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23rd and 24th April 2026

Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV)
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Lisenka Vissers
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Diagnosing with long reads

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Metabolic disorders in adults

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Genetic architecture of complex human traits

Christel Depienne
University Hospital Essen, Germany
Non-coding variants and diseases

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Thursday, 23rd April, 2026 – SSMG Business Meeting / General Assembly

Chairpersons: Isabel Filges, Basel & Thierry Nouspikel, Geneva

From 08:30 h	**Registration open**
10:00 – 12:00 h	**Business Meeting of the Swiss Society of Medical Genetics**
12:00 – 13:30 h	*Lunch, Poster and Exhibition Viewing*
13:30 – 14:00 h	**Satellite Symposia** organised by SAPHETOR **Variant Interpretation: What Laboratories Are Actually Paying For** **Andreas Massouras,** CEO Saphetor

Thursday, 23rd April, 2026 – Young Investigator Day

14:00 – 14:05 h	**Welcome address** **Cédric Le Caignec,** Lausanne **& Alexandre Reymond,** Lausanne
	PART I – INVITED AFTERNOON LECTURE **Chairperson: Cédric Le Caignec,** Lausanne
14:05 – 14:50 h	**Diagnosing with long reads** **Lisenka Vissers,** Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
	PART II – PRESENTATIONS OF THE YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD 2026 FINALISTS **Chairpersons: Cédric Le Caignec,** Lausanne **& Alexandre Reymond,** Lausanne
14:50 – 15:50 h	**4x SSMG Young Investigator Presentations with Q&A** (15 min each)
15:50 – 16:10 h	*Networking Break & Exhibition Visit*
16:10 – 17:25 h	**5x SSMG Young Investigator Presentations with Q&A** (15 min each)
17:25 – 17:30 h	**Wrap-up Day 1** **Muhammad Ansar,** Lausanne
17:30 – 18:30 h	*Poster walk and Apéro in Exhibition*
From 20:00 h	*Dinner*

Friday, 24th April, 2026 - Scientific Meeting Day

	PART III – SCIENTIFIC KEY LECTURES **Chairpersons: Cédric Le Caignec,** Lausanne **& Alexandre Reymond,** Lausanne
08:55 – 09:00 h	**Opening and Welcome address** **Cédric Le Caignec,** Lausanne, **Alexandre Reymond,** Lausanne **& Muhammad Ansar,** Lausanne
09:00 – 09:45 h	**Adult inherited metabolic diseases: bridging metabolism and medical genetics** **Christel Tran,** CHUV, Lausanne
09:45 – 09:55 h	**Announcement of the Winner of the SSMG Young Investigator Award 2026** **Sven Cichon,** Basel
09:55 – 10:40 h	**Genetic architecture of complex human traits** **Zoltan Kutalik,** University of Lausanne, and University Center for Primary Care and Public Health, Lausanne
10:40 – 11:10 h	*Break*
11:10 – 11:55 h	**Non-coding variants and diseases** **Christel Depienne,** University Hospital Essen, Essen, Germany
12:00 – 12:30 h	**Satellite Symposia** organised by Oxford NANOPORE Technologies **Long-Read Sequencing in Clinical Genomics: New Opportunities for Precision Medicine** **Ole Halfdan Larsen,** PhD, Aarhus Universitetshospital, Denmark
12:30 – 13:00 h	**Satellite Symposia** organised by illumina **TruPath Genome in Rare Disease: Colocation-based Reconstruction of Complex Chromosomal Architecture** **Klaus Wagner,** Medical University of Graz, Austria
13:00 – 14:00 h	*Lunch Break and end of the Annual Meeting 2026*

Friday, 24th April, 2026 - Swiss Dysmorphology Meeting

	Chairpersons: Claudine Rieubland, Sion **& Julie De Geyter,** Basel
14:00 – 16:00 h	**Swiss Dysmorphology Meeting**

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Thursday, 23rd April, 2026 – Oral presentation

