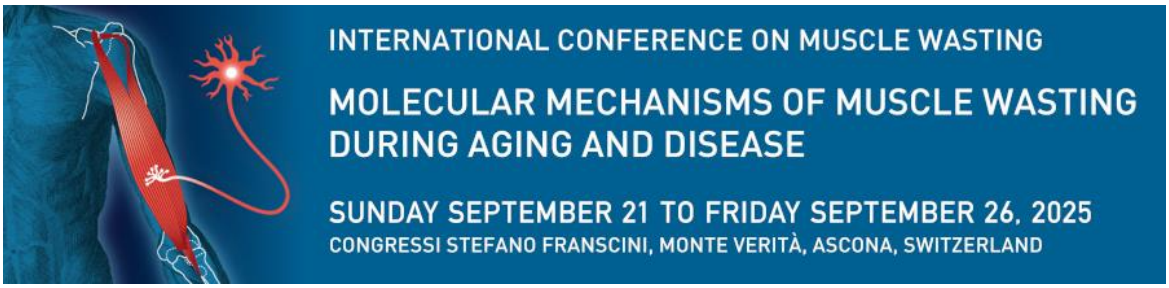

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Program

SUNDAY	**21.09.2025**
	Arrival
16.00 - 18.00	Registration
18:00-19:00	Welcome Reception
19.00	**Keynote Lecture 1** Helen Blau, Stanford University, USA *Enhancing muscle strength in aging by targeting the gerozyme 15-PGDH*
	followed by a welcome drink and a dinner

MONDAY	**22.09.2025**	
08.30 - 08.50	Welcome address from Centro Stefano Franscini and Monte Verità	
	Session 1	**Stem cells and regeneration in aged and dystrophic muscle**
	Chair	David Glass
Speakers		
08.50 - 09.15	Thomas Braun	CPT1A enables promoter-confined acetyl-CoA production to prevent muscle stem cell activation and myofiber hyperplasia
09.15 - 09.40	Foteini Mourkioti	The Silent Decline: Unravelling the Mechanical Roots of Muscle Aging
Short talks		
09.40 - 09.55	Donato D'Angelo	Role of mitochondrial calcium in the activation and differentiation of skeletal muscle stem cells and skeletal muscle regeneration
09.55 - 10.10	Cristina Mammucari	The role of testosterone in skeletal muscle mitochondrial calcium signalling
10:10 – 10:40	**Coffee break**	
Speakers		
10.40 - 11.05	Markus Rüegg	Development of a gene therapy for laminin-α2-deficient muscular dystrophy
11.05 - 11.30	Michael Rudnicki	Developing Regenerative Therapeutics for Neuromuscular Disease
Short talks		
11.30 - 11.45	Minchul Kim	Myonuclei turnover in homeostatic muscle
11.45 - 12.00	Volkan Adak	A subsynaptic kinase regulates muscle fiber identity and its restoration ameliorates cancer cachexia
12.00 - 13.30	**Lunch break**	
	Session 2	**Mechanisms involved in muscle function loss**
	Chair	Markus Rüegg
Speakers		
13.30 - 13.55	Michael Hall	mTOR signaling in growth, metabolism and disease
13.55 - 14.20	Bert Blaauw	Neural stimulation suppresses mTORC1-mediated protein synthesis in skeletal muscle
Short talks		
14.20 - 14.35	Qingshuang Cai	LSD1 inhibition circumvents glucocorticoid-induced muscle wasting of male mice
14.35 - 14.50	Akiyoshi Uezumi	Elucidation of the mechanism by which kranocyte aging leads to age-related degeneration of neuromuscular junctions
14.50 - 15.20	**Coffee break**	
Speakers		
15.20 - 15.45	Simone Di Giovanni	Macrophages control muscle spindle activity and locomotion
15.45 - 16.10	Tom Cheung	Blood-based organ-specific biomarker discovery for the prediction of organ health as a determinant of frailty during human aging
Short talks		
16.10 - 16.25	Justin Fallon	Neuromuscular junction failure as a cause for sarcopenia: Linkage to NaV1.4 loss and reversal by ClC-1 inhibition

