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## **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

**Jahresversammlung / Assemblée annuelle / Assemblea annuale**

**16 - 18.9.2009 Lugano, Palazzo dei Congressi**

## **Clinical Chemistry: not only test tubes**

Dear Madams, Sirs,

It is a great honor and pleasure for us, for Lugano and for the Ticino Region, to host the annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry in 2009.

Knowledge evolution and its possible applications in Diagnostics and in Therapy is spreading fast. The contribution of Laboratory techniques to the diagnostic and therapeutic process plays an ever more fundamental role. This means that an ever increasing number of clinicians realize that laboratory diagnostic commences and terminates at the bedside, rather than at the door of the lab itself. Indeed, all non clinical branches of medicine are progressing and generating an ever growing knowledge base, which can be put at the patients services by allowing a growing number of allied health care personnel to reach the bedside. In this respect clinical chemistry will play an ever increasing role, together with its sister disciplines.

Our goal is to organize a dialogue triggering Congress within the Laboratory Medicine community, where the Diagnostic Industry plays a key role.

An exhibition area aims to encourage further interactions. Booths will be placed in the middle of Palazzo dei Congressi, where coffee-breaks, standing-lunches and the electronic poster sessions will take place. Highlight of the congress will be a standing dinner that will take place on Thursday night, where everyone will be able to talk about science or any other topic while tasting the local culinary treats.

We are sure that this congress will play an important role in helping define your activity as important stakeholder in the Clinical Chemistry world. We are therefore happy to invite all Laboratory Medicine Companies and Organizations, to the annual meeting of the Swiss Society of Clinical Chemistry from September 16<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Lugano, both as exhibitor and congress participant.

Thank all of you who will be joining the Lugano meeting. We hope that many of you will be able to attend and experience what a Latin life style within a Swiss framework has to offer.

Looking forward to meeting you in Lugano,

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