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# ADVANCING PRECISION MEDICINE IN IMMUNOLOGY AND ALLERGOLOGY

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## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Dear Friends, dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the 2024 Annual Congress of the Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology (SSAI-SSAI) that will take place on 12th and 13th of September 2024 at the Congress Center Palexpo in Geneva.

The topic of this year's SSAI Annual Congress 2024 is "Advancing Precision Medicine in Immunology and Allergology". Precision medicine is playing a pivotal role in the diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune diseases, leveraging genetic markers to identify at-risk patients and tailor personalized interventions. During the congress, esteemed national and international researchers will share insights into their diverse research activities and studies.

Alongside the Local Organizing Committee, we look forward to welcoming you to Geneva for an inspiring and vibrant event.

With kind regards

**Presidents of the Organizing Committee**



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# PROGRAM – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

09:00 - 09:45	<b>Registration</b>
09:45 - 10:00	<b>Welcome</b>
10:00 - 11:30 Plenary room	<b>Plenary Lecture 1 - GCIR Session</b> Chairs: Doron Merkler, Genève (CH); Annette Oxenius, Zürich (CH)  <b>Antigen presenting cells in type 2 Immunity</b> Bart Lambrecht, Gent (BE)  <b>Interleukin-18 in systemic inflammation and cancer</b> Cem Gabay, Genève, (CH)  <b>A novel GM-CSF-dependent macrophage population in the oral cavity</b> Burkhard Becher, Zürich (CH)
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Coffee break and poster viewing</b>
12:00 - 12:45 Plenary room	<b>Plenary Lecture 2</b> Chair: Joerg Seebach, Genève (CH)  <b>CAR T-cell therapy in autoimmune diseases</b> Georg Schett, Erlangen (DE)
12:45 - 14:00	<b>Lunch break with industry exhibition and poster viewing</b>
13:00 - 13:45	<b>Company Symposia</b>
Symposia room 1	<b>Symposia 1</b>
Symposia room 2	<b>Symposia 2</b>
14:00 - 15:30	<b>Parallel Session 1</b>
Plenary room	<b>Parallel Session 1.1 - Laboratory Diagnostics</b> Chair: David Spoerl, Genève (CH)  <b>Basophils and the control of humoral autoimmunity</b> Nicolas Charles, Paris (FR)  <b>Contribution of flow cytometry to clinical diagnosis of immune and inflammatory diseases</b> Nicolas Page, Genève (CH)  <b>State of the art of complement assessment in the diagnostic laboratory</b> Elsbeth Probst, Zürich (CH)

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Symposia room 1	<p><b>Parallel Session 1.2 - New Technologies in immunology</b> Chairs: Christoph Scheiermann, Genève (CH); Jens Stein, Fribourg (CH)</p> <p><b>Determinants of leukocyte migration through afferent lymphatics</b> Cornelia Halin, Zürich (CH)</p> <p><b>The power of ONE: Immunology in the age of spatial and single cell genomics</b> Ido Amit, Rehovot (IL)</p> <p><b>Awesome Activities out there: Proteomics Discovery of Intercellular Signaling Circuits Regulating Inflammation</b> Felix Meissner, Bonn (DE)</p>
Symposia room 2	<p><b>Parallel Session 1.3 - Immunogenetics &amp; Immunodeficiencies</b> Chairs: Géraldine Blanchard Rohner, Genève (CH); Johannes Trüch, Zürich (CH)</p> <p><b>Title to be announced</b> Benedicte Neven, Paris (FR)</p> <p><b>Novel developments in hematopoietic stem cell gene therapy for phagocyte-related disorders</b> Janine Reichenbach, Zürich (CH)</p> <p><b>Update on Immunoactinopathies</b> Fabio Candotti, Lausanne (CH)</p>
Symposia room 3	<p><b>Parallel Session 1.4 - Updates in Allergies</b> Chairs: Thomas Harr, Genève (CH); Giovanni Ferrari, Lugano (CH)</p> <p><b>Challenges of Asthma management</b> Christophe von Garnier, Lausanne (CH)</p> <p><b>Update Allergic Contact Dermatitis</b> Marianne Lerch, Winterthur (CH)</p> <p><b>Angioedema: the type specifies the therapy</b> Christina Weber, Zürich (CH)</p>
<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break and poster viewing</b>
<b>16:00 - 17:00</b>	<b>Short Communication Session 1</b>
Plenary room	<b>Short Communication Session 1.1 Basic Immunology</b>
Symposia room 1	<b>Short Communication Session 1.2 Clinical Immunology</b>
<b>17:00 - 18:00</b>	<b>SSAI General Assembly</b>
<b>18:15 - 19:15</b>	<b>Evening Reception</b>
<b>19:30 - 23:00</b>	<b>Congress Dinner</b>

