

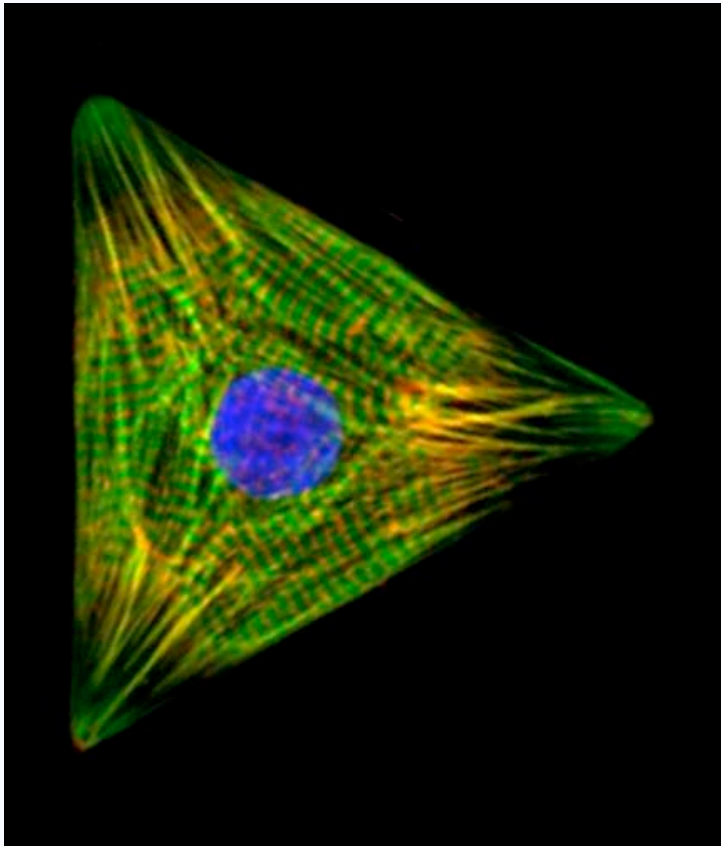
# Generation and Repair of Myocardial Tissue

6<sup>th</sup> International Ascona Workshop on Cardiomyocyte Biology

Centro Stefano Franscini

Monte Verità, Ascona

April 26–30, 2009



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## Invited Speakers:

H. Abriel, Lausanne, CH  
C.E. Clancy, New York, US  
G. Condorelli, Milano, IT  
J.L. de la Pompa, Madrid, ES  
T. Eschenhagen, Hamburg, DE  
B. Fleischmann, Bonn, DE  
C. Henriquez, Durham, US  
C.T. January, Wisconsin, US  
G. Lopaschuk, Edmonton, CA  
J.M. Metzger, Ann Arbor, US  
A.F.M. Moorman, Amsterdam, NL  
C.L. Mummery, Leiden, NL  
E.N. Olson, Dallas, US  
M. Pucéat, Evry, FR  
K.K. Parker, Harvard, US  
J. Robbins, Cincinnati, US  
S. Rohr, Bern, CH  
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## Topics:

- Mechanisms of stem cell proliferation, migration and differentiation
- Developmental biology
- Novel regulatory mechanisms
- Cell-to-cell interactions
- Tissue engineering
- Computational sciences

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## Scope

This workshop, held at the Centro Stefano Franscini (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich), was initiated in 1994 and is one of the premier international meetings on cardiomyocyte biology. During this workshop, state-of-the-art lectures by renowned experts highlight recent research on the cell biology of the cardiomyocyte and are complemented by oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts. The workshop aims to further a mechanistic molecular understanding of the cardiomyocyte with a potential to be translated into clinically relevant applications. It provides an educational platform for investigators in the early stages of their careers where they can present their research. Moreover, with its beautiful location on Monte Verità just above Ascona in the south of Switzerland, it is a unique opportunity for scientists from Europe, Canada and the US to interact and discuss their most recent findings.

