

21. Swiss Retina Update

Thursday, June 4, 2026
Kursaal Bern

SVRG Swiss Vitreoretinal Group



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Scientific Program

The PDF program follows in April 2026

12:00-13:00 Registration & Lunch in the industry exhibition

13:00-13:05

Welcome

Chantal Dysli, Bern | Florian Heussen, Bern | Martin Zinkernagel, Bern

13:05-14:05

Session I: Age-related macular degeneration

Chairs: Irmela Mantel, Lausanne | Daniel Barthelmes, Zurich

13:05-13:20

Progression to exudation in high risk iAMD eyes: seeing the unseen

Usha Chakravarthy, Belfast, UK

13:20-13:35

Late-Stage AMD on OCT: What Matters, What Mimics, What Misleads

Giuseppe Querques, Milan, IT

13:35-13:50

Real-World Data, Real-World Impact: Building and Using Retinal

Daniel Barthelmes, Zurich

13:50-14:05

Geographic Atrophy in 2026: Diagnostic Advances and Emerging Therapies

Chiara M. Eandi, Lausanne

14:05-14:35 Coffee break in the industry exhibition

14:35-15:25

Session II: Vitreoretinal surgery

Chairs: Martin Zinkernagel, Bern | Moreno Menghini, Lugano

14:35-14:50

A Quarter Century of Floater Vitrectomy – Do We Still Need to Debate?

Martin K. Schmidt, Lucerne

14:50-15:05

Should any membrane be peeled?

Moreno Menghini, Lugano

15:05-15:20

Innovations in Vitreoretinal Surgery

Martin Zinkernagel, Bern

15:20-15:35

Port delivery system ante portas

Josep Callizo Planas, Basel

15:35-15:50

SVRG Research Prizes

Moderation: Christian Prünke, Biel/Bienne

15:50-16:20 Coffee break in the industry exhibition

16:20-17:20

Session III: Tumours

Chairs: Florian Heussen, Bern | Second chair tbd

16:20-16:35

From Diagnosis to First-Line Therapy in Uveal Melanoma

Nikolaos E. Bechrakis, Essen, DE

16:35-16:50

Peripheral Retinal Lesions: Differential Diagnosis and Safe Clinical Decision-Making

Josep Callizo Planas, Basel

16:50-17:05

Recognizing Intraocular Lymphoma: Red Flags and Pitfalls

Ann Schalenbourg, Lausanne

17:05-17:20

Why Prognostication Matters in Choroidal Melanoma

Florian Heussen, Bern

17:20-18:35

Session IV: Paediatric Retina

Chairs: Chantal Dysli, Bern | Christina Gerth-Kahlert, Zurich

17:20-17:35

Paediatric Vitreoretinal Surgery: Indications, Limits, and Outcomes

Robert Henderson, London, UK

17:35-17:50

Current Diagnosis and Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity

Christina Gerth-Kahlert, Zurich

17:50-18:05

FEVR: Current Diagnosis and Management

Chantal Dysli, Bern

18:05-18:20

Slowing Pediatric Myopia Progression: An Evidence-Based Update

Leila S. Eppenberger, Bern

18:20-18:35

Retinoblastoma update

Christina Stathopoulos, Lausanne

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