Montreux

Located on shore of Lake Geneva in the south-west, French speaking part of Switzerland, Montreux offers to the visitors a breathtaking view on the lake and on the mountains. This little district of 25,000 inhabitants, seeming to be a sleepy place, is in reality full of surprises. Due to its sunny climate, Montreux is considered to be the Pearl of the Swiss Riviera which is not only right on the edge of the lake, but is also within walking distance of the town’s hotels, restaurants, casino and shopping areas. A veritable Montreux speciality, their vegetable sculptures add a most original artistic touch to the whole lakeside area.

Montreux owns many historical sites such as the Chillon Castle, an extraordinary fortified mediaeval castle on Lake Geneva (Lac Léman), surrounded by mountains, and a wide choice of excursions, either by Panoramic Train, Bus, Boats or Funiculars.

Each year in July, the Montreux Jazz festival, well known over the world, welcomes the most famous musicians and generates the venue of thousands of people. Moreover, Montreux is a wine-producing region. The Lavaux vineyards have been part of the UNESCO World Heritage Programme since 2007. To make the most of the long hours of sunshine, man reduced the slopes by forming terraces in order to produce a highly appreciated wine called Chasselas.

Many celebrities were attracted by the beauty of this town. Among the most famous are Victor Hugo, Gustave Eiffel, Charlie Chaplin, Gandhi and Freddie Mercury.

The nearest airport is Geneva Cointrin International Airport (Geneva-Montreux: one hour by car or train). All major international airlines take off and land at Zurich Kloten International Airport. (Zürich-Montreux: about 2h30 by car or 2h50 by train)

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Words of Welcome

On behalf of the Intercontinental Cooperative ITP Study Group (ICIS) it is a pleasure for us to invite you to attend the 4th Intercontinental Cooperative ITP Expert Meeting in Switzerland on Changes in ITP of Children and Adults. We will celebrate 15 years of worldwide cooperation. Our work is updated in our website www.itpbasel.ch. At the first Expert Meeting in Switzerland 2003 at Bürgenstock we recognized where we are with ITP, at Yverdon les Bains 2006 we designed the future research, especially new definitions, terminologies and scoring systems, which resulted in the harmonization working group report (Blood 2009). At Basel 2009 the priorities of ITP research were discussed. Now, in 2012, we will focus on the achievements and consequences by expert’s talks and 6 seminars (see scientific program). In the “Patient related outcome (PRO)” lecture and seminar delegates of patient groups of UK, USA and NL will present their activities.

Again we will publish our meeting contents in a peer reviewed supplement. All representatives of our 76 cooperative institutions those, who are interested in a future cooperation, and delegates of the pharmaceutical industries – be it as a chairperson, speaker, author or discussant – are welcome.

As usual ICIS will cover the costs of the 2 days meeting. The travelling has to be organized by the participants.

The scientific and social program at the border of Lake Geneva will be an opportunity to actively participate and discuss issues of ITP and friendship.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Montreux in September 2012.

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Scientific Program and Structure

1. ITP: Unknown etiology
2. ITP: Nomenclature, guidelines and natural history
3. ITP as model of disturbed innate and adaptive immunity and autoimmunity
4. ITP as model of platelet stimulatory factors
5. Individualized management approaches in ITP
6. Patient related outcome (PRO) measures in ITP

Thursday, September 13, 2012
18:00 – 20:00 Get together and Opening, Lectures

Friday Morning, September 14, 2012
Lectures

Friday Afternoon
Lectures and 15-18h: Workshop 1-6 (see subtitles above)

Saturday Morning, September 15, 2012
Presentations, discussions of workshops 1-6 (see Friday afternoon 15-18h)

Deadlines
Registration deadline: March 15, 2012

Author guidelines
Authors will be invited to write a manuscript

General Information
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Hotel accommodation *
The active ICIS investigators and invited speakers are ICIS guests (One free hotel room for 2 days) Travelling has to be organized by the participant.

Registration Information
Registration for the meeting can be made via the ICIS website (www.itpbasel.ch preferred method) or by Fax +41 61 704 12 41

Language
The official language during the meeting will be English

Website
Please visit our webpage (www.itpbasel.ch) for up-to-date information regarding the meeting program. This site will enable attendees to register, submit abstracts and manuscripts, as well as book hotel accommodation.

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