie Analytiques (ccCTA), 30 years of analytical chemistry and toxicology in Suisse romande»
14.00 Prof. Koen Jannssens, University of Antwerp «Non-destructive imaging and spectroscopic analysis of European works of Art»
14.30 4 Contributed Talks
15.30 Coffee Break and Exhibitor Talk 1
16.30 4 Contributed Talks
17.30 Poster Session & Poster Pitches
20.00 Conference Dinner

Thu, March 19, 2026

08.30 METAS Award Lecture 2026
08.50 4 Contributed Talks
09.50 Coffee Break and Exhibitor Talk 2
10.50 Dr. Corinne Jud, Agroscope «The Role of Analytical Chemistry in Agricultural Research»
11.25 4 Contributed Talks
12.30 Lunch Break
13.45 Panel Discussion «From Detection to Decision: Challenges in Nitrosamine Testing»
Chair: Dr. Dennis Kucina, Novartis AG
14.45 Awards and Closing Remarks
15.00 End of the Meeting

Organizing Committee

Dr. Davide Bleiner, OST UAS & University of Zurich
Dr. Hanspeter Andres, METAS, Bern
Dr. Christoph Meyer, Lonza

Website: *https://cha26.scg.ch*

BeNeFri Symposium 2026

April 10, 2026, University of Bern

Local groups of the youngSCS organize events to foster better exchange between students and young PIs. This is the fourth edition of the BeNeFri Student Spring Symposium. We encourage students at all levels and postdocs to submit abstracts for oral presentations.

Save the date! More details will be communicated soon.

Organizer

youngSCS (*youngSCS@scg.ch*)

SCS Spring Meeting 2026: «Catalyzing Change: Sustainability in Chemistry with Green Approaches and Innovative Synthesis»

April 23, 2026, University of Fribourg
The SCS Spring Meeting is a one-day symposium and provides a high-quality program with national and international speakers on a certain topic.

Poster Session
We offer again a poster session during lunch time. Don't miss to apply for a poster presentation.

Program

08.15	Welcome Message by Prof. Ali Coskun, University of Fribourg, Chair of the symposium
09.00	Prof. Susumu Kitagawa, Kyoto University Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2025 Laureate «Exploring Soft Porous Crystals: Discoveries and Future Perspectives in Chemistry»
09.45	Prof. Eva Hevia, University of Bern
10.30	Coffee Break
10.50	Prof. Miriam Unterlass, Frauhofer Institute for Silicate Reseearch ISC
11.35	Werner Prize Lecture 2026
12.15	Lunch Break Poster Session
13.30	SCS General Assembly 2026
14.00	Prof. Bettina Lotsch, Max Plank Institute
14.45	Prof. Francesco Stellacci, EPFL Lausanne
15.30	Coffee Break
15.50	Prof. Jeremiah Johnson, MIT «Deconstructing Macromolecules to Make Better Materials»
16.35	Prof. Metin Sitti, Koç University
17.20	Poster Prize Ceremony and Closing Remarks
17.30	Aperitif
18.30	End of the event

Registration fees	***SCS Member***	***Non-Member***
Regular	free	CHF 100
Student/PhD	free	CHF 50

Deadlines
16.02.2026 Deadline for poster abstracts
13.04.2026 Registration deadline for participants

Chair and Local Organizier
Prof. Ali Coskun, University of Fribourg

Website
https://sm26.scg.ch

SCS Conference on Stereochemistry 2026 (Bürgenstock Conference)

May 3–7, 2026, Hotel Waldstätterhof, Brunnen

The "SCS Conference on Stereochemistry", better known as "Bürgenstock Conference", is an outstanding international chemistry meeting of high scientific quality, with an optimal setting for intense interdisciplinary discussion.

Stereochemistry is the principle underlying our understanding of the processes of life and the properties of matter at the molecular level. It is a key element not only in all chemical disciplines, but also in modern molecular biology, molecular medicine, biophysics, and material design. Accordingly, the "Bürgenstock Conference" has grown over the years into a multi-disciplinary conference where frontier science is being discussed. Lectures cover many areas of chemistry and relevant highlights from neighboring disciplines.

Registration is on invitation only. If you are interested in participating, please contact one of the organizing committee members.

Organizing Committee
Prof. Rebecca Buller, University of Bern
Prof. Karl Gademann, University of Zurich
Dr. Fabrice Gallou, Novartis Pharma AG
Prof. Francesca Paradisi, University of Bern
Dr. Lionel Saudan, dsm-firmenich
Prof. Jérôme Waser, EPFL Lausanne

Website
https://bc26.scg.ch

Simulations to Solutions: AI and FAIR Data for Drug Design (S2S-AI-FAIR)

May 29, 2026, University of Fribourg
The goal of this event is to bring together experts in molecular simulations, artificial intelligence, drug discovery, and with exerimental background to drive the transition toward a Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR), AI-driven biomolecular research hub. Despite remarkable progress in molecular simulations and generative AI, the lack of standards, sustainability strategies, and unified infrastructures has left vast amounts of data underutilized and the field fragmented. This workshop will (i) highlight recent initiatives that generate and share large-scale MD databases, (ii) showcase how generative AI and large language models can transform sequence–structure–function predictions into actionable insights, and (iii) foster consensus on standards, metadata, and infrastructures that enable interoperability and pan-analysis.

