



SWISS SCC GV and Scientific Annual Meeting with the topic: 50 +

A Time of Maturity, a Time of Change, a Time of New Orientation

January 2008, Montreux, Switzerland



Picture: Conference hotel Suisse Majestic, Montreux CH

The noble hotel »Majestic« in Montreux was this year's venue for the annual scientific meeting and the general assembly of the SWISS SCC in mid January 2008 with the theme: **50+**. About 150 people participated.

Dr. Philippe Auderset opened the general assembly briefly looking back at the events of the year 2007 on an international and national level. In Switzerland the cosmetic market was

generally positive, »made in CH« remains a successful formula. Same applies to the SWISS SCC, which has positively developed, the number of members increasing to 286. The 25th Winter Seminar in Champfèr, January 2007, under the headline »Short- and long-view in the empire of cosmetology« reached the maximum capacity of 80 participants. *Dr. Philippe Auderset* also briefly reviewed the highly

successful 50th Anniversary celebrations of the SWISS SCC in June 2007, which impressed all guests both with its high scientific competence and with its social program. The participants held a minute's silence in commemoration of *Dr. Gustav Erlemann*, who played a crucial part in shaping the SWISS SCC over the years and died unexpectedly in November 2007. Changes to the board of the SWISS SCC were announced: *Dr. Hans-Jürg Furrer* and *Dr. René Schneider* left the committee with special thanks. *Dr. Fred Züllli* and *Dr. Reto Hess* were unanimously elected as new board members. The new board of the SWISS SCC is comprised as follows:

- Dr. Philippe Auderset*, President
- Catherine Schneider*, Vice-President
- Dr. Bernard Gabard*, Honorary Secretary

- Walter Kehrlé*, Honorary Treasurer
- Dr. Marion Fröschle*, Public Relations
- Dr. Fred Züllli*, Scientific Activities
- Dr. Reto Hess*, Regulatory Affairs
- Peter Schneider*, IFSCC-Coordinator
- Jean-Daniel Walther*, Social Events
- Dr. Alain Béguin*, Task Forces.

Dr. Alain Béguin demonstrated and explained the newly edited homepage of the SWISS SCC (www.swissccc.ch), which has been adapted to be extremely user-friendly. Links to national and international cosmetics and dermatological associations and societies and to data banks ref. skin and/or cosmetic relevant topics, are easily accessible.

This year's scientific conference, under the topic **50+** showed a central theme, which ran through all the presentations – partially held in French, partially in German: **50+** is a phase in life, which prompts the questioning of existing established and approved issues, and to look for new ways, to conquer new horizons.

The first speaker *Dr. Willy Pasini*, psychiatrist Genève focused on the psychological aspects of beauty with its many posi-



Picture: SWISS SCC president *Dr. Philippe Auderset* opening the conference, *Walter Kehrlé* (r., Honorary Treasure, *Dr. Bernard Gabard* (l., Honorary Secretary)



Picture: New SWISS SCC board



Picture: Two previous IFSC presidents: Dr. Nadia Avalle (1979) and Peter Schneider (1995) (standing), accompanied by Pierre Bottiglieri

tive effects, but also with contemplative remarks. Our world today is only focused on external beauty, in many cases without any inner values. Beauty from within can and should also be supported by external beauty – and in this field the first speaker foresees a big potential for the future and the social and corporate possibility of the cosmetic industry. The topic of skin aging and protection/prevention, especially sun protection was highlighted in the following presentations from various directions.



Picture: Galadinner



Picture: Students of the University of Wädenswil, where also SWISS SCC members are lecturers

Dr. Gilles Pauly, Laboratoires Serobiologiques, Division of Cognis France, presented extraction and production processes of natural and synthetic peptides with different new approaches deriving from biochemistry.

Prof. Dr. Rolf Daniels, University of Tübingen indicated new starting points ref. the protection against UV rays, especially in the IR range, and emphasized that in future not only the SPF but additional benefits will come to the fore. It will be important to obtain an optimal photo-stable filter in the UVA range, effects of melanin pigmentation should also be taken into consideration.

Dr. Roger A. Wepf, ETH Zürich questioned the established »Elias« model of skin. He highlighted the morphology of skin in detail via electron microscope, indicating a new supply concept coming from the basal membrane, based on hook-like teeth elements between the cells. This new »tight junction« model is of dynamic and non static nature. Melanin synthesis via intact melanocytes plays an important protection role against UV rays.

Christine Mendrok-Erdinger, DSM Nutritional Product Ltd. Basel held an excellent lecture ref. sun protection, especially UVA protections is becoming more important. In detail she explained the strengths and weaknesses/limits of the Colipa method with its ratio (SPF/UVAPF < 3). Besides Colipa in Europe, the USA/FDA also foresees the necessity of legally defined UVA protection parameters, the FDA requirements ref. UVA claim seem even to exceed the European requirements. The important question of photostability was highlighted from different corners, also from the aspect, which combination of chemical UV filters will

offer an optimal protection. Especially from a practical point of view, the use of polymeric UV filters with very good distribution and the synergistic effects of combinations of chemical UV filters were described, also with addition of physical filters such as TiO₂.

New planned events/meetings in 2008 organized by the SWISS SCC will be as follows:

- 11th of November 2008 in Olten/CH an advanced training to the topic »directory in the jungle of the actual relevant cosmetic regulations – REACH, Safety assessment, simplified cosmetic decree, GMP«
- 16th/17th of January 2009 the next annual general assembly/scientific conference in Pfäffikon/Schwyz/CH
- Winter Seminar Champfêr/CH 31st January – 7th of February 2009
- 2010 the Forum Cosmeticum in CH.

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