

Cardiovascular Research Meeting 2026

13 – 14 January 2026
UniS, University of Bern

Tuesday 13th January 2026



09:00-10:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:00-10:10 Welcome note from the President of the LS² Intersection Cardiovascular Biology: **Sarah Longnus** (Bern)

10:10-12:00 **Cardiac Session 1**

Chairs Marie Noëlle Giraud, Gabriela Kania

10:10-10:40 **Plenary speaker 1**

Sean Davidson (University College London, UK)

A New Approach to Targeting PI3-Kinase for cardioprotection

10:40-11:30 **Talks selected from abstracts** (8 min + 4 min Q&A)

11:30-12:00 **Plenary speaker 2**

Dario Diviani (University of Lausanne, CH)

Spatial control of cardiac repair and fibrosis: roles of A-kinase anchoring proteins

12:00-13:00 **Lunch break**

13:00-14:50 **Vascular Session 1**

Chairs Marie-Luce Piallat, Giovanni Camici

13:00-13:30 **Plenary speaker 3**

Gemma Vilahur (Sant Pau Research Institute, ES)

Impact of metabolic alterations on the Bone Marrow-Heart axis in ischemic heart disease

13:30-14:20 **Talks selected from abstracts** (8 min + 4 min Q&A)

14:20-14:50 **Plenary speaker 4:**

Marco Bacigaluppi (University of Zurich, CH)

Unraveling immune cell dysregulation in stroke under frailty conditions

14:50-15:15 Flash talks preceding poster discussion

Posters: TBA

Chairs TBA

15:15-16:30 Coffee break and poster session

Evaluation committee: TBA

16:30-16:45 Industry talk



Lutz Priebe (sFAS Olink Proteomics, Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific)

Next-generation proteomics with Olink® - Advancing diagnostics and therapeutics

16:45-17:45 Keynote speaker

Chairs Giovanni Camici, Sarah Longnus

Arnold von Eckardstein (University of Zurich, CH)

Endocytosis, Transcytosis, and Retroendocytosis of HDL: Mechanisms, pathophysiology, and options for clinical exploitation

19:15 Meeting Dinner (*Upon previous registration*)

Wednesday 14th January 2026

9:00-10:50 Cardiac Session 2

Chairs Jan Kucera, Lucio Barile

09:00-09:30 Plenary speaker 5

Antonio Zaza (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, IT)

Type 2 long QT syndrome: a HERG problem only?

09:30-10:20 Talks selected from abstracts (8 min + 4 min Q&A)

10:20-10:50 Plenary speaker 6

Nina Cabezas-Wallscheid (ETH Zurich, CH)

Modulation of bone marrow haematopoietic stem cell activity as a therapeutic strategy after myocardial infarction: a preclinical study

10:50-11:15 Flash talks preceding poster discussion (1 min max)

Posters: TBA

Chairs TBA

11:15-12:30 Coffee break and poster session

Evaluation committee: TBA

12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-13:50	Cardiovascular working group: General Assembly
13:50-15:40	Vascular Session 2
Chairs	Nathalie Rosenblatt, Andrea Banfi
13:50-14:20	Plenary speaker 7 Tatiana Petrova (UNIL – CHUV, CH) Mechanisms and functions of vascular specialization
14:20-15:10	Talks selected from abstracts (8 min + 4 min Q&A)
15:10-15:40	Plenary speaker 8 Niels Riksen (Radboud University Medical Center, NL) Innate immune cell reprogramming in the pathophysiology of atherosclerosis
15:50–16:05	Award Ceremony
Chairs	Sarah Longnus (Bern) / Lucio Barile (Lugano)
16:05-16:10	Closing remarks from the president of the LS ² Cardiovascular Biology Inter-Section: Sarah Longnus (University of Bern)