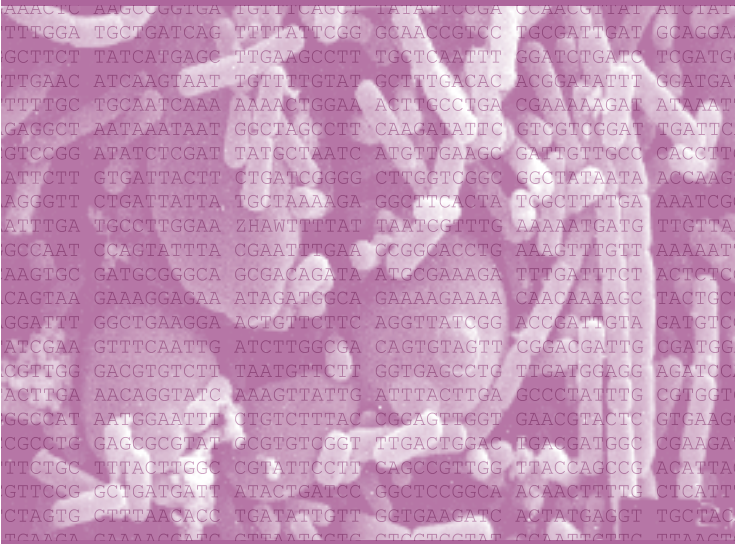




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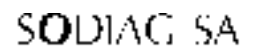


**BioTech 2009**  
**Isolation, Identification  
and Preservation  
of Microorganisms**

**29/30 June 2009**

**Campus Grüental, Wädenswil  
Switzerland**

## Exhibitors



## Partners



## Collections and Preservation

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Chair: Tobias Merseburger

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12:30            Registration  
                 Campus Grüental

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13:00–13:10    **Welcome message**  
                 Tobias Merseburger, ZHAW Wädenswil

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13:20–13:30    **CCOS – Culture Collection of Switzerland**  
                 Martin Sievers, Gottfried Dasen, ZHAW Wädenswil

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13:30–14:15    **Culture collections, biological resource centres and the way ahead**  
                 Erko Stackebrandt, DSMZ Braunschweig, Germany

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14:15–14:50    **Biodiversity and biosafety**  
                 Hans Hoshbach, Federal Office for the Environment, Bern

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14:50–15:30    Coffee break and exhibition

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15:30–16:10    **Freeze drying of dairy cultures for short and long term storage**  
                 Wilhelm Bockelmann, Federal Research Institute of Nutrition and Food, Kiel, Germany

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16:10–16:50    **Novel drying techniques for starter and probiotic cultures**  
                 Petra Först, TU München, Germany

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16:50–17:30    **The organisation and banking of non-clinical bio samples**  
                 Ashley Hayes, F. Hoffmann-La Roche, Basel

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17:30–18:00    Poster session

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19:00–  
open end        Conference dinner

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## Bioprospecting and Identification

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Chair: Cathy Kroll

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8:30                      Registration  
Campus Grüental

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9:00–9:40            **Ecological bioprospecting**  
Kurt Hanselmann, swiss i-research  
and training, Zürich

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9:40–10:20        **Bioprospecting in the green:  
Isolating novel probes for chemical genetics  
from cyanobacteria**  
Karl Gademann, EPFL, Lausanne

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10:20–10:50      Coffee break, exhibition and poster session

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10:50–11:20      **Molecular diagnostics today – a short overview**  
Jürg Frey, Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil, Wädenswil

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11:20–11:50      **Maldi-Tof mass spectrometry for identification  
and differentiation of bacterial strains**  
Peter Schumann, DSZM Braunschweig, Germany

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11:50–12:20      **Isothermal micro-nano calorimetry:  
a new method for rapid detection and  
identification of microorganisms  
and evaluation of antimicrobial agents**  
Oliver Braissant, Ueli von Ah, Dieter Wirz,  
Alma U. Daniels, University of Basel

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12:20–13:30      Lunch, exhibition and poster session

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## Bioprospecting and Identification

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Chair: Martin Sievers

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13:30–14:10    **Optimized by evolution – bacteriophages provide novel technologies for rapid and specific bacterial detection**  
Martin Loessner, ETH, Zürich

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14:10–14:50    **Strain typing and tracing in the food industry R&D at Nestlé**  
Bernard Berger, Nestlé, Lausanne

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14:50–15:20    Coffee break, exhibition and poster session

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15:20–15:50    **Detection of MRSA from nasal swabs using a commercial real-time PCR assay**  
Stefan Lange, Roche Diagnostics, Rotkreuz

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15:50–16:30    **Cultivating the “non-cultivables”**  
Thomas Egli, EAWAG Dübendorf

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16:30–17:10    **Rapid detection of antibiotic-resistance genes in Gram-positive bacteria using a microarray**  
Vincent Perreten, University of Bern

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17:10–17:25    **Poster awards and closing remarks**  
Corinne Gantenbein-Demarchi (ZHAW),  
Roger Kuhn (ZHAW), Dieter Eibl (ZHAW),  
Marc Fehlmann (Produits Dentaires, Vevey),  
Sergio Schmid (HES-SO Valais),  
Tobias Merseburger (ZHAW)

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18:00–  
open end        Alumni get-together

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## Scope of the conference

Techniques for maintenance and correct identification remain the key factors for successful and safe handling of microorganisms. Only viable and accurately characterised microorganisms allow the development of reproducible bioprocesses and products. Controls for purity and identity of strains are necessary to achieve optimal yields and well-defined products, as well as safety for personnel.

