



Program ApiCentre Meeting 2026



June 9th, Fondation Louis Jeantet, Geneva

Time	Presenting Lab	Title
09.30-10.00	Welcome coffee (30min)	
Morning Session		
10.00-10.05	Introduction & Sponsors	
10.05-10.20	Stephan Hirschi	Structural and functional characterization of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> membrane transport proteins
10.20-10.40	Volker Heussler	<i>Plasmodium berghei</i> liver stages create a damage-mimicking vacuole to hijack ER membrane contact sites for host lipid uptake
10.40-11.00	Guérin/Soldati	Parasite-specific metabolic adaptations between <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i>
11.00-11.30	Break (30min)	
11.30-11.45	Caroline Junqueira	The emerging role of cytotoxic lymphocytes in controlling blood stage malaria
11.45-12.05	Christian Nsanzabana	Malaria genomic surveillance: making the most of the tools at hand
12.05-12.25	Chandra Ramakrishnan	From understanding stage-specific gene expression to vaccination strategies
12.30-14.30	Lunch break (2h)	
Afternoon Session		
14.30-14.50	Pascal Mäser	<i>In vitro</i> characterization of a novel guanidine-based compound with antiplasmodial activity
14.50-15.10	Sven Rottenberg	Investigating mechanisms of <i>Theileria</i> infection
15.10-15.30	Matthias Marti	Malaria parasite infection in the haematopoietic niche - current state and future directions
15.30-16.00	Break (30min)	
16.00-16.10	Lorenz Hofer	The mosquito infection platform
16.10-16.30	Till Voss	Sex-specific biology of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> gametocytes
16.30-16.50	Nicolas Brancucci	RONing on tubulin
16.50-17.20	<i>iGE3 Guest speaker</i> Danny Wilson	From gene-editing of malaria merozoite surface proteins to coccidiosis models for therapeutic development.
17.20-17.30	Concluding remarks & Next ApiCentre meeting	
17.30-19.00	Networking over drinks (1h30)	