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Inflammation & Fibrosis Across Organs

March 12th, 2026

Felix Frey Auditorium, SITE M, Freiburgstrasse 3, 3010 Bern

**Bringing together leading experts from research, clinics, and diverse
medical fields, this congress aims to foster collaboration and enhance
our understanding of fibrosis across organs.**

Scientific Committee:

Prof. Dr. Sabina Guler, Dr. Mirjam Kolev, PD Dr. Florian Kollert, Dr. Adela-Cristina Sarbu

Register now for the event:



Preliminary Program

8.00 – 8.15

Registration with coffee

8:15 – 8:30

Welcome, *Sabina Guler, Mirjam Kolev, Florian Kollert, Adela-Cristina Sarbu*

8.30 – 10.30

Session I: Molecular Mechanisms of Fibrosis: Shared and Distinct Pathways Across Organs

Chairs: Nasser Semmo, Bern; Diego Kyburz, Basel

08.30 – 09.00

Fibroblast: Masterminds of Tissue Response to Inflammation, *Muriel Elhai, Zürich*

09.00 – 09.30

Synovial Fibroblasts in Rheumatoid Arthritis, *Christopher Buckley, Oxford*

09.30 – 10.00

Entero-Nephro-Hepatic Circulation of Bile Acids in Health and Disease: Role of Bile Acids in Cholemic Nephropathy and Potential Therapies, *Ahmed Ghallab, Dortmund*

10.00 – 10.15

Discussion

10.15 – 10.45

Break

10.45 – 12.30

Session II: Challenges in Diagnosis and Management of Fibrotic Diseases

Chairs: Anna-Maria Hoffmann, Zurich; Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern

10.45 – 11.15

Classification of Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Diseases, *Christopher Ryerson, Vancouver*

11.15 – 11.45

Liver Fibrosis: Different Etiologies, Cellular Mechanisms and the Potential for Regression, *Sara Lemoine, Paris*

11.45 – 12.15

Understanding Chronic Periaortitis: Mechanisms and Management, *Augusto Vaglio, Parma*

12.15 – 12.30

Discussion

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00

Session III: Fibrosis Treatment Today: State of the Art and Emerging Strategies

Chairs: Uli Walker, Basel; Guido Stirnimann, Bern

13.30 – 14.00

Current Treatment Strategies for Pulmonary Fibrosis, *Michael Kreuter, Mainz*

14.00 – 14.30

Current and Future Treatment Options in Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, *Trine Folseraas, Oslo*

14.30 – 15.00

Current and Emerging Therapies for Skin Manifestations in Systemic Sclerosis, *Oliver Distler, Zurich*

15.00 – 15.15

Discussion

15.15 – 15.45

Break

15.45 – 17.15

Session IV: The Future of Fibrosis Treatment: New Targets and Translational Advances

Chairs: Antje Prasse, Basel; Thomas Geiser, Bern

15.45 – 16.15

The Future of Pulmonary Fibrosis Treatment: New Strategies and Innovations, *Manuela Funke, Bern*

16.15 – 16.45

Bridging Pathophysiology and Therapy: The Future of Liver Fibrosis Treatment, *Jordi Gracia Sancho, Barcelona & Bern*

16.45 – 17.15

The Role of B-Cells in Fibrosis, *Britta Maurer, Bern*

17.15 – 17.30

Discussion

17.30 – 18.00

Wrap Up, *Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern; Thomas Geiser, Bern; Britta Maurer, Bern*

From 17.45

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