MCID Bern Opening Event

9th and 10th June 2022
Neues Lehrgebäude, Vetsuisse Campus Bern

MCID Official Opening

9th June, from 17.00 (event to be held in German)

17.00-17.15
Welcome and introductory statements:
Prof. Dr. Volker Thiel (Co-Chair, MCID)
Prof. Dr. Christian Leumann (Rector, University of Bern)
Prof. Dr. med. vet. David Spreng (Dean, Vetsuisse Faculty)

17.15-17.35
Introduction to the MCID
Prof. Dr. Carmen Faso and Prof. Dr. Volker Thiel (Co-Chairs of the MCID)

17.35-18.25
Keynote address, followed by questions from the audience
Prof. Dr. Marcel Salathé
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
“The future of PH: working across disciplines”

18.25-18.30
Close of the MCID Opening Event
To be followed by an apéro riche, to which all participants are invited
MCID Scientific Symposium

10th June, from 09.15 (event to be held in English)

08.45-09.15
Registration and coffee

09.15-11.00
First session
Session Chairs: Dr. Jenna Kelly and PD Dr. Ronald Dijkman

Plenary Speaker: Prof. Dr. Marius Brülhart
Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Lausanne
“Mental Health during COVID-19: Evidence from Helpline Calls”

Dr. Tim Rollenske (Immunity Cluster)
Department of Biomedical Research, University Clinic of Visceral Surgery and Medicine, Inselspital, University of Bern
"Cross-specific antibodies to bacterial glycans"

Prof. Dr. med. Petra Stute (Patient-Focused Research Cluster)
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Inselspital
“How to navigate through menopause when facing infectious disease threats”

Dr. Julien Riou (Epidemiology Cluster)
Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM)
“Early detection for early action: integrating multiple data sources for monitoring the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic in near real-time”

Dr. Johanna Hornung (Ethics and Policy Cluster)
KPM Center for Public Management
“Conditions for the (Non)Use of Evidence in Health Policy”
11.00-12.00  
Poster session

Presentation of MCID-funded projects

12.00-13.00  
Lunch (provided)

13.00-14.05  
Second session
Session Chairs: Prof. Dr. Carmen Faso and Prof. Dr. Volker Thiel

Presentation of MCID Core Activities

BEmady Cohort: Prof. Dr. med. Nicola Low  
Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM)

BioPreparedness BioBank: Dr. med. Peter Keller  
Institute for Infectious Diseases (IFIK)

Ethics and Policy Lab: Dr. Caroline Schlauffer  
KPM Center for Public Management

Followed by a Q&A panel discussion with Core Activity Teams

14.05-14.40  
Coffee and interaction time
14.40-16.15  
Third session  
Session Chairs: Dr. Jenna Kelly and PD Dr. Ronald Dijkman

Plenary Speaker: Prof. Dr. Isabella Eckerle  
Geneva Centre for Emerging Viral Diseases  
“Chasing the next SARS-CoV-2 variant and disease X”

Dr. Fabien Labroussaa (Microbiology Cluster)  
Institute of Veterinary Bacteriology, Vetsuisse  
“Use of tailor-made bacteriophages for the treatment of infections caused by multi-drug resistant bacteria”

Dr. Obdulio Garcia-Nicolas (Neglected Diseases Cluster)  
Institute of Virology and Immunology, Vetsuisse  
“Role of sheep and rodent reservoirs for Wesselsbron, a neglected zoonotic flavivirus”

Dr. Rowan Iskandar (Economics cluster)  
SITEM Center for Translational Medicine and Biomedical Entrepreneurship  
“Rethinking uncertainty in the context of extremely incomplete and imprecise knowledge”

Closing remarks