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## **2023 MD-PhD Retreat**

A scientific meeting organized  
by the MD-PhD Commission UNIL/EPFL

**October 30, 2023 - Lausanne**

AGORA, Pôle de recherche sur le cancer  
Fondation ISREC  
Rue du Bugnon 25A, 1005 Lausanne

## INVITATION

The MD-PhD programme of UNIL/EPFL will organize its ninth retreat on Monday, October 30, 2023, at the AGORA building in Lausanne. The annual retreat is a mandatory event and constitutes the minimal requirement for Swiss MD-PhD programme, as defined by the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS).

The retreat encourages MD-PhD students and candidates to present their work beyond their immediate research environment and provides an opportunity to meet with former students, thesis directors and faculty members involved in the Lausanne UNIL/EPFL MD-PhD programme.

Posters of all MD-PhD students will be presented and six posters will be selected for oral presentations. Awards will be given for the best presentation and the best poster.

This year, we also have the privilege of welcoming Prof. Jocelyne Bloch, Prof. Niko Geldner, Prof. Sakar Selman and Dr Aikaterini Theodoropoulou as keynote speakers. They will share their experience in promoting science among doctoral and medical students as well as clinicians (full list of speakers on the fourth page).

Luncheon is offered. For organizational reasons we recommend that you register as soon as possible and confirm your presence for lunch by sending the attached form to: [md-phd@unil.ch](mailto:md-phd@unil.ch).

Registration deadline: October 9, 2023

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

For the MD-PhD Commission UNIL/EPFL  
Prof. Lucia Mazzolai  
President

## PROGRAMME

Monday, October 30, 2023 – AGORA  
Rue du Bugnon 25A, 1005 Lausanne

9<sup>th</sup> scientific meeting of the Lausanne MD-PhD Programme  
organized by the MD-PhD Commission UNIL/EPFL

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- 08:45      Coffee and croissants
- 09:00      Welcoming remarks: Prof. Lucia Mazzolai, CHUV/UNIL
- 09:10      Dr Philip Mair, Deputy Associate Vice President for Postgraduate  
Education, EPFL
- 09:15      Keynote lecture: Prof. Niko Geldner, Director of the Doctoral School FBM,  
CHUV/UNIL, Department of Plant Molecular Biology
- 09:45      Short talks (3): 15 min. each (10 min. presentation, 5 min. discussion)
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- 10:30      BREAK
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- 10:50      Poster session I
- 11:50      Young MD-PhD lecture: Dr Aikaterini Theodoropoulou
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- 12:15      LUNCH
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- 13:15      Short talks (3): 15 min. each (10 min. presentation, 5 min. discussion)
- 14:00      Keynote lecture: Prof. Sakar Selman, EFPL
- 14:30      Poster session II
- 15:30      Keynote lecture: Prof. Jocelyne Bloch, CHUV
- 16:00      Poster award and closing remarks
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- 16:30      Aperitif and networking session
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## AGORA

Rue du Bugnon 25A, 1005 Lausanne



See the [map](#)

### Metro

At the Lausanne railway station, take the M2 metro line in the direction of Croisettes. Get off at Lausanne-CHUV metro station.

### Speakers:

**Prof. Jocelyne Bloh**

Neurosurgery, CHUV

**Prof. Niko Geldner**

Director, Doctoral School FBM - CHUV/UNIL, Department of Plant Molecular Biology

**Dr. Philip Mair**

Associate Vice President for Postgraduate Education, EPFL

**Prof. Lucia Mazzolai**

President MD-PhD Commission - CHUV/UNIL

**Prof. Sakar Sellman**

MicroBioRobotic Systems Laboratory, EPFL

**Dr Aikaterini Theodoropoulou**

Doctor in Life Sciences, Pediatrics, CHUV