Registration fees	***SCS Member***	***Non-Member***
Regular	CHF 100	CHF 200
Student/PhD	free	CHF 50
Uni Fribourg affiliated	free	free

Contacts
Prof. Marco Lattuada, Dr. Miroslava Nedyalkova, University of Fribourg, and Dr. Philip Loche, EPFL Lausanne

Supporters
The event is supported by the University of Fribourg and the NCCR Bioinspired Materials

Website
https://ai26.scg.ch

Non-SCS Conferences in Switzerland, SCS Supported Events Abroad

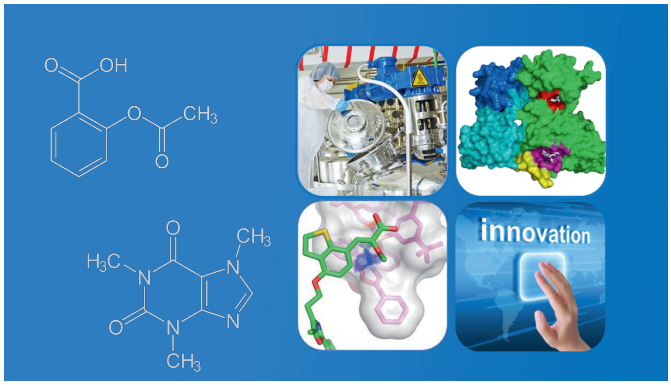
Geneva Chemistry & Biochemistry Days 2026
January 15-16, 2026, University of Geneva, Sciences II, auditorium A300
Two-day symposium organized by the University of Geneva's Department of Chemistry with half a dozen of senior speakers and about 20 junior speakers!
The vocation of the event is to give the UniGE students who are close to finishing their PhD studies the opportunity to present their research as attractive speed talks to an audience from academia and industry. Distinguished lecturers further enrich the programme.
Website: *https://www.unige.ch/sciences/chimie/*

50 Year Giese Reaction
January 29–30, 2026, University of Fribourg
Two-day symposium to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Giese Reaction with focus on radical chemistry.
Registration fee is 20 CHF and 10 CHF for students.
Website: *https://agenda.unifr.ch/e/de/18023*

LS2 Annual Meeting 2026
Feburary 10–12, 2026, University of Zurich, Irchel Campus
The LS^2 Annual Meeting serves as a vibrant platform for scientists across Switzerland and beyond, bringing together researchers from all fields of life sciences to foster collaboration and share groundbreaking discoveries. This year's theme, "Fueling Life Across Scales", highlights the fundamental role of energy in driving biological processes, from the molecular to the organismal level. We are delighted to announce three outstanding keynote speakers: Sarah-Maria Fendt (VIB Center for Cancer Biology & KU Leuven, Belgium), Heidi McBride (McGill University, Canada), and Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz (Howard Hughes Medical Institute, USA). Their lectures will span critical topics in metabolism, mitochondria, cancer, and advanced imaging technologies, providing unique insights into how energy fuels life at multiple scales.
Website: *https://annual-meeting.ls2.ch*

Biology 2026
Feburary 12–13, 2026, University of Neuchâtel
Switzerland's largest conference on organismal biology-held on Darwin's birthday to celebrate the past, present, and future of biological research!
The conference will feature keynote talks (50 minutes each) by distinguished researchers, as well as thematic sessions, where each talk will last 15 minutes, followed by time for discussion.
Website: *https://biology26.ch*

Swiss Biotech Day 2026
May 4-5, 2026, Congress Center Basel
Since 2021, the Swiss Biotech Day has seen remarkable growth every year and has become a premier global biotechnology conference for life sciences professionals, fostering international collaboration and impactful partnerships. In 2025 it attracted more than 3,000 participants from 49 countries, including 25 international delegations. It was by far the biggest and most international edition of the Swiss Biotech Day ever.
Join the event to network, exchange ideas and explore advances in R&D, manufacturing, data management, AI and innovative financing.
Website: *https://swissbiotechday.ch*



6th Swiss Industrial Chemistry Symposium 2026

January 30, 2026, Biozentrum Basel

Take the opportunity to meet and interact with scientists from industry. We encourage you to participate and present your work in a poster presentation.

Invited Speakers

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- Valentin Lair, Deasyl
- Trung Cao, Cilag

Apply for a poster until December 15, 2025
Registration is free of charge for scs members
Registration deadline is January 15, 2026

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