16.25 - 16.40	Remi Mounier	Alterations of the TGFb-sequestration complex member ADAMTSL1 levels are associated with muscular defects and rhabdomyosarcoma aggressiveness
17.00 - 19.00	**Poster Session (with drinks and snacks)**	
19.15 - 20.45	**Dinner**	

TUESDAY	**23.09.2025**	
	Session 3	**Size adaptation and muscle aging**
	Chair	Helen Blau
Speakers		
08.50 - 09.15	Jorge L. Ruas	The other side of muscle E3 ligases, building instead of degrading
09.15 - 09.40	Doug Millay	Control of muscle size by nuclear number and transcriptional output
Short talks		
09.40 - 09.55	Sonia Sandhi	Effects of dietary restriction-induced longevity on muscle health and aging in the short-lived vertebrate, *Nothobranchius furzeri*
09.55 - 10.10	Andrea Graziani	Impaired cAMP/PKA/CREB1 signaling drives mitochondrial dysfunction in skeletal muscle in cancer cachexia
10.10 - 10.40	**Coffee break**	
Speakers		
10.40 - 11.05	Nathan LeBrasseur	Cellular senescence and skeletal muscle aging
11.05 - 11.30	Frank Schnorrer	How *Drosophila* flight muscles age – a transcriptomics and proteomics resource suggests mechanisms
Short talks		
11.30 - 11.45	Tang Cam Phung Pham	Mitochondrial mRNA destabilization causes hypermetabolism and contributes to aging-related muscle wasting
11.45 - 12.00	Giulia Ferrarese	A new way of studying the muscular secretome in a prematurely aged model
12.00 - 13.30	**Lunch break**	
	Session 4	**Age-associated cellular pathways**
	Chair	Foteini Mourkioti
Speakers		
13.30 - 13.55	Tea Shavlakadze	Molecular signatures of aging: implications for skeletal muscle aging and sarcopenia
13.55 - 14.20	Daniel Ham	Identification, localization, and functional interrogation of pro-aging genes in sarcopenic mouse muscle
Short talks		
14.20 - 14.35	Anna Kneppers	Transcriptional rejuvenation of aged myofiber nuclei through myonuclear accretion
14.35 - 14.50	Shih-Yin Tsai	EIF4EBP1 activation as a therapeutic strategy to improve muscle proteostasis in sarcopenia
14.50 - 15.30	**Coffee break**	
15:30	**Keynote Lecture 2** Guido Kroemer, Faculty of Medicine, University of Paris Cité, France *A tissue stress hormone regulating body composition*	
17.00 – 19.00	**Poster Session (with drinks and snacks)**	
19.15 - 20.45	**Dinner**	

WEDNESDAY	**24.09.2025**	
	Session 5	**Epigenetic processes in aging**
	Chair	Thomas Braun
Speakers		
08.50 - 09.15	Vittorio Sartorelli	Improving Muscle Regeneration and Reducing Fibrosis in the Aged Mouse Muscle
09.15 - 09.40	Yousin Suh	Mechanisms of ovarian aging: target for geroprotection in women
Short talks		
09.40 - 09.55	Jeffrey Kelu	Muscle-intrinsic circadian clock regulates night-time protein degradation to delay onset of sarcopenia
09.55 - 10.10	Paul Gregorevic	Temporal features in cachexia etiology with sex-based heterogeneity
10.10 - 10.40	**Coffee break**	
Speakers		
10.40 - 11.05	David Glass	The effects of aging on skeletal muscle function
11.05 - 11.30	Marco Bolis	The role of ectodysplasin-A2-receptor EDA2R in aging and inflammation
Short talks		
11.30 - 11.45	Danna Breen	Growth differentiation factor 11 (GDF-11) is not a key regulator of cancer cachexia
11.45 - 12.00	Martina Esposito	Fbxo30/MUSA1 is a novel critical regulatory element for Z-line homeostasis and skeletal muscle function
12.00 - 13.30	**Lunch break**	

AFTERNOON: free
EVENING: free (dinner at Monte Verità not available)

