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Life Science Career Day

May 17th 2017, 10h15-18h30
University Hospital Centre (CHUV), Lausanne
César-Roux Auditorium
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Auditoriums

Garderie
10:15 – 10:55
Opening - Imagine your Future Career as a Jungle Gym, not a Set of Steps!
   Marco Rüedi

11:00 – 12:15
Symposium I - Mythbusters: Is a Career a Matter of Degree and/or Postdoc Experience?
   Msc degree: Anna Lisa Mascitti
   Msc degree: Gilda Giudici
   PhD degree: Yan Agalarov
   Postdoc experience: Julie Deuquet
   PI: Stephen Hellwell
   Moderator: Samuel Lagier

12:15 – 12:30
Teaser - Get Ready to Network!
   Samuel Lagier

12:30 – 14:30
Networking Forum - Companies & Alumni with Interesting Career Paths

14:30 – 15:45
Symposium II - Experts Talk about Professional Pathways for the Scientist
   Curzio Rüegg
   Julie Ardouin
   Natalya Izergina
   Massimo Nobile
   Stephen Fischer
   Moderator: Sabina Rondic
   Moderator: Stephen Fischer

15:45-15:50
Short teaser - Kick your Startup Idea to Success with Venture Kick!
   Patrick Biro

15:50 – 16:00
Short break

16:00 – 17:15
Symposium III - Careers Across the Private Sector, Non-Profit Organisations & Public Administration
   Private sector: Patricia Siwajek
   Non-Profit Org.: Ivo Schauwecker
   Public administration: Heinz Mueller
   CHUV: Cindy Roth
   UNIL administration: Susy Wagnières
   Moderator: Tanja Wranik

17:15 – 17:30
Closing Ceremony
   Niko Geldner

17:30-18:30
Aperitif & Networking

SATELLITE ACTIVITIES
only for registered participants

11:00 – 12:00
Workshop I - A Career Focus on Cancer: from Treatment to Innovative Health Science Solutions
   Curzio Rüegg

13:00-14:30
Workshop II - The Job Interview
   Verity Elston

11:00-17:30
CV Photos - CV Checks - Mock Interviews
   Present your ticket at the Welcome Desk on time, or you may lose your spot!
Marco Rüedi

MD, eMBA, eMMM; CEO Axalbion SA / Senior Business Coach, Fondation EPFL Innovation Park. Marco has a diverse career path ranging from the healthcare public-private sector and international organizations to the life science industry. After obtaining his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Bern and working as a medical officer for UN, OSCE and UNHCR humanitarian aid missions, he transitioned to the private sector as a marketing and communications professional. He spent 12 years at Sanofi holding various operational and strategic roles in marketing and business development, and in parallel completed his eMMM and eMBA degrees at the PHW Business School Bern. Today Marco is a business and start-up coach at the EPFL Innovation Park and for the CTI Start-up and Entrepreneurship program, as well as the CEO and CMO of Axalbion SA and Alveonix.
Anna Lisa Mascitti
Msc degree, Director, BirdLife. Anna Lisa is a UNIL graduate with a Master’s degree in Behavior, Evolution and Conservation. Her passion for habitat protection, conservation and biodiversity led her to Pro Natura, where she held the position of scientific collaborator and managed various scientific projects, public outreach, and communication. Today she is the director of the Birdlife visitor center in La Sauge.

Gilda Giudici
Msc degree, Science Communication, L’ideatorio of Università della Svizzera italiana. Gilda obtained a Master’s degree in Medical Biology from the University of Lausanne. She is currently working as scientific collaborator at L’ideatorio of Università della Svizzera italiana, where she is involved in regional, national and international projects. She is part of the programme committee of ScienceComm, the Swiss annual congress of science communication of the Science et Cité Foundation. She is the Secretary of the Regional society for natural sciences of Cantone Ticino.
Yan Agalarov
PhD degree, Senior Analyst, Pricing, Market Access and Commercial Partnerships, Incyte. Yan is an UNIL and EPFL alumnus holding a Ph.D. degree in Oncology completed at the CHUV and a CAS in Management of Biotech, Medtech & Pharma Ventures from the EPFL EMBA. He transitioned to the private sector as a market access analyst, first at ARIAD Pharmaceuticals and later at Incyte, where today he is a senior analyst for pricing, market access and commercial partnerships.

Julie Deuquet
Postdoc experience, Project Manager, Nestlé Institute of Health Sciences SA. Julie has a Ph.D. in Biotechnology and Bioengineering from the EPFL, where she continued to work as a postdoctoral fellow and a scientific communicator with the EPFL science outreach department. Later she left academia for a scientific officer position at the Life Sciences Switzerland (LS2) association and for a secretary position at the Hyaline Fibromatosis Syndrome Association. Currently she is an R&D project manager at the Nestle Institute of Health Sciences.

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PI, Senior Investigator at Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research. After completing his Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Basel, Stephen continued his academic career as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Bern and later at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first PI position was a junior group leader at the Biozentrum in Basel, followed by a lab head and research responsible of the Developmental and Molecular Pathway group at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR). Currently he is a senior research investigator in the Pathways Biology department at the NIBR, focused on mitochondrial dysfunction.

