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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

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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**