

**Embracing Life – Challenges and Questions in Patenting for Life Sciences**

Gwatt-Zentrum, November 4 and 5 2004

**Schedule****Thursday November 4**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9:00 – 9:40 a.m.	Arrival of participants, registration
9:40 – 9:45 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Prof. S. Rusconi, President of the Forum for Genetic Research</i>
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Patent Law: Basic Conceptions and Misconceptions</b> <i>Dr. L. Bühler, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne</i>
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b> (Foyer Seehaus)
10:50 – 12:00 a.m.	<b>Workshop on Patent Basics</b>
12:00 – 12:30 a.m.	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>
12:30 a.m.– 1:45 p.m.	Lunch (Bankettsaal)
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Patents, Volatile Assets for Biotech Spinoffs</b> <i>Prof. E. Hafen, Institute of Zoology, University of Zurich</i> <b>The Role of Intellectual Property Management Today</b> <i>Dr. B. Hostettler, Head of Intellectual Property Management, Prionics Ltd., Schlieren</i>
3:15 – 3:50 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b> (Bankettsaal) & <b>Check-in</b>
3:50 – 5:15 p.m.	<b>Workshop on Practical Patenting Issues</b>
5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner (Bankettsaal)
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Movie: Mais im Bundeshaus/Le genie helvétique</b> (English subtitles)
9:00 p.m. – open end	<b>Biotechnology in Politics</b> <i>Dr. J. Randegger, Member of the Swiss National Council, Basel</i>

**Friday November 5**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
8:30 – 09:10 a.m.	<b>Patents and their Impact on Society</b> <i>F. Meienberg, Berne Declaration, Zurich</i>
09:10 – 10:10 a.m.	<b>Workshop on Patents and Society</b>
10:10 – 10:40 a.m.	<b>Plenary Discussion</b>
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b> (Foyer Seehaus)
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Joining the dark side: careers in patent law for biotechnologists</b> <i>Dr. I. Galli, European Patent Office, Rijswijk (NL)</i>
11:45 – 12:30 a.m.	<b>Workshop on Careers in Patent Law</b>
12:30 a.m.– 1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	<b>The Best Science We Can Get – Fact and Fiction in the History of Scientific Progress</b> <i>Prof. E. P. Fischer, University of Constance (D)</i>
2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>General Discussion</b>
4:00 p.m	Departure of participants