



100 Years of Microglia (and post-conference PhD work for credit validation)

Date: 10 December 2019

Place: Lausanne, Agora Building

1 ECTS (with post-conference work)

“As a result of our first observation, we are convinced that this new cell type is a glial cell and we call it microglia due to the tiny size of their soma, which is considerably smaller than that of fibrous and protoplasmic astrocytes. Nonetheless, the subsequent assumption that microglia have a mesodermal origin inspired us also to name them mesoglia” (Río-Hortega, 1919)”.

With these words, Pio del Río-Hortega described a new cell population in the brain and named them **Microglia**. It was 1919, exactly 100 years ago. **100 Years of Microglia** is a symposium, free of charge for all the participants, aimed at celebrating microglia through a series of plenary lectures. Prominent figures in the field have been invited to Lausanne on December 10th 2019, to pay homage to Pio del Río Hortega, by giving master classes on selected microglial topics. See the [Scientific Program](#) of the event.

For LNDS candidates, the participation to local symposia or national conferences usually warrants entries on a “[seminar sheet](#)” (12 entries = 1 ECTS) as these events do not provide the possibility to assess students’ learning achievements.

However, the organizers of the Microglia symposium provide students with the possibility to submit a post-conference term paper in order to obtain 1 full ECTS.

If you want to register as meeting participant AND submit the term paper (details below), please do the following:

- Register to the event via the LNDS coordinator by filling the [online form here](#) before **November 15, 2019**, indicating that you want to participate and will write a term paper (**to be submitted by January 6, 2020**, by mail to "lns@unil.ch").
- During the symposium, sign the participation list the LNDS coordinator will hold.
- All term papers will be collectively forwarded to the symposium organizers for evaluation.
- Term paper instructions: PhD students use the event as a starting point to write a 1-2 A4 page grant proposal identifying an open question in the field that they find worth investigating further. Meaning, they could choose among one of the 7 major topics that will be discussed and develop ideas with lab mates or colleagues. In case TWO people decide to work together on ONE proposal, please motivate your group efforts when submitting your work. Do not forget bibliographic references!