Mini-symposium and Educational meeting

"The role of MicroRNA in Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases"

Lausanne, Switzerland, Friday, September 25, 2009
Auditoire Mathias Mayor (CHUV,BH08)

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This meeting is free of charge but for organization purposes we would like the participants to register by sending the below registration form to Mrs Marina Leuba at her mail address.

This mini-symposium is accredited by the Swiss Association of Cantonal Veterinarians as half a day of continuing education.

08:30-09:00  (Coffee and croissants)
09:00   Welcome : D. Diviani

Chair: D. Diviani

09:15-10:00  Stéphane Germain (Paris)
"Dicer-dependent RNA interference pathway regulates developmental angiogenesis and lymphangiogenesis"

10:00-10:45  Stefan Engelhardt (Munich)
"MicroRNA-based therapeutics in cardiac disease"

10:45-11:00  Break

Chair: T. Pedrazzini

11:00-11:45  Minoo Rassoulzadegan (Nice)
"RNA-mediated epigenetic heredity: from a white-tipped tail to familial diseases"
11:45-12:30  Romano Regazzi (Lausanne)  "Involvement of microRNAs in the development of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes"

12:30-14:00  Lunch

14:30 – 16:30  Afternoon workshop (see below)

19:00  Dinner. All speakers and PhD students of the CVM are invited to share a dinner.

**Afternoon workshop.** 14h30 - 16h30
Workshop with the invited speakers and the PhD students of the CVM. Note that this workshop is also open to anyone interested in the topics.

Preliminary work to be done by the PhD students of the CVM: the students have to read the eight proposed papers (see below) they will discuss in detail with the invited speakers.

**Papers for discussion:**

1- Attribution of vascular phenotypes of the murine Egfl7 locus to the microRNA miR-126.

2- Dicer-dependent endothelial microRNAs are necessary for postnatal angiogenesis.

3- MicroRNA-21 contributes to myocardial disease by stimulating MAP kinase signalling in fibroblasts.

4- Silencing of microRNAs in vivo with 'antagomirs'.

5- RNA-mediated non-mendelian inheritance of an epigenetic change in the mouse.