Samuel Lagier
Moderator, Coach, SamSpeaksScience. Samuel graduated with a Ph.D. in Neurophysiology at the Institute Pasteur in Paris. He pursued an academic career with two postdoctoral engagements at the Rockefeller University and the University of Geneva. He is a co-founder of the Renegade Saints, an improvised comedy performance company that offers teachings and workshops for schools, conferences and companies. He is a curator, coach and host for TEDxLausanne and a founder of SamSpeaksScience, a company specializing in presentation coaching for academics, entrepreneurs and corporate clients.
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Alia Gachassin

Photographer member of the USPP (union suisse des photographes professionels), is captivated by the encounter to the other. For more than 10 years, she has put her technical and relational qualities to highlight the image of regional and international companies, as well as individuals to reveal moments of life and expressions. These areas of interest are studio and outdoor portraits, reporting, wedding photos, and create scenes of life in different places with personages. In this personal work, she joins her second passion the dance and Cuban culture.
Curzio Rüegg
Full Professor of Pathology, Clinical Medicine, University of Fribourg. Curzio started his successful academic career with a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Basel, followed by two postdoctoral positions at Novartis and the University of California, San Francisco. He worked briefly as a medical assistant at the hospital in Bellinzona before becoming an associate professor of Experimental Oncology at the University of Lausanne. Following a professorship position at the University of Basel, today he is a full professor of Pathology at the University of Fribourg.

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Consultant, Recruitment and Talent Specialist, Recruiter’s Advice, Genedata AG. Natalya graduated with a Ph.D. in Neurobiology, Developmental biology and Genetics from the University of Basel. She started her career in the private sector as recruitment associate and later became a senior recruitment specialist at IPS Life Science. In parallel she volunteered for the Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association (HBA) as an event organizer. Today she is a recruitment and talent specialist at Genedata AG and a consultant for Recruiters Advice Ltd.

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CEO, Swiss Biotech Center. Massimo has a Ph.D. in Immunology from the University of Lausanne. He pursued a career as a research and development scientist in Apoxis SA, Topotarget and later as a group leader at Opsona Therapeutics Ltd. Today he is a management consultant at CimArk SA, providing support for start-up companies, and the CEO of the Swiss biotech center, providing customized services for the development of new life science products and technologies.

Stephen Fischer  
Career Counselor, EPFL. Stephen holds a Bachelor’s degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Washington and a Master’s degree from the University of London, focused on peer development in teacher training. His career path in Switzerland includes positions such as regional admissions director at Glion Institute of Higher Education and director of enrollment management department at the César Ritz colleges. Later on, he moved to the École hôtelière de Lausanne as a career advisor and manager of career services, and today he is a career counselor at the EPFL Career Center.

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Career Counselor, UNIL. Sabina has a Master’s degree in Work and Organizational Psychology from the University of Neuchatel. Prior to her engagement at UNIL she worked for the Radio Télévision Suisse. For the last decade she has been a career counselor at the UNIL Career Center. As of recently, she is also a coach and psychologist at the Centre de Santé in Lausanne.
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Manager of the General Consent Unit, VDE – CHUV. Cindy graduated from the University of Lausanne, Department of Biochemistry with a Ph.D. in Life Sciences. She started her career as a clinical research associate at the clinical trial unit and biobank of Lausanne, part of the Oncology department at CHUV, where later she took on managerial roles in research. Currently, she is the general consent unit manager of the clinical research support platform at CHUV.

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UNIL administration: Project Manager. Susy has a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Lausanne, followed by a short postdoc at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Upon her return to Switzerland she became a scientific collaborator for the UNIL Continuing Education Program. Later she moved to government administration as a scientific advisor for the ETH Board and the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). She moved back to EPFL as a scientific collaborator for the international relations department and today she is a project manager at the CHUV HR department and at the UNIL-FBM Dean’s office.

Tanja Wranik
Moderator; Head of Organizational Development & Human Capital Risk Management, Pimetrics. Tanja has a Ph.D. degree in Work and Organizational Psychology from the University of Geneva and a postdoc in Behavioral Economy and Finance from the Yale University. In addition she holds degrees in Business and Management from the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Germany, and the European Business School, Belgium. Tanja is a global leadership professional with over twenty years of experience in organizational and leadership development. Since 2004, she has been providing consulting, teaching and training services in the domains of human capital strategy design and implementation, organizational and team development, and talent management.
Symposia are made to listen, the Networking Forum is here to make you speak! Go and meet the 18 companies, associations, institutions and more than 20 alumni present in the Networking Forum.

Discover companies & alumni with interesting career paths. You can visit the alumni booths between 12h30 and 14h30.
What you bring to potential employers: identifying your skills for job applications and talking about them in an interview.

PhDs and postdocs are highly trained and able to adapt to a wide variety of situations, in research and beyond it. Indeed, studies continue to show that more than two-thirds of PhDs build careers outside the university. While the academic career track puts a strong focus on publications and research outcomes in their recruitment criteria, opportunities with employers on alternative career paths demand abilities beyond pure scientific expertise.

In addition to the scientific expertise PhDs and postdocs develop, the tasks and responsibilities they have during and after the doctorate provide for valuable experience and skills that interest employers.

In this seminar-workshop you’ll learn how to identify your strengths in diverse transferable skills common to the PhD, what recruiters outside of academia look for in a candidate’s profile, and how PhDs and postdocs can present their experience in ways that respond to employers’ expectations.

Verity Elston

Director of Portfolio Formation Sàrl and of the CUSO program in transferable skills, Verity Elston has broad professional experience in the private and public sectors in several countries, including in middle- and high-level recruitment. A graduate of the National University of Ireland and the University of Chicago, she holds a PhD in Anthropology, the FSEA certificate in adult training, and is currently working towards her IFC certificate in coaching.
Want to make sure your CV is the best reflection of your achievements? Then meet with a Career Counselor for a 20-minute individual assessment. The Welcome Desk will announce if some spots are free on-site.

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To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions.
- Benjamin Franklin
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