The scope of CardioAscona-2009, “Generation and Repair of Myocardial Tissue”, has been chosen to bring together scientists with an interest in the cellular mechanisms underlying myocardial function, with focus on the cardiomyocyte at different stages of its lifespan including its precursor cell. While discussing biological and molecular concepts of development, differentiation, cell-to-cell interaction, coordinated contraction and metabolism, the workshop will also highlight interdisciplinary progress from fields such as tissue engineering, materials, science and informatics in relation to the cell biology of the cardiomyocyte.

The workshop will begin on Sunday evening, April 26, with a Keynote lecture and lasts three full days with departure on Thursday, April 30. The meeting is limited to 100 participants to ensure its interactive character. All participants and invited speakers are asked to stay for the whole duration of the workshop.

## Abstract and registration information

Submission opens October 1, 2008

Deadline: Monday, December 15, 2008

Abstracts may be submitted under the following categories:

- Mechanisms of stem cell proliferation, migration and differentiation
- Developmental biology
- Novel regulatory mechanisms in the cardiomyocyte
- Cell-to-cell interactions
- Tissue engineering
- Computational sciences
- Other topics

Because of space limitations, it is recommended to submit your abstract and registration form as soon as possible. If the workshop is oversubscribed, priority will be given to applicants who submitted an abstract. Fifteen of the submitted abstracts will be selected for oral presentation during the plenary sessions. All other accepted abstracts (one per participant) are allocated to poster presentations. Notification of abstract acceptance will be e-mailed by the end of January 2009. Abstracts do not appear online but will be made available to all participants during the workshop in the form of an abstract book.

## How to apply

To apply please submit an abstract and fill in the registration form.

- The submitting author must be the presenting author
- Download abstract and registration forms at <http://www.cardioascona.ch>
- Use Arial 12, including bold and italic as detailed on the abstract form
- Do not change paragraph format, line spacing and page margin settings of the form
- Title, authors, affiliation and abstract must all together not exceed one A4 page
- The abstract itself must not exceed 350 words
- Save abstract and registration form under filenames that include your last name
- Submit the abstract in Microsoft Word format
- Please note that abstracts that do not fulfill these format rules will be rejected
- Guidelines for presentation will be provided to authors of accepted abstracts

Submit abstract and registration **before December 15, 2008 to:** [cardio-ascona@unibas.ch](mailto:cardio-ascona@unibas.ch)

## Workshop fee information

Registration fee: CHF 500 / Accommodation fee: CHF 550

These fees are based on currently available sponsoring and might get reduced provided that additional sponsoring is obtained. Fees cover access to scientific sessions, abstract book, accommodation for four nights at the Hotel Monte Verità or a hotel nearby, all meals, coffee breaks and conference dinner. Payment is due at the time of abstract acceptance and is required for full registration.

## Method of payment

A: Bank transfer to: Basler Kantonalbank, 4002 Basel

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B: Visa / Mastercard: Use form available for download on [www.cardioascona.ch](http://www.cardioascona.ch)

## Scholarships

PhD students or postdocs early in their career can request scholarships that cover the workshop's registration fee (CHF 500). Grants will be awarded by the scientific board for highly qualified abstracts; acceptance will be communicated via e-mail.

Young scientists who wish to obtain this support must submit the following:

- Abstract as first author (Yourlastname\_abstract.doc)
- Registration form (Yourlastname\_register.doc)
- *Curriculum vitae* (1 page)
- Reference letter provided by supervisor

Submit these documents **before December 15, 2008 to:** [cardio-ascona@unibas.ch](mailto:cardio-ascona@unibas.ch)

## Venue and accommodation

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<http://www.csf.ethz.ch/conferences/attending/location>

<http://www.montevertita.org/albergo/content.cfm>

The number of single rooms is very limited, thus we appreciate your willingness to share a room with another participant. Please indicate on the registration form the name(s) of persons with whom you would share a double room. Final arrangements for accommodation will be made after abstract acceptance in January 2009 in the order of complete registration, i.e. after workshop fees have been received in full.

## Further information

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