# PROGRAM – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

08:30 - 09:15	<b>Registration</b>
09:15 - 10:00 Plenary room	<b>Plenary Lecture 3</b> Chair: Cem Gabay, Genève (CH) <b>Regulation and sensing of Z-DNA and Z-RNA in cell death and inflammation</b> Manolis Pasparakis, Köln (DE)
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Coffee break and poster viewing</b>
10:00 - 11:30	<b>Parallel Session 2</b>
Plenary room	<b>Parallel Session 2.1 - Neuroimmunology</b> Chairs: Caroline Pot, Lausanne (CH); Steven T Proulx, Bern (CH) <b>The transcription factor Eomes in neuro-inflammation and tumor immunotherapy</b> Anne Dejean, Toulouse (FR) <b>An unexpected role of B cells in neuromyelitis optica</b> Thomas Korn, München (DE) <b>hiPSC-derived central nervous system cells as a tool of antigen discovery in autoimmune diseases of the brain</b> Renaud Du Pasquier, Lausanne (CH)
Symposia room 1	<b>Parallel Session 2.2 - Transplant Immunology</b> Chairs: Jean Villard, Genève (CH); Yannick Muller, Lausanne (CH) <b>Regulatory B cells and tolerance in renal transplantation</b> Sophie Brouard, Nantes (FR) <b>Extending the boundaries of the battlefield: innate allorecognition and rejection in organ transplantation</b> Olivier Thaunat, Lyon (FR) <b>Alloimmune risk stratification of long-term liver transplant recipients</b> Julien Vionnet, Lausanne (CH)
Symposia room 2	<b>Parallel Session 2.3 - Immune responses in Allergic disorders</b> Chairs: Peter Jandus, Genève (CH); Lukas Jörg, Bern (CH) <b>Title to be announced</b> Speaker requested <b>Update Drug Allergy</b> Thomas Harr, Genève (CH) <b>Allergen immunotherapy for food allergy</b> Caroline Roduit, Bern (CH)
11:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch break with industry exhibition and poster viewing</b>

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<b>11:45 - 12:30</b>	<b>Company Symposia</b>
Symposia room 1	<b>Symposia 1</b>
Symposia room 2	<b>Symposia 2</b>
<b>12:30 - 13:15</b>	<b>Guided Poster Tour</b>
<b>13:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Short Communication Session 2</b>
Plenary room	<b>Short Communication Session 2.1 SYIS Short Talks</b>
Symposia room 1	<b>Short Communication Session 2.2 Basic Immunology</b>
<b>15:00 - 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break and poster viewing</b>
<b>15:30 - 17:00</b>	<b>Parallel Session 3</b>
Plenary room	<p><b>Parallel Session 3.1 - Tumor Immunology</b> Chairs: Stéphanie Hugues, Genève (CH); Mikael Pittet, Genève (CH)</p> <p><b>Engineered T cell therapy for hematologic malignancies</b> Caroline Arber, Lausanne (CH)</p> <p><b>Macrophage subsets and T cell immunity in Breast Cancer</b> Julie Helft, Paris (FR)</p> <p><b>Innate lymphoid cells (ILCs): allies or enemies in cancer immunotherapy?</b> Camilla Jandus, Genève (CH)</p>
Symposia room 1	<p><b>Parallel Session 3.2 - Host-Pathogen &amp; Microbiota</b> Chairs: Arnaud Didierlaurent, Genève (CH); Sophie Trouillet-Assant, Lyon (FR)</p> <p><b>From host to microbe, and back: bidirectional communication during immune responses</b> Simone Becattini, Genève (CH)</p> <p><b>Can B-cell depleted patients mount T-cell responses to vaccination?</b> Christiane Eberhardt, Genève (CH)</p> <p><b>Immunity and Tolerance in Persistent Viral Infection</b> Daniel Pinschewer, Basel (CH)</p>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Closing &amp; Award Ceremony</b>
Plenary room	

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# ABSTRACTS

## Share your knowledge and experience with other congress participants and submit an abstract.

The Scientific Committee cordially invites you to submit your abstracts for oral presentations or posters.

Present your interesting results of a project, study, or research paper at the congress.

We welcome topics regarding

- Auto-immunity
- Tumour Immunology
- Allergology
- Laboratory Diagnostics
- Vaccinology and Infection
- Neuroimmunology
- Cell trafficking and Maturation
- Immunogenetics
- Transplant Immunology

Read the guidelines and submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster.

