

Patenting in Life Sciences & Chemistry

A hands-on workshop for researchers in life sciences and chemistry fields

Organized by LS² & SCS

4 – 5 June 2025, Centre Loewenberg. Murten.

Preliminary program.

Wednesday, 4th of June

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Arrival of participants, registration, check-in & welcome coffee
9:30 – 9:35 a.m.	Opening Representatives from Life Sciences Switzerland (LS²) & Swiss Chemical Society (SCS)
9:35 – 9:45 a.m.	Patents: what is it all about? Introduction Christian Moser , Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Biotechnology related aspects of patenting: Christian Moser , Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Chemistry-related aspects of patenting: Anna Maria Villa , Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Patenting in Swiss academic institutions Raluca Flükiger , Swiss University Technology Transfer, University of Geneva
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch* break
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Protecting IP during commercialization and in a SME Stefan Emler , SmartGene, Zug
2.30 – 3:15 p.m.	Defend your IP rights & Freedom-to-Operate Franziska Bächler , Zentrum für Life Sciences-Recht, ZLSR. University of Basel, Faculty of Law.
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Introduction to workshops “Protect, Profit, Prosper” : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biotechnology Patents (Christian Moser) • Chemistry Patents (Anna Maria Villa) • Commercialization (Stefan Emler) • IP Rights (Franziska Bächler)
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Workshops (part I): “Protect, Profit, Prosper” (First 15' to distribute the groups. Breaks will be individually organized in each group)
7:15 – 11:30 p.m.	Dinner on-site (BBQ, If the weather allows) Free exchange & networking among participants & speakers

*Lunch at the restaurant is served until 1:30 pm

Thursday, 5th of June

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast & room check-out (rooms have to be freed)
8:15 – 9:15 am	Hands-on introduction to patent searches <i>Christian Moser, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property</i>
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
9:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	Workshops (part II): “Protect, Profit, Prosper” (Breaks will be individually organized in each group)
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch break
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Ethical aspects of patenting <i>Anna Deplazes, Department of Molecular Life Sciences, University of Zurich</i>
2:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Presentation of Workshop Results
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:45 – 5:45 p.m.	Career opportunities in the patent field <i>Heinz Müller, Clinical Biochemistry, University of Basel</i>
5:45 p.m.	Closure and departure