

WED., NOV. 29, 2017

08:00-08:50 **Registration**

08:50-09:00 **Welcome & introduction**

09:00-09:20 **Career discovery • Academia**

Suliana Manley, Professor - *Laboratory of Experimental Biology, EPFL*

09:20-09:40 **Career discovery • Academia**

Aurélien Roux, Professor - *Department of Biochemistry, UNIGE*

09:40-10:00 **Toolkit • Building a strategy for a job search on the academic track**

Howard Riezman, Professor - *Department of Biochemistry, UNIGE*

When searching for an assistant professor job in academia there will be very strong competition, so it is important to know what the committee will look for. The talk will break this down into stages (the initial screen, making of a short list, job interview and final decision) and will describe what weighs into the decision making process at each stage.

10:00-10:20 **Career discovery • Science administration**

Nicole Vouilloz, COO - *Centre for Integrative Genomics, UNIL*

10:20-10:50 **Coffee break**

10:50-11:10 **Career discovery • Science administration**

Marc Zbinden, Head of unit NCCR - *Swiss National Science Foundation*

11:10-11:30 **Career discovery • Entrepreneurship**

Francesco Petrini, Founder, CEO - *SensArs - Neuroprosthetics*

11:30-11:50 **Career discovery • Industry**

Stephen Helliwell, Senior Investigator - *Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Novartis*

11:50-12:10 **Toolkit • Building a strategy for a job search outside academia**

Vanya Loroch, Head Trainer - *Loroch CTLS / Professor - Business School Lausanne*

The transition from your lab to your first day working in the “real world” may feel like a journey into a foreign land. As you progress on this journey, the only common denominator is “you”, defined by the story you decide to tell. Which ingredients should your story contain? How do you build it? How do you make it understandable and irresistible to all?

12:10-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-14:20 **Career discovery • Entrepreneurship**

Karl-Heinz Krause, Professor of Medicine - *Faculty of Medicine, UNIGE*

14:20-14:40 **Career discovery • Industry**

Jeanette Wood, Director - *Wood Pharma Consulting Services*

14:40-15:25 **Toolkit • Starting a professional career in industry: Matching market needs in the application documents**

Monika Clausen, Founder - *Dr. Monika Clausen Netzwerkpartner*

The expectation of the labor market towards convincing applications is often unknown. To shed some light onto the success factors, we will discuss some basic strategic thoughts that are required prior to applying. We will touch ground on the current labor market, the job profiles, the search strategy, and the sales points needed for a convincing cover letter and CV.

15:25-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-16:20 **Career discovery • Education**

Marc Sohrmann, Teaching advisor and Project Leader - *Faculty of Biology and Medicine, UNIL*

16:20-16:40 **Career discovery • Education**

Vincent Menuz, Research associate - *UZH and University of Montréal / Biology teacher, Geneva*

16:40-17:00 **Career discovery • Science publishing**

Magdalena Skipper, Editor-in-Chief - *Nature Communications at Springer Nature*

17:00-17:20 **Career discovery • Science publishing**

Chapin Rodriguez, Founder - *Creaducate enterprises*

17:20-17:45 **Toolkit • Emotions in Science**

Samuel Lagier, Scientist, Communicator, Founder - *SamSpeaksScience*

Society perceives scientists as doing extraordinarily complex work all the while being impervious to emotions. This turns out to be incorrect: the scientific process is very emotional. The speaker will lift the veil of bashfulness and expose with humour some segments of the scientific emotional roller coaster and their consequences for their actors.

17:45-18:45 **Apero and networking**

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08:15-08:55 **Registration**

08:55-09:00 **Welcome & introduction**

09:00-09:20 **Career discovery • NGO/IO**

Didier Leroy, Director, Drug Discovery - *Medicines for Malaria Venture*

09:20-09:40 **Career discovery • NGO/IO**

Olivier Menzel, Chairman and Founder - *Blackswan Foundation*

09:40-10:10 **Toolkit • How to ace a job interview**

Flavia Spasiano, Business Consultant - *Spasiano Consulting / Founder & Consultant - Interview Lab*

This toolkit will provide you with hint & tips on how to prepare for a job interview and perform to the best. It will also highlight some of the stereotypes that hiring managers (may) have and that you'll have to crush.

10:10-10:40 **Coffee break**

10:40-11:00 **Career discovery • Alternative careers**

Mirko Bischofberger, Scientific Advisor - *EPFL / Co-Founder - Science Booster*

11:00-11:20 **Career discovery • Alternative careers**

Luc Henry, Scientific Advisor - *EPFL / Co-Founder - Science Booster*

11:20-11:40 **Toolkit • A quick guide to be a science communicator**

Nolwenn Chavan, Science Communicator - *NCCR Chemical Biology / Founder - Moulin à étincelles*

What is science communication? What are the career options? What skills do you need to be a good science communicator? How can you start your scientific communication career? Where can you access more resources on this field of work?

11:40-12:00 **Closing motivational talk: Focus on what you want!**

Dimitra Karatolou, Life, Career and Executive Coach - *Lifepassport*

12:00-12:05 **Closing remarks**

12:05-13:45 **Lunch** (for workshop participants only)

13:45-13:50 **Introduction to the workshops**

13:50-16:00 **Workshops • Only for confirmed participants**

#1: Create a strong social network! ([Room H8.01 145.175](#))

Dimitra Karatolou, Life, Career and Executive Coach - *Lifepassport*

#2: I am a scientist, who needs me? ([Room H8.01 144.165](#))

Chapin Rodriguez, Founder - *Creaducate enterprises*

#3: Identify your transferable skills ([Room H4.02 230.080](#))

Sidonie Mayor, Psychologist, Orientation Consultant - *Corref*

#4: Negotiation skills ([Room H8.01 174.158](#))

Fernanda Salina, International Law Specialist, Dispute Settlement, Negotiation and Mediation

WELCOME

At any stage along the way, you may find yourself asking: am I heading in the right direction? What do I need to do next? Can I change my career path? Where to go and how to get there? The Symposium on «Careers in Science: Academia and beyond» will help you answer these questions whether you want to pursue an academic career or are thinking of a different path.

We hope the meeting will inspire you and make you discover the rich diversity of career options that can follow a science education. Seize the opportunity to ask your questions and develop your network.

We hope you will leave this symposium with a better understanding of the many science career possibilities ahead and with concrete ideas on how to use your acquired skills to pursue your future career steps!

We warmly welcome you and wish you a fruitful meeting!



Monica Gotta, Professor
Faculty of Medicine
University of Geneva



Phaedra Simitsek, Dr.
Chief Operations Officer
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