

Dear Colleagues,





The 61st Annual Meeting of the GTH is opening at the Congress Center Basel, Switzerland within one month and lasts from Wednesday February 15th until Saturday February 18th 2017.

In our field of thrombosis and hemostasis for decades, rare diseases and patients with instructive phenotypes have contributed importantly in advancing the understanding of pathophysiological mechanisms, helped to identify causative factors, provided insights into the complexity of systems biology and procured targets for drug development. Among the many only two – with a strong link to Switzerland and the 61th GTH congress - are mentioned: **ADAMTS13 and Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura**, a discovery that celebrates its 20th anniversary in February 2017, or the exploration of a peculiar bleeding phenotype in a large kindred from a remote valley in Kanton Uri leading to the discovery of coagulation factor XIII. Nature's experiments continue to fascinate. A wealth of new and powerful molecular tools and animal models boosts our knowledge on pathophysiological mechanisms. They are often the key to understanding more common and complex diseases that affect large numbers of patients and are of vital interest to the community at large.

Overall, the congress program consists of the well-known GTH congress formats such as plenary lectures and state-of-the-art sessions - especially **Perioperative Hemostasis** (Wednesday afternoon) or **Platelets** (Thursday morning), oral communications of submitted abstracts, poster walks and satellite symposia organized by our partners from the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, there are five highlight sessions each with a clinical pearl, a personal view on the most remarkable advances of the past 12-18 months in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis and oral communications of the top scoring abstracts.

Moreover, as attendee you have the possibility to **select the best basic research and clinical science posters** from the highest scoring poster abstracts, which are presented in **two concise poster sessions**, as well as to be in the audience and part of the jury of the **first GTH Science slam contest** at the Networking event on Friday evening. Meet our science slammers on the website under the sub menu "social program": [Program information](#).

Last but not least, we wish to inform you about the online registration, the Networking Evening and it's our pleasure to highlight the special functions of our online program ([Online program](#)):

<p>Registration</p>	<p>Online registration is possible until Sunday, 5 February 2017, 23:59 here Registration on-site is possible at the registration desk. However, waiting time can be shortened by online registration in advance.</p>
<p>Networking Evening</p>	<p>Friday, 17 February 2017, 18:30: Networking Evening, at the Offene Kirche Elisabethen Elisabethenstrasse 10 - 14, 4051 Basel.</p> <p>Tickets can be purchased at the Registration desk: CHF 75.00 for GTH members and non-members CHF 45.00 for PhD students, MTAs, nursing staff, physicians in training, retired members and students.</p>
<p> Download Online Program</p>	<p>Clicking on “Download Online Program” you can download the GTH 2017 program for each single day.</p>
<p> Search</p>	<p>Under “Search” you have the possibility to search for specific sessions, authors/speakers/chairs and for abstracts.</p>
<p></p>	<p>If the title of the session has this icon and is highlighted in blue, you can click on it for further information.</p>
<p></p>	<p>If you are interested in one session, you can click on the calendar icon to save the session in your calendar.</p>
<p>Sobi Charity Run 2017 – you run, we donate</p>	<p>All congress participants are welcome to run or walk for the benefit of the german (DHG, IGH), austrian (ÖHG) and swiss (SHG) haemophilia patient associations. For every km run/walk, Sobi will donate 10€ in equal parts to all patient organizations.</p> <p>When: Thursday, 16 February 2017 at 18:45 Where: Solitudepark at the Rhein River (Finishing and starting point are identically)</p> <p>All four patient associations desire a record turnout! So, tie up your running shoes and contribute your 5km to the haemophilia patients’ benefit!</p> <p>For further information regarding the Charity Run, please contact directly Mrs. Jennifer Thomas (jennifer.thomas@sobi.com).</p>

We hope to see you soon in Basel!

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