This symposium focuses on three main topics:

- the preservation of microorganisms;
- recent techniques for their identification;
- and bioprospecting and screening for microorganisms to be used in new applications.

The preservation of microorganisms as the fundamental source of value for biotech companies is important for long-term storage, for culture collections and manufacturers of starter cultures, and for the transport of strains. Recently there has been a shift from “classical” microbiological to more “molecularly-oriented” techniques for the identification of microorganisms. Modern techniques that allow rapid, accurate, cost-effective and simple identification of bacteria are now being used in medical microbiology, environmental studies and biotechnology.

### Scientific Committee

Gottfried Dasen	Institute of Biotechnology, ZHAW, Wädenswil
Cathy Kroll	Swiss Biotech Association
Tobias Merseburger	Institute of Biotechnology, ZHAW, Wädenswil
Martin Sievers	Institute of Biotechnology, ZHAW, Wädenswil
Oreste Ghisalba	Gishalba Life Sciences GmbH

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## Registration

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## Fees

	<b>before</b> 31 May 2009*	<b>after</b> 31 May 2009
29 <b>and</b> 30 June 2009 (2 days)	CHF 250.–	CHF 300.–
29 <b>or</b> 30 June 2009 (1 day)	CHF 150.–	CHF 200.–

\* The early registration fee applies to all students (international student ID number to be given). Students presenting a poster will be granted free admission to the conference (meals, conference proceedings and accommodation not included).

## Deadlines

18 May 2009	Abstracts
25 May 2009	Notification of acceptance (abstracts)
31 May 2009	Early registration deadline
05 June 2009	Registration (and payment) deadline

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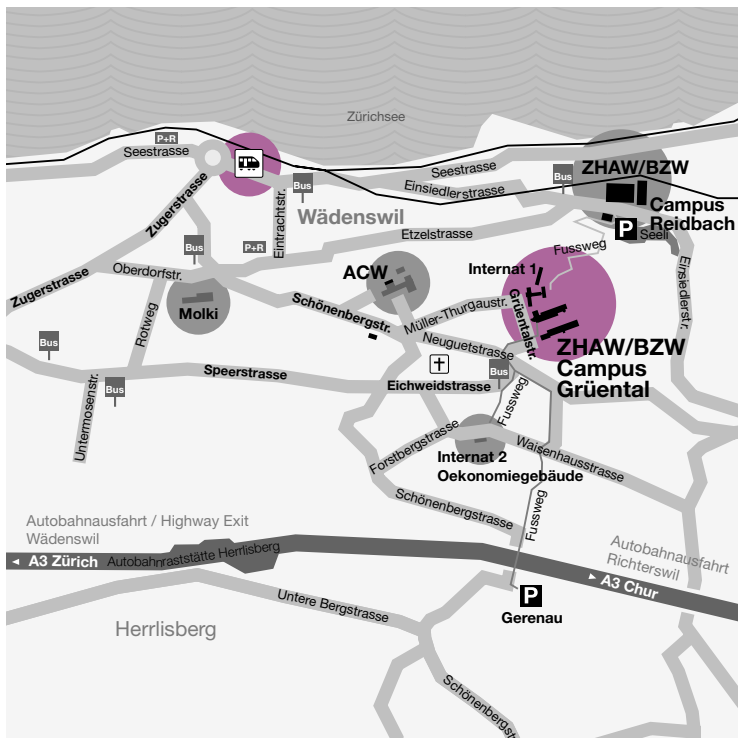
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### by train

- From Zürich mainstation (Hauptbahnhof) to Wädenswil, trains five times an hour (S2, S8, Interregio), journey time 20–30 minutes
- From Zürich airport to Wädenswil, direct trains twice an hour (S2), journey time 35 minutes

For details see: [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)

### by car

- Leave the A3 motorway (Zürich–Chur) at the exit Wädenswil and follow the signs “ZHAW Tagung”.

## From Wädenswil railway station to the ZHAW

- by public transport: buses number 123 and 126 (bus stop “Hochschule”)
- by taxi from Wädenswil railway station (approx. 15 CHF one way): Wädi Taxi +41 44 780 52 52 or City Taxi +41 44 780 77 77
- on foot, approx. 20 minutes walk uphill

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