TO REGISTER AS A PARTICIPANT
please, send an email indicating your name and affiliation to contact.sbml@chuv.ch. Deadline for registration is June 10th. Since the number of places is limited, participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Attendance is free, but registration is mandatory.

TO PRESENT A POSTER
please, send an email indicating the title of your work as well as author name(s) and affiliation(s) to contact.sbml@chuv.ch. Contribution will not be reviewed; every submission will be given a poster board. Deadline for announcing a poster is June 10th.

This symposium should count as continuous training for the following medical societies: the Swiss Orthopaedics Society, the Swiss Society of Radiology, the Swiss Society of Rheumatology, the Swiss Society of Sports Medicine, and the Swiss Society of Plastic Surgery.
Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to this symposium aiming to gather together clinicians and scientists working on knee osteoarthritis (OA) from all over Switzerland. Knee OA is a complex disease involving several pathways and therapies. This observation is the basis for the symposium program which highlights different aspects of the disease and research done throughout the country.

The scientific presentations will start with a lecture by Prof. Thomas P. Andriacchi from Stanford University. Prof. Thomas P. Andriacchi is a world leader in multidisciplinary study of knee OA. His lecture about a systems approach will therefore provide an excellent foundation to link the various aspects of the disease presented during this symposium.

The talks on pathomechanism and treatments will provide a broad coverage of competencies in Switzerland. During this first national symposium on knee OA it will be impossible to give the podium to all OA researchers in Switzerland. For this reason, the symposium includes a poster session and every participant is encouraged to present his work during the extended coffee break. Posters are invited to present either a specific study or more generally the field of activity of a research group. PhD students as well as senior researchers are welcome to bring a poster and share their research with other Swiss teams.

Finally, a general discussion will conclude the symposium. This round table will provide an opportunity to summarize the presentations and discuss about next steps.

The scientific presentations will end with the lecture of PD. Gian Salzmann from the Schulthess Clinic. This last presentation will be built around the soccer player population, highlighting the multidisciplinary nature of knee OA. Furthermore, discussing the risk for knee OA for one of the most popular sports in Switzerland should provide extra motivation for further research.

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