Program

8th ICIS ITP Intercontinental Expert Meeting

“Disease Modifying Treatment in Autoimmunity“

Zürich, September 17-19, 2026
at Hotel UTO Kulm

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General Information

On-Site Registration

The registration is in the Wintergarden Allegra of Uto Kulm
The registration desk will be open on Thursday, September 17: 13:30-15:30

Hotel accommodation and travelling

The ICIS Study Group organizes hotel accommodation for all experts in a single room. Travel arrangements must be organized and covered by the participants.

General Information Venue

Hotel UTO Kulm
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Dresscode

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Thursday, September 17, 2026

from 15:00	Get together with coffee at the Wintergarden Allegra
Welcome and Introductory Lectures, Thursday Afternoon 15:30 – 18:00 Hotel UTO Kulm – Seminar room Vista 1st floor	
15:30 - 16:00	Welcome Address Words of welcome and introduction on the 8th ICIS Expert Meeting on "Disease-Modifying Treatment in Autoimmunity" **Alexandra Schifferli & Thomas Kühne & Paul Imbach** Local Introduction **Alexander Robert Herren (University of Basel)**
Session 1: Warm-up Lectures **→ all lectures 25 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of discussion** **Chair: Jim Bussel / Ellis Neufeld**	
16:00 - 16:30	Lecture 1.1 - **Jim Bussel** *Can we cure autoimmune disease?*
16:30 - 17:00	Lecture 1.2 - **Bertrand Godeau** *Personalized medicine: the future of ITP?*
17:00 - 17:30	Lecture 1.3 - **Runhui Wu** *Targets in inflammation, immunomodulation, immune tolerance*
17:30 - 18:00	Lecture 1.4 - **Waleed Ghanima** *New strategies for treatment in autoimmune diseases*
from 18:30	Aperitif (Restaurant Piazza / Terrace, depending on weather)
19:15	Dinner with 3 talks between courses (Restaurant Piazza) Talks: Bertrand Godeau, Alan Lazarus and Rachael Grace

Friday, September 18, 2026

Plenary Sessions, Friday Morning 09:00 - 12:10 Hotel UTO Kulm - Seminar room Vista 1st floor	
Session 2: Personalized medicine and autoimmunity **→ all lectures 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion** **Chair: Terry Gernsheimer**	
09:00 - 09:30	Lecture 2.1 - **Cindy Neunert** *Personalized medicine in ITP*
09:30 - 10:00	Lecture 2.2 - **Ilaria Callegari** *Personalized medicine in MS*
10:00 - 10:30	Lecture 2.3 - **Marc Michel** *Personalized medicine in SLE and antiphospholipid syndrome*
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break at the Wintergarden Allegra
11:00 - 11:10	Interaction
11:10 - 11:40	Lecture 2.4 - **Deirdra Terrell** *QoL and personalized management*
11:40 - 12:10	Lecture 2.5 - **Hanny Al-Samkari** *Challenges and limitations in clinical research*
12:15 - 14:00	Lunch (Restaurant Piazza)

Friday, September 18, 2026

Plenary Sessions, Friday Afternoon 14:00 - 18:00 Hotel UTO Kulm - Seminar room Vista 1st floor	
Session 3: Targets in autoimmunity **→ all lectures 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion** **Chair: Cindy Neunert / Robert Klaassen**	
14:00 - 14:30	Lecture 3.1 - **Karina Yazdanbakhsh** *Is autoimmunity targetable?*
14:30 - 15:00	Lecture 3.2 - **Maria L. Lozano** *New targets in autoimmunity in Phase 1 and 2 trials*
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break at the Wintergarden Allegra
15:30 - 15:40	Interaction
15:40 - 16:10	Lecture 3.3 - **Nichola Cooper** *New targets in autoimmunity in Phase 3 trials*
16:10 - 16:40	Lecture 3.4 - **John Semple** *Monoclonal T-cell expansion as pathophysiological mechanisms in ITP*
16:40 - 17:10	Lecture 3.5 - **Heinz Läubli** *Adverse effects of immune checkpoint inhibitors: What can we learn from ITP and autoimmunity?*
17:10 - 18:00	Special program 3.6 Ad-board meetings in different rooms
18:30	Aperitif (Wintergarden Allegra / Terrace, depending on weather)
19:15	Dinner with 3 talks between courses (Wintergarden Allegra) Talks: Michele Lambert, Hanny Al-Samkari, John Semple

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Plenary Sessions, Saturday Morning 09:00 - 12:45 Hotel UTO Kulm - Seminar room Vista 1st floor	
Session 4: New therapeutic strategies **→ all lectures 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion** **Chair: Tomás José González-López**	
09:00 - 09:30	Lecture 4.1 - **Jim Zehnder** *Does genetics play a role for targeted treatments?*
09:30 - 10:00	Lecture 4.2 - **Alan Lazarus** *FcRn antagonism in ITP: IgG reduction or an IVIG-like mechanism?*
10:00 - 10:30	Lecture 4.3 - **Rachael Grace** *Review of new trial methodologies: Basket studies in autoimmunity*
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break at the Wintergarden Allegra
11:00 - 11:10	Interaction
11:10 - 11:40	Lecture 4.4 - **Rick Kapur** *Biomarkers of immune cells and platelets and their functional capacities in autoimmune diseases*
11:40 - 12:10	Lecture 4.5 - **nn** *Development of research between Industry and Academics*
12:10 - 12:40	Lecture 4.6 - **Jim Bussel** *CAR T Cells as a new strategy for autoimmune diseases*
12:40 - 12:45	Conclusion and end of meeting **Alexandra Schifferli & Thomas Kühne & Paul Imbach**

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