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Swiss Contact Office for Research and Higher Education

Kindly invite you to the first "Swiss Science Briefing" on

Integrating and Structuring Research in Switzerland

**The "National Centres of Competence in
Research (NCCR)" programme**

**Example: NCCR "Molecular Oncology – from
Basic Research to Therapeutic Approaches"**

Wednesday, 27 June 2001

The NCCR Programme

The main goal of the «National Centres of Competence in Research» (NCCR) Programme is the promotion of scientific excellence in areas of major strategic importance for Switzerland. Moreover, it aims to build up synergies, more effectively distribute tasks in the Swiss research system and foster partnerships between academic and non-academic players. Further objectives are the promotion of young investigators, the transfer of knowledge and the promotion of women in research.

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) is responsible for the implementation and management of the programme. It organises the evaluation of the NCCR proposals and proposes its selection of NCCRs to the Federal Department of Home Affairs and the Swiss University Conference for approval.

Michel Aguet

Michel Aguet received his MD in Zürich in 1974. He carried out a postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Ion Gresser in Villejuif, France, and moved back to the University of Zürich, where he became group leader at the Institute of Virology and in 1989 he became associate professor at the Institute of Molecular Biology. In 1994 he moved to Genentech Inc. South San Francisco, to head the Molecular Oncology Department. In 1996 he was appointed Director of ISREC (Institut Suisse de Recherche Expérimentale sur le Cancer).

Heidi Diggelmann

Heidi Diggelmann headed the biology department of ISREC from 1977 till 1991. Since 1991 she directs the Institute of Microbiology at de Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lausanne where she has been teaching since 1983. As of 1997, she is presiding the Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Heidi Diggelmann has been chairing the Swiss commission on security in biology from 1990 to 1995 and has been member of the Council of the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology from 1990 till 1996.

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12:00 Welcome

12:15 Introduction
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12:20 **The NCCR Programme**
Prof. Dr. Heidi Diggelmann,
President of the Research Council of the SNSF

12:45 **NCCR "Molecular Oncology – from Basic Research to Therapeutic Approaches"**
Prof. Dr. Michel Aguet,
Director of ISREC

13:15 Discussion round

13:30 Lunch

The presentation will take place at rue du Trône 98, 8th floor
(KoWi meeting room)