THURSDAY	**25.09.2025**	
	Session 6	**New developments to target neuromuscular diseases**
	Chair	Michael Rudnicki
Speakers		
08.50 - 09.15	Katrien De Bock	Metabolic crosstalk in the muscle microenvironment Endothelial metabolic control of insulin sensitivity through resident macrophages
09.15 - 09.40	Frederic Relaix	Rat Duchenne muscular dystrophy models for preclinical studies and deciphering tissue repair mechanisms
Short talks		
09.40 - 09.55	Alan Russell	Development of a fast skeletal muscle myosin inhibitor for Becker Muscular Dystrophy and beyond
09.55 - 10.10	Helena Escobar	Dual precise repair of disease-causing mutations in compound heterozygous muscular dystrophy
10.10 - 10.40	**Coffee break**	
Speakers		
10.45 - 11.10	Jeffrey Chamberlain	Increasing the potency of AAV-dystrophin vectors
11.10 - 11.35	Carsten Bönnemann	Preclinical precision genetic therapy developments for the collagen VI related muscular dystrophies
Short talks		
11.30 - 11.45	Sweta Girgenrath	EEV-mediated delivery to satellite cells: Towards a comprehensive correction of pathophysiology in a preclinical model of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
11.45 - 12.00	Eleonora Maino	Wif1 modulates the inflammatory microenvironment in LAMA2 muscular dystrophy
12.00 - 13.30	**Lunch break**	
	Session 7	**Effect of muscle on metabolism and vice versa**
	Chair	Yousin Suh
Speakers		
13.30 - 13.55	Jerome Feige	Targeting mitochondria with nutrition in humans
Short talks		
13.55 - 14.10	Giuseppina Caretti	BET inhibitors rewire lipid metabolism in the aged skeletal muscle
14.10 - 14.25	Erika Di Domenico	Unraveling the role of the multifaceted protein HMGB1 in maintaining tissue homeostasis upon aging: spotlight on fat and skeletal muscle
14.30 – 15.00	**Coffee break**	
Speakers		
15.00 - 15.25	Jason Mastaitis	Myostatin and activin A-inhibition to improve weight loss quality with GLP-1
15.25 - 15.50	Bo Falk Hansen	A human muscle 3D system representing mature muscle
Short talks		
15.45 - 16.00	Stella Monestier	Biofabrication of a 3D human skeletal muscle microenvironment to study the early steps of fibrosis
16.00 - 16.15	Eloisa Turco	Alterations in peroxisomal-mitochondrial interplay in skeletal muscle accelerate muscle dysfunction

16.15	**Poster Award Ceremony**	
19:00	**Transfer to restaurant**	
		GALA DINNER

FRIDAY	**26.09.2025**	**Departure**

Posters list

Poster session 1 – Monday 22 September, 17.00 – 19.00

1. Hirotaka Araki
Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland
Optimal Protein Intake and mTORC1 Inhibition in Aging Mice: A Strategy to Prevent Sarcopenia

2. Gzu-Un Bae
AniMusCure, Inc, Korea
Targeting Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Metabolic Decline to Combat Sarcopenia

3. Martina Baraldo
Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland
Muscle-secreted Proteins in Response to Exercise: New Methods for the Identification of Potential Myokines

4. Giacomo Bincoletto
Veneto Institute of Molecular Medicine, Italy
Premature aging of skeletal muscle in Kennedy disease

5. Alexia Böck
Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland
Generation of a fluorescent reporter mice model to study skeletal muscle's denervation response

6. Danna Breen
Pfizer Inc., USA
Investigating the effects of growth differentiation factor 15 (GDF-15) neutralization in an aged rat model

7. Nicholas Brennan
State University of New York Upstate Medical University, USA
A Mitochondria-to-Lysosome Proteostatic Axis in Progressive Muscle Wasting

8. Indigo Chan
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, China
Revealing Blood-based Biomarkers for Assessing Muscle Pathologies

9. Xin Je Chen
State University of New York Upstate Medical University, USA
A Novel Pathway of Progressive Muscle Wasting Induced by Mitochondrial Precursor Overaccumulation Stress

10. Tiago Costa
Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine, Portugal
Cross-talk between immune and stem cells in skeletal muscle aging and regeneration

