25th of October 2023 - Regulation & Investment

12:00  Registration & Coffee

13:00  Welcome Message
   Prof. Didier Maillefer & Dr. Silvia Anghel
   Symposium Chairs | HEIG-VD & Medidee, Veranex

Regulation Session

13:25  Opportunities in filling data gaps for legacy product
   Dr. Julianne Bobela
   Senior Consultant | Medidee, Veranex

13:40  POCDx: What is special in the assessment of the design, usability and performance? Lessons learned from the first conformity assessment
   Dr. Laura Scrivano
   Team Leader | TÜV SÜD Product Service

13:55  Interoperability and compatibility: challenges when using POCDx
   Mr. Kim Rochat
   Senior Vice President - Regulatory Clinical Quality | Medidee, Veranex

14:10  Manufacturer’s experience on the conformity assessment process under IVDR
   Dr. Iwan Märki
   CTO and Co-Founder | Abionic

14:25  Q&A on Regulatory
   All speakers

14:40  Break

Investment Session

15:10  Introduction to the investment topic and introduction of the panel
   Dr. Benjamin Ricken
   Head of Point of Care and Self Testing Development | BÜHLMANN Laboratories

15:20  Manufacturer’s experience on the search of investment
   Dr. Vincent Zwaans
   COO | Loop Medical

15:35  Round Table: Investing in POCDx - Industry Trends and Investor Activity
   Dr. Andreea Wiese
   Head of Partnering for Point of Care | Roche Diagnostics
   Dr. Vincent Zwaans
   COO | Loop Medical
   Mr. Frédéric Gabriel
   CEO | Carity

Wrap-up discussion

16:05  Discussion with experts and representatives

16:35  Closing remark
   Prof. Didier Maillefer
   Symposium Chair | HEIG-VD

16:45  Apéro & Networking

19:00  Dinner (registration on www.pocdx.ch/registrations required)
26th of October 2023 - Healthcare & Innovation

9:00  Registration & Coffee

10:00  Welcome Message
Prof. Gaëtan Cherix  
Director | School of Engineering, HES-SO Valais-Wallis

Prof. Marc E. Pfeifer & Dr. Samantha Paoletti  
Symposium Chairs | HES-SO Valais-Wallis & CSEM

10:00  Medical Needs Session
Session Chair: Prof. Daniel Paris  
Medical Director and Head, Department of Medicine | Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

10:30  Implementation of a point-of-care test in Swiss primary care: the example of procalcitonin  
Dr. Yolanda Müller  
Senior lecturer | Center for Primary Care and Public Health (Unisanté), University of Lausanne

10:50  POCT ISO 15189 accreditation in a hospital setting: Opportunities & Challenges  
Dr. Bettina Schmid  
Institut für Labormedizin | Kantonsspital Aarau

11:10  Break | Exhibition & Poster Session

12:00  Point of care diagnosis in mountain emergency medicine  
Dr. Pierre Métrailler  
Head of the Rescue Service | Air Glaciers

12:20  The impact of Oxford nanopore sequencing on clinical genetic testing  
Prof. Alexandre Kuhn  
Professor | HES-SO Valais-Wallis

12:40  Symposium Photo | Lunch Break | Exhibition & Poster Session

14:00  Closing the gaps of a fragmented patient’s rehabilitation journey after a heart attack  
Mr. Frédéric Gabriel & Mr. Marcel Wüthrich  
CEO | Charity & Head of Business Development & Pharma/Diagnostics Business | Evoleen

14:20  A multiplex immunoassay as a simplifier of transfusion-transmissible infection diseases screening on blood bank activities  
Dr. Carlos Alberto Mestriner  
COO | WAMA Diagnostics Switzerland

14:40  Can a rapid and easy test improve the management of Cervical cancer?  
Mr. Percevent J Ducrest  
CEO | Gadia Diagnostics

14:45  Short: Electrochemical quantification of lateral flow rapid tests  
Dr. Thomas Maier  
Research Engineer | Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT)

15:00  Break

15:20  The role of POCT in diagnostic microbiology in Switzerland  
Dr. Alexis Dumoulin  
Clinical microbiologist FAMH | Valais Hospital – Central Institute

15:40  Electrochemical quantification of lateral flow rapid tests  
Dr. Thomas Maier  
Research Engineer | Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT)

16:00  Advancing Urinary Health Monitoring: fact-based nutrition for infants and lactating mothers  
Dr. Julia Kuligowski & Dr. Davide Migliorelli  
Researcher | Health Research Institute Hospital La Fe (Spain) & Expert in Biosensing | CSEM

16:20  Break

16:45  KEYNOTE:  
Prof. Benjamin Easter, MD, MBA  
Where is the Star Trek Sick Bay?: Maximizing Astronaut Health and Performance for Exploration Spaceflight Missions  
NASA and University of Colorado School of Medicine

17:30  Poster Award & Closing Words
17:45  Apéro riche & Networking

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