14:50 – 15:05 h	Oral Presentation 1 **Compounding of rare copy-number variants and polygenic risk: A genetic signature of assortative mating** **Caterina Cevallos,** University of Lausanne
15:05 – 15:20 h	Oral Presentation 2 **Hypersynchronous neural network activity in a hiPSC-derived model of PSMD12-associated neurodevelopmental disorder is rescued by proteasome activation** **Simon Früh,** University Hospital of Berne
15:20 – 15:35 h	Oral Presentation 3 **MAZ, genome architecture and language disorders** **Aymeric Masson,** University of Lausanne
15:35 – 15:50 h	Oral Presentation 4 **Loss of function variants in SAXO6, encoding a microtubule inner protein of photoreceptor cilia, are a novel cause of late-onset retinal dystrophy** **Abigail Moye,** Institute of Molecular and Clinical Ophthalmology Basel
15:50 – 16:10 h	*Short Break*
16:10 – 16:25 h	Oral Presentation 5 **Transcriptomic Dynamics During Minipuberty Reveal Divergent Developmental Programs in Preterm and Full-Term Infants** **Sergey Oreshkov,** University of Lausanne
16:25 – 16:40 h	Oral Presentation 6 **Biallelic missense variants in CSMD2 and its haploinsufficiency are associated with neurodevelopmental disease.** **Clara Pailler-Pradeau,** University of Lausanne
16:40 – 16:55 h	Oral Presentation 7 **Genetic Analysis of Visual Impairment in 638 Consanguineous Multiplex Families from Pakistan and Iran** **Abdur Rashid,** University of Lausanne
16:55 – 17:10 h	Oral Presentation 8 **Identifying and Characterizing Genetic Modifiers in Long QT Syndrome** **Joana Rechsteiner,** University Hospital of Berne
17:10 – 17:25 h	Oral Presentation 9 **Moving in uncharted territory: searching for disease-associated rare structural variants in multiplex families with bipolar disorder using long-read sequencing** **Priyadarshini Thirunavukkarasu,** University of Basel

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Thursday, 23rd April, 2026 – Poster presentation

POSTER 1	**The localisation of variant impacts the phenotype of patients with KRT10-nEDD-revertant-mosaic** **Bettina Burger,** University of Basel
POSTER 2 withdrawn	Withdrawn by author
POSTER 3	**First Prenatal Presentation of a Biallelic truncating PLAA Variant: Expanding the Phenotypic Spectrum of PLAA-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorders** **Yasmine El Ayeb,** Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois
POSTER 4	**Molecular characterisation of a novel homozygous PPOX splicing variant causing Variegate Porphyria with brachydactyly and osteolysis in a single family** **Rosalinda Giannini,** Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève
POSTER 5	**Inherited cancer syndromes in adult oncology: a referral guide based on malignant tumor and polyp features** **Audrey Guilmot,** Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois
POSTER 6	**Utilizing Long Read Sequencing for Comprehensive Detection of Copy Number Aberrations in Hematological Malignancies** **Trung Hieu Luu,** Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois
POSTER 7	**Comparative analysis of genotyping and low-pass sequencing for the identification of pharmacogenetic variants** **Flavia Hodel,** Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois
POSTER 8	**When normal biochemistry is misleading: a novel CYP27B1 variant identified in a family with longstanding unexplained rickets** **Summer Hofmann,** University Hospital of Berne
POSTER 9	**Biallelic MYH3 variants cause distal arthrogryposis in compound heterozygosity and a subclinical phenotype in simple heterozygosity. Codominance or recessive inheritance?** **Philippe Khau Van Kein,** Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève
POSTER 10	**Variable Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Severity in Siblings Carrying a Homozygous MYBPC3 Variant.** **Philippe Khau Van Kein,** Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève
POSTER 11	**Phenotypic cluster analysis of genetically undiagnosed cases of differences of sex development** **Chrysanthi Kouri,** University Hospital of Berne
POSTER 12	**Germline TUBB Variant Associated with Bone Marrow Failure and Somatic 6p Loss of Heterozygosity: Expanding the Phenotypic Spectrum of Tubulinopathies** **Henri Margot,** Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève
POSTER 13	**Preclinical Evidence for Manufacturer-Specific Effects of Celiprolol in a vEDS Mouse Model** **Janine Meienberg,** Center for Cardiovascular Genetics and Gene Diagnostics
POSTER 14	**Autonomous at 71: Late Diagnosis of Kabuki Syndrome** **Iris Peters,** Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève
POSTER 15	**Genotype-phenotype correlation and molecular dynamics simulation for FTO variants causing a variable neurodevelopmental disorder** **Periyasamy Radhakrishnan,** University of Basel
POSTER 16	**Perspectives of Health Care Professionals Involved in Prenatal Genetic Testing in Switzerland** **Kirsten Riggan,** ETH Zurich
POSTER 17	**Does using Perplexity AI change the performance of genetic counselling case preparation?** **Lisa Schulze,** University Hospital Basel
POSTER 18	**Allelic Imbalance in PacBio HiFi Sequencing Challenges Clinical Variant Detection Despite Read Length** **Giancarlo Tomio,** Center for Cardiovascular Genetics and Gene Diagnostics
POSTER 19	**Biallelic loss-of-function and missense variants in novel genes associated with neurodevelopmental disorders** **Mukhtar Ullah,** Jules Gonin Eye Hospital, Fondation Asile Des Aveugles, Lausanne, Switzerland
POSTER 20	**GenMasterAI: A Local Large Language Model–Based Agentic and Reasoning software to Democratize Genetic Analysis** **Jing Zhai,** Lausanne University Hospital