11. Solene Daumas
Aix-Marseille University, France
Mechanisms implicated in muscle aging in Drosophila

12. Giulia Ferrari
University of Milano, Italy
Figuring out Nfix role in Cancer-Associated Cachexia: a novel player in Muscle Wasting

13. Manuel Gavian Herrera
CNIC, Spain
Sarcomere loss triggers partial reprogramming of adult myofibers

14. Barbara Gayraud-Morel
Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France
Perturbations and recovery of stem cell function following exposure to systemic signals associated with pathologies

15. Morten Lundh
Gubra, Denmark
GUB-UCN2 Restores GLP-1 induced Lean Mass Loss and Potentiates Fat Reduction

16. Romane Idoux
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute, Canada
Autosomal dominant rhabdomyolysis is associated with a missense variant in the ATP2A2 reducing SERCA2 calcium pump function in skeletal muscle

17. Yideul Jeong
AniMusCure, Inc, Korea
Cdon as a Biomarker and Regulator of Muscle Stem Cell Aging

18. Wenjun Jiao
Kyung Hee University, Korea
Sarcolipin induces skeletal muscle wasting via driving excessive non-shivering thermogenesis in dexamethasone-induced muscle atrophy

Poster session 2 – Tuesday 23 September, 17.00 – 19.00

19. Jeremy Kessler
University of Geneva, Switzerland
New aspects of TGFβ signaling in muscle regeneration

20. Sandra Kleiner
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co., Germany
Exploration of IGF-2R blocking as potential therapeutic for sarcopenia – effects on human skeletal muscle cell proliferation and differentiation

21. Max Hahn
Gubra, Denmark
High-Throughput 3D Imaging and Quantification of Mouse Hindlimb Muscles Using Light Sheet Fluorescence Microscopy

22. Andrew Mikhail
McMaster University, Canada
The neuromuscular system is regulated by AMPK signaling

23. Elena Monti
Stanford University, USA
A novel role for the gerozyme 15-PGDH in human sarcopenia revealed by transcriptomic and spatial proteomics analyses

24. Daniela Morelli
San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Italy
Evaluation of the therapeutic properties of an engineered HMGB1 protein on tumor growth and cancer cachexia

25. Padmakumar Narayanan
Wave Life Sciences, USA
48-Week Data from the Phase 2 Open-Label FORWARD-53 Study of WVE-N531 in Boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Amenable to Exon 53 Skipping

26. Sean Ng
University of Basel, Switzerland
Direct AMPK Activation Confers Mutation-Independent Therapeutic Benefit in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

27. Daniele Reggio
Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland
Machine-learned Design and Bioxolography of Functional 3D Skeletal Muscle Tissues

28. Joe Rizk
Institut de Génétique et de Biologie Moleculaire et Cellulaire, France
Androgen Receptor Signalling in Satellite Cells: A Key Modulator of Mammalian Skeletal Muscle Regeneration

29. Gabriele Rovetta
University of Milano, Italy
Development of a high-throughput screening assay to identify Nfix-modulating drugs as a novel therapy for muscular dystrophy

30. Julia Schedel
Biozentrum, University of Basel, Switzerland
The role of Trp63 in age-induced muscle atrophy

31. Konstantin Schneider-Heieck
ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Expanding Pooled CRISPR Screening to Skeletal Muscle: Identification of atrophy regulators using AAV-Perturb-Seq

32. Gahee Song
Kyung Hee University, Korea
Regulating peroxisomal quality control alleviates muscle atrophy in cancer cachexia

33. Xiaowen Wang
State University of New York Upstate Medical University, USA
Mitochondrial Precursor Overaccumulation Stress Induces Progressive Muscle Wasting

34. Alexandra Winant
University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Towards a molecular understanding of critical illness myopathy: a single-cell functional and multi-omic approach

35. Mee-Sup Yoon
Gachon University College of Medicine, Korea
Lipid Nanoparticle-Delivered M12-UNE-L mRNA Enhances Muscle regeneration through mTORC1 activation

36. Jelena Zurkovic
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
Characterizing sarcopenia in a preclinical mouse model: age-related changes in muscle mass, fiber diameter, and gene expression