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ANNUAL MEETING of the SSN 2026

PALLIATIVE CARE AND COMMUNICATION



TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
Kultur und Kongresshaus Aarau

Credits in demand to

Swiss Society of Neonatology (SSN)

Swiss Society of Paediatrics (SSP)

Scientific Committee

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M. Ragazzi, C. Rüegger, S. Schulzke

Welcome to Aarau

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are delighted to invite you to the **2026 Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Neonatology**, Tuesday May 19, 2026, focusing on "**Perinatal Palliative Care**" – a critical and multidisciplinary topic relevant across all levels of neonatal care.

Our program is designed around three key areas:

- Obstetrical and neonatological care for families facing life-threatening or life-limiting fetal diagnoses
- Medical and nursing care of newborns and their families in the neonatology department
- Ethical aspects in perinatal palliative care

Join us for an informative day of learning, discussion and networking as we work together to advance neonatal care.

We look forward to welcoming you!

*Francisca Barcos Munoz and Monica Ragazzi,
on behalf of the 2026 Organization Committee.*

Program

08.15-08.45 **Welcome coffee**

08.45-08.50 **Welcome words**

*Philipp Meyer, Aarau; Monica Ragazzi, Bellinzona;
Francisca Barcos Munoz, Geneva*

08.50-09.50 **Short reports from young clinicians and researchers**

Chairs: Tobias Mühlbacher, Zurich ; tbc

08.50-08.59 OC01

09.00-09.09 OC02

09.10 - 09.19 OC03

09.20-09.29 OC04

09.30-09.39 OC05

09.40-09.49 OC06

09.50-10.20 **Coffee break**

10.20-