

PharmApéro – Geneva 2019

For the second time in French-speaking Switzerland, the swissYPG (Swiss Young Pharmacists Group) organized a PharmApéro in collaboration with SAPhS (Swiss Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences). About forty scientists, mainly doctoral students, met at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Western Switzerland (ISPSO) located at the University Medical Centre (CMU) of the University of Geneva on Thursday October 17th 2019.



Geneva participants of the second PharmApéro - Geneva

The Vice-President of the swissYPG, Dr. Minette-Joëlle Zeukeng, first introduced the evening's schedule and then briefly discussed about her association, which supports and defends the interests of young pharmacists in Switzerland. Then, Mr. Matthieu Louis, representative of the Association of Industrial Pharmacists (GSIA) presented the activities of the institution and in particular the different profiles of industrial pharmacists.

Then, Dr. Marie-Paule Simonin-Gascon, Director of Preclinical Safety at Debiopharm International SA, presented her organization, the environment in which the company operates and her personal career. She also highlighted the

challenges that could face young researchers in her institution. This was very informative for people willing to continue in her field of research.



Round table of the second PharmApéro - Geneva

This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Alexandre Grand-Guillaume-Perrenoud, a former student of the University of Fribourg and the University of Geneva. Through his rich and varied professional background, he shared his professional experiences that have enabled him to become a recognized analytical expert at Novartis in Basel. This pharmacist, who also have a master's degree in biochemistry, also discussed about his daily work as part of his multidisciplinary team.



From the left to the right: Mr. Mathieu Louis, Dr. Minette-Joëlle Zeukeng, Dr. Patricia Graven-Stauffer, Dr. Marie-Paule Simonin-Gascon and Dr. Alexandre Grand-Guillaume-Perrenoud

Finally, Dr. Patricia Graven-Stauffer, also a former student of the University of Fribourg and Geneva working now as a Medical Advisor at VERFORA, presented her professional career in parallel with her personal life. She also described her activities and contacts surrounding her profession. Through a few examples, this specialist also told us about the challenges of her daily work with a special focus on public health.

At the end of the speakers' presentations, the participants had the opportunity to ask all their questions during a round table and then rich and varied discussions were held during the dinner aperitif.

The organizer of the event would like to thank in particular the doctoral students of Prof. Gerrit Borchart, Mrs Allegra Peletta and Mrs Marija Petrovic for their precious help as well as the generous sponsors of the event.



Photo of the dinner aperitif of the PharmApéro - Geneva

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