

# Continuing Education Meeting for Medical Laboratory Immunology 2024

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**NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

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**Kantonsspital  
AARAU**



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# Invitation

Dear colleague,

With great pleasure we invite you to join us at the 2024 Continuing Education Meeting for Medical Laboratory Immunology organized by the Commission on Laboratory Diagnostics (CLD) of the Swiss Society for Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SSAI), which takes place on Friday November 22th, 2024 in Aarau.

As always, this event is primarily organized for Laboratory Medicine Immunology Specialists with FAMH titles and title candidates but is also open for others interested and active in medical laboratory immunology. The meeting has a scientific and open character and aims to increase the quality of medical laboratory immunology in Switzerland.

The program includes topics covering subjects as autoimmune encephalitis, SLE and antiphospholipid diagnostics with excellent local and foreign speakers.

We are confident that the meeting appeals to your interests, enables lively discussions, and allows you to exchange, network and foster collaborations with your colleagues in Switzerland.

We are very much looking forward to your participation and to seeing you in Aarau in November!

Kind regards

On behalf of the SSAI CLD

Dr. L. Bernasconi

CLD President

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# Program 2024

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and Coffee

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09:30 – 09:40 **Welcome and Communications of the SSAI Commission of Laboratory Diagnostics**

Luca Bernasconi (*President CLD, Aarau*)

## SLE – Luca Bernasconi

09:40 – 10:20 **Anti-dsDNA Testing Specificity for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: A Systematic Review**

Marco W J Schreurs (*Netherlands*)

10:20 – 10:50 **Utility of anti-Histone, anti-Nucleosome and anti-C1q testing in SLE**

Regine Garcia Boy (*St. Gallen*)

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10:50 – 11:10 Short break

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## Autoimmune Encephalitis – Lionel Arlettaz

11:10 – 11:50 **Clinical features of autoimmune encephalitis**

Marianna Spatola (*Barcelona/Sion*)

11:50 – 12:20 **Diagnostic pitfalls in the detection of the neuronal antibodies**

Lionel Arlettaz (*Sion*)

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12:20 – 13:30 Lunch break

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## Antiphospholipid Syndrome – Michael Horn

13:30 – 14:10      **A clinical approach to APS diagnosis**

Lorenzo Alberio (*Lausanne*)

14:10 – 14:50      **Challenges of harmonization of APS-antibodies**

Pierluigi Meroni (*Italy*)

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14:50 – 15:10      Short break

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15:10 – 15:30      **Real-world performance of ANCA testing: An audit from the University Hospital Basel**

Caroline Berkemeier (*Basel*)

## Case presentations – Michael Horn

15:30 – 16:15      **Case presentations**

Marc Emmenegger (*Basel*)

Laura Moi (*Sion*)

Siro Ellenberger (*Basel*)

16:15 – 16:20      **Closing remarks**

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# Practical information

**Organisation:** Swiss Society for Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SSAI),  
Commission on Laboratory Diagnostics (CLD)\*

**Local Organiser:** Dr. Luca Bernasconi (Aarau)

**Date & time:** **November 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (09:30 – 16:30)**

**Venue:** Kantonsspital Aarau, Aarau  
Grosser Hörsaal, Haus 1

**Language:** English

**Registration:** [office@ssai.ch](mailto:office@ssai.ch)

**Fee:** SSAI members: CHF 75.00  
Non-SSAI members: CHF 100.00

Fee includes registration, coffee, refreshments and lunch.  
The meeting fee will be collected at the registration desk – we  
Kindly ask you to bring CHF 75.00/100.00 in cash or pay by TWINT.

**Credits:** FAMH/SSAI: 5 credit points.

\* For more details see SSAI website: [www.ssai.ch](http://www.ssai.ch).

To reach the hospital of Aarau we suggest you to use public transport. The hospital is located close to the train station (10 minutes walk). The meeting will take place in Haus 1 (see plan). Please use the main entrance of Haus 1 only (indicated with E), do not use the emergency (Notfall) entrance.

