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# **SSMG Annual Meeting 2021**

**YOUNG INVESTIGATOR DAY**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

## **ORGANIZERS**

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## **CME CREDIT POINTS**

Credit points are  
requested and will  
be announced soon.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Medworld AG**  
Sennweidstrasse 46  
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## January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Young Investigator Day

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### PART I – PRESENTATIONS OF THE FINALISTS FOR THE YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD 2020

Chairpersons Sven Cichon, Basel, Anita Rauch Zurich

14.05 – 14.15 h **Welcome Address**  
Anita Rauch, Zurich / Sven Cichon, Basel

14.15 – 16.00 h **Presentation with Q&A** (15 min. each)

16.00 – 16.30 h *Break*

### PART II – PRESENTATIONS OF ABSTRACTS

16.30 – 18.00 h **Presentation with Q&A** (15 min. each)

18.00 – 18.30 h *Break*

## January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Evening Lecture

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### PART III – INVITED EVENING LECTURE

Chairperson Anita Rauch, Zurich

18.30 – 19.30 h **Polygenic Risk Models – what are they and are they ready for the clinic?**  
Cecile J.W. Janssens, Atlanta USA

19.30 – 19.35 h **Closing Remarks Day 1**  
Anita Rauch, Zurich

## January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Scientific & Business Meeting Day

Chairperson: Anita Rauch, Zurich

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09.00 – 09.15 h **Opening and Welcome Address**  
Anita Rauch, Zurich / Sven Cichon, Basel

09.15 – 09.25 h **Announcement of the Winner of the SSMG Young Investigator Award 2020**

09.25 – 10.10 h **Gene Therapy for Inherited Diseases**  
Janine Reichenbach, Zurich

10.10 – 10.55 h **Ribosomal DNA – an epigenetic sensor of gene-environment interactions**  
Vardhman Rakyan, London UK

10.55 – 11.25 h *Short Break*

11.25 – 12.00 h **Current challenges in Mendelian Genetics: variant interpretation, oligogenicity, phenotypic variability and genetic modifiers – lessons learned from the ciliopathies**  
Ruxandra Bachmann-Gagescu, Zurich

12.00 – 12.30 h **Satellite Symposia – organized by Novartis**  
**A new vision in retinal gene therapy: From genetic diagnosis to treatment**  
Hendrik Scholl, Professor and Chairman Department of Ophthalmology,  
University of Basel, Director Institute of Molecular and Clinical Ophthalmology Basel (IOB) /  
Carlo Rivolta, Head of the Ophthalmic Genetics Group at Institute of Molecular and Clinical  
Ophthalmology Basel (IOB), University of Basel

 **NOVARTIS**

12.30 – 13.00 h **Satellite Symposia – organized by Roche**  
**Molecular Tumor Profiling and Incidental Germline Findings**  
Chantal Pauli, University Hospital Zurich, Institut for Pathology and Molecular Biology

 **Roche**

13.00 – 14.30 h *Lunchtime*

## January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – SSMG General Assembly

Chairpersons: Isabel Filges, Basel, Noemi A. Porret, Bern

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14.30 – 17.00 h **Business Meeting of the Swiss Society of Medical Genetics**