Flüeli-Ranft
Flüeli-Ranft lies at the entrance of Grosses Melchtal (Great Melch Valley) in Canton Obwalden and is known far beyond the cantonal borders due to the fame of Saint Niklaus von Flüe. The house of his birth and the residence of Brother Klaus (as he called himself when he became a hermit) are located here. His hermit’s cell in the Ranft Ravine is one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in Switzerland. It was here that Brother Klaus spent the last 19 years of his life as a respected political adviser and spiritual counselor.

Jugendstil-Hotel Paxmontana
The Art Nouveau style hotel stands on a hill in Flüeli-Ranft, the workplace of the holy brother Klaus von Flue. The house was renovated for more than 2 years in compliance with national monument protection criteria, reopened in December 2011 and has now 83 rooms available equipped with the latest amenities. The restaurant "Veranda" with its picture window provides a clear view of the Sarneraa Valley and Glaubenberg ("faith mountain"). Culinary choices range from Obwalden to Swiss specialties.
On behalf of the Intercontinental Cooperative ITP Study Group (ICIS) it is a pleasure for us to invite you to attend the 5th Intercontinental Cooperative ITP Expert Meeting on ITP and Immunomodulation, which will be held in Flüeli-Ranft, Switzerland from September 24-26, 2015.

"The Intercontinental Cooperative Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) Study Group (ICIS) expert meetings in Switzerland are becoming a tradition. The 4th expert meeting was held in Montreux, Switzerland at the lake of Geneva in September 2012, after successful meetings in Bürgenstock (2003), Yverdon (2006), and Basel (2009). At each meeting, articles by attending experts who served as chairmen and/or speakers were published in medical journals, the first two meetings in pediatric journals: Journal of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Pediatric Blood & Cancer, at a time when ICIS studied pediatric ITP. The third meeting in Basel 2009 represented the start of a fruitful collaboration of pediatric and adult hematology, and the ICIS “mutated” from a pediatric to a pediatric and adult cooperative ITP study group. The Basel meeting was published in Annals of Hematology."

Previous Supplementum of the Meetings:
- J Pediatr Hematol Oncol 2003;25;S1-S84
- Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2006;47;649-745
- Ann Hematol. 2010;89(Suppl 1);1-109
- Semin Hematol. 2013 Jan;50(1)(Suppl 1);1-3

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Flüeli-Ranft in September 2015