

Regional GRC Meeting, 2-3 November 2016

Venue: Romantik Seehotel Sonne, Seestrasse 120, 8700 Kuesnacht, Switzerland

Topic 1: "Capacity building and connectivity among granting agencies worldwide"

Topic 2: "The dynamic interplay between fundamental research and innovation"

Day 1: Wednesday 2 November 2016

11:00-12:00	Registration	
12:00-13:00	Welcome Lunch	
13:00-13:30	Opening and expected meeting outcomes General introduction to the GRC	Angelika Kalt (SNSF, Switzerland) Michael Matlosz (SE) Rainer Gruhlich (GRC)
Block Topic 1: Strengthening the capacity and connectivity of GRC participating organisations		
13:30-13:45	Introduction to the topic by the GRC Annual Meeting Hosts	David O'Brien (IDRC, Canada)
13:45-15:05	Panel "Different approaches to institutional capacity building", presentations followed by moderated discussion	Beate Wilhelm (DFG, Germany): Workshop on Science Africa Bjørn Tore Kjellemo (RCN, Norway): Staff exchange and development with South Africa Zbigniew Błocki (NCN, Poland): Experiences of starting a new funding agency Mike Bright (RCUK, UK): Organising joint evaluation panels Moderator: Angelika Kalt

15:05-15:30	Coffee Break	
Block Topic 2: The role of GRC participants in the dynamic interplay between research and innovation		
15:30-15:45	Introduction to the topic by the GRC Annual Meeting Hosts	Alfred LeBlanc (NSERC, Canada)
15:45-16:25	Key-note “Innovation and research” followed by Q&A	Joanna Chataway (SPRU, University of Sussex, UK)
16:25-16:45	Input: “Innovation and research: view of the industry” presentation followed by Q&A	Maurice Campagna, Director Enterprise Consulting and President of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
16:45-18:20	Panel: “Agencies’ approaches to the interplay between innovation and research”, presentations followed by moderated discussion	Benjamin Geiger (ISF, Israel): ISF’s approach to basic research and innovation Christian Brunner (SNSF, Switzerland): Bridge Programme Ben Turner (ERC): Proof of Concept Moderator: Michael Matlosz
18:20-18:30	Wrap-up and closing remarks	Angelika Kalt
18:30-20:00	Boat trip with drinks and snacks	
20:00	Dinner	

Day 2: Thursday 3 November 2016

9:00	Introduction to day 2	Jean-Luc Barras (SNSF, Switzerland)
Block Topic 1		
9:05-9:45	Panel “Fostering Connectivity and Collaboration among funding agencies”	Gunnel Gustafsson (NordForsk): Collaboration within NordForsk Stephan Kuster (Science Europe): Connectivity through working groups Moderator: Jean-Luc Barras

09:45-11:00	Wrap-up topic 1 and input to the Annual GRC 2017 Meeting	Discussion Moderator: Jean-Luc Barras
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
	Block Topic 2	
11:30-13:00	Wrap-up topic 2 and input the Annual GRC 2017 Meeting	Discussion Moderator: Michael Matlosz
13.00-13.15	Outlook to GRC 2017 Annual Meeting	Alfred LeBlanc (NSERC, Canada)
13:15-13.30	Closing, followed by lunch	Michael Matlosz and Jean-Luc Barras