

21. Swiss Retina Update

Thursday, June 4, 2026
Kursaal Bern

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Welcome to the 21st SVRG Swiss Retina Update

Dear colleagues

Dear participants

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **21st SVRG Swiss Retina Update**, which will take place on **June 4, 2026** at the **Kursaal Bern**.

Under this year's theme "**Retina update**", you can expect an exciting and varied scientific program. The event combines practical case studies with in-depth specialist presentations and places particular emphasis on promoting young talent in retina.

The RetinAwards supported by the SVRG will also be presented during the event - for the best experimental project and for the most clinically relevant work.

The Swiss Retina Update will be accompanied by an **industry exhibition**, which will provide space for direct exchange with our partners. Our sincere thanks go to all sponsors and exhibitors for their valuable support.

On behalf of the SVRG, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and look forward to seeing you in person at the Swiss Retina Update in 2026.

PD Irmela Mantel, MD

President of the SVRG

Prof. Martin Zinkernagel, MD, PhD

Lead of the Scientific Committee and SVRG Board Member

PD Florian Heussen, MD

Member of the Scientific Committee and SSO Board Member

Chantal Dysli, MD, PhD

Member of the Scientific Committee and SSO Scientific Commission Member

General Information

Date	Thursday, June 4, 2026
Venue	Kursaal Bern Room "Aare" Kornhausstrasse 3 3013 Bern www.kursaal-bern.ch
Time	12:00-13:00 Registration & Lunch in the industry exhibition 13:00-18:35 Event
Scientific Committee	Prof. Martin Zinkernagel, MD, PhD, Bern – Lead PD Florian Heussen, MD, Bern Chantal Dysli, MD, PhD, Bern
Credits	Swiss Society of Ophthalmology (SSO): 6 Credits
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Program

12:00-13:00 Registration & Lunch in the industry exhibition

13:00-13:05

Welcome

Chantal Dysli, Bern | Florian Heussen, Bern | Martin Zinkernagel, Bern

13:05-14:05

Session I: Age-related macular degeneration

Chairs: Irmela Mantel, Lausanne | Daniel Barthelmes, Zurich

13:05-13:20

Progression to exudation in high risk iAMD eyes: seeing the unseen

Usha Chakravarthy, Belfast, UK

13:20-13:35

Late-Stage AMD on OCT: What Matters, What Mimics, What Misleads

Lorenzo Ferro Desideri, Bern

13:35-13:50

Real-World-Data, Real-World Impact: The benefits of establishing a registry to track outcomes in ophthalmology

Daniel Barthelmes, Zurich

13:50-14:05

Geographic Atrophy in 2026: Diagnostic Advances and Emerging Therapies

Chiara M. Eandi, Lausanne

14:05-14:35

Coffee break in the industry exhibition

14:35-15:25

Session II: Vitreoretinal surgery

Chairs: Martin Zinkernagel, Bern | Moreno Menghini, Lugano

14:35-14:50

A Quarter Century of Floater Vitrectomy – Do We Still Need to Debate?

Martin K. Schmid, Lucerne

14:50-15:05

Should any membrane be peeled?

Moreno Menghini, Lugano

15:05-15:20

Innovations in Vitreoretinal Surgery

Martin Zinkernagel, Bern

15:20-15:35

Port delivery system ante portas

Andreas Ebnetter, St.Gallen

15:35-15:50

SVRG Research Prizes

Moderation: Christian Prünfte, Biel/Bienne

15:50-16:20

Coffee break in the industry exhibition

16:20-17:20

Session III: Tumours

Chairs: Florian Heussen, Bern | Nikolaos E. Bechrakis, Essen, DE

16:20-16:35

From Diagnosis to First-Line Therapy in Uveal Melanoma

Nikolaos E. Bechrakis, Essen, DE

16:35-16:50

Peripheral Retinal Vascular Lesions: Diagnosis and Management

Josep Callizo Planas, Basel

16:50-17:05

Recognizing Intraocular Lymphoma: Red Flags and Pitfalls

Ann Schalenbourg, Lausanne

17:05-17:20

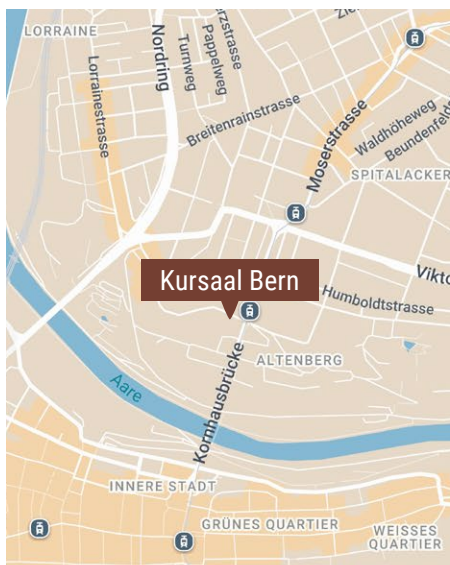
Why Prognostication Matters in Choroidal Melanoma

Florian Heussen, Bern

Program

17:20-18:35	Session IV: Paediatric Retina Chairs: Chantal Dysli, Bern Christina Gerth-Kahlert, Zurich
17:20-17:35	Paediatric Vitreoretinal Surgery: Indications, Limits, and Outcomes Robert Henderson, London, UK
17:35-17:50	Current Diagnosis and Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity Christina Gerth-Kahlert, Zurich
17:50-18:05	Avascular Peripheral Retina in Children – Differential Diagnosis and Management Chantal Dysli, Bern
18:05-18:20	Slowing Pediatric Myopia Progression: An Evidence-Based Update Leila Sara Eppenberger, Bern
18:20-18:35	Retinoblastoma update: diagnosis, management and future directions Christina Stathopoulos, Lausanne

Directions



By car

- Motorway exit Bern-Wankdorf
- straight ahead direction «Zentrum»
- in Papiermühlestrasse take the right lane
- at the third crossroads turn right into Viktoriastrasse
- at Viktoriaplatz turn left into Kornhausstrasse
- Bern Kursaal is located 100 metres further on the right (under the bridge)
- Parking: the underground garage (for 240 vehicles) offers direct lift access to the Bern Kursaal.
- Fees: CHF 4.40 Basic tax first hour | CHF 1.10 per additional 15 minutes

Public transportation

- Tram No. 9 from Bern main railway station direction «Bern Wankdorf» (departs at approximately 10-minute intervals)
- Travel time to the «Kursaal» stop is approximately 5 minutes.

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