> <https://ssai-congress.ch/abstracts>

**Please use the submission platform to submit your abstracts by 28 March 2024.  
(Abstracts submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted)**



### Brunello Wüthrich Award

The Brunello Wüthrich – aha Neurodermitis (Atopic dermatitis) Research Prize for the

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### Biotest (Schweiz) AG Awards

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Three Biotest Awards, each valued at CHF 1'000.– , will be presented for the best posters in the categories of «Basic Immunology», «Clinical Immunology» and «Allergology/Allergy Laboratory Diagnostics».



### Acteria

Fondation ACTERIA offers one CHF 1'000.– award for the best oral presentation each on the following topics during the Annual Congress of the SSAI:  
Allergology | Clinical Immunology | Basic Immunology | Laboratory Diagnostic



# SANOFI INNOVATION AWARD 2024

## **SANOFI INNOVATION AWARD 2024: NOVEL APPROACHES IN TYPE 2 INFLAMMATION**

With this award, Sanofi supports residents and senior physicians who are clinically active in allergology/clinical immunology in Switzerland and whose translational scientific work deals with the topic of type 2 inflammation and related diseases.

**The award is endowed with CHF10'000 and is intended for the execution of a scientific project.**

Type 2 inflammation plays an important role in a number of immune mediated inflammatory diseases in the allergological, dermatological, respiratory and gastroenterological field. The underlying inflammatory mechanisms are complex and the disease burden for patients and their families is high. Although our understanding of the mechanisms of type 2 inflammation has increased in recent years, many questions remain unanswered.

Sanofi has established this science innovation award to promote independent translational scientific research in the field of type 2 inflammation in Switzerland.

The prize is aimed at all residents and senior physicians (SSAI members) who are clinically active in allergology/clinical immunology and who would like to submit exciting research projects on the topic of type 2 inflammation that are being carried out in Switzerland.

The submitted projects will be judged and awarded by an independent jury of experts from the Swiss Society of Allergology and Immunology (SSAI).

The award ceremony will take place at the SSAI Annual Meeting 2024 in Geneva.

Please submit your project using the **Award Submission Form** to the SSAI Office (Jolanda Trachsel, General Manager SSAI, email: [office@ssai.ch](mailto:office@ssai.ch)) by 30.06.2024 at the latest.

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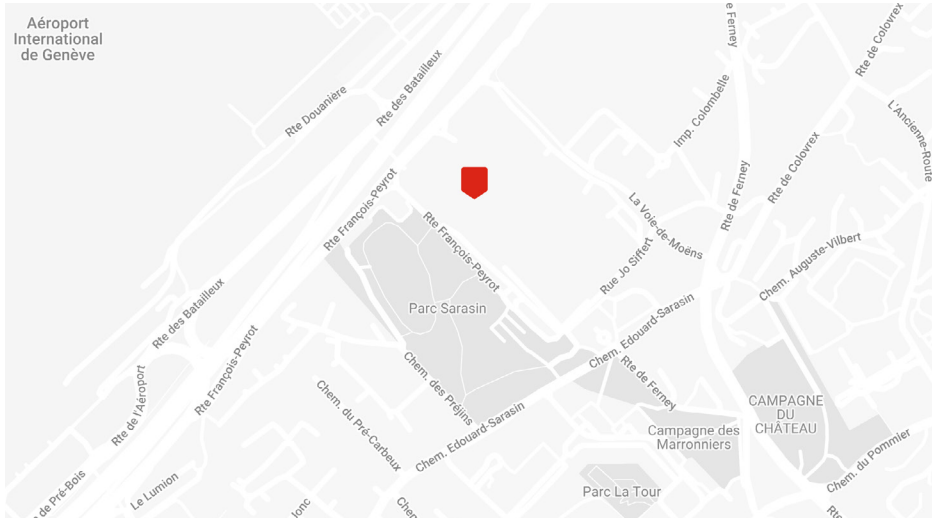
# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Venue

Palexpo, Route François-Peyrot 30, CH-1218, Le Grand-Saconnex

## Getting to Palexpo

> <https://palexpo.ch/en/access/>



## Congress language

English (no simultaneous translation)

## Registration

You can now benefit from early enrollment fees and register online:

> <https://ssai-congress.ch/registration>

## Registration fee

	1 day pass		2 day pass	
	Until May 31, 2024	From June 1, 2024	Until May 31, 2024	From June 1, 2024
<b>SSAI Members</b>	CHF 250.00	CHF 300.00	CHF 400.00	CHF 450.00
<b>Non-members</b>	CHF 300.00	CHF 350.00	CHF 450.00	CHF 500.00
<b>Assistants/Students</b>	CHF 120.00	CHF 150.00	CHF 220.00	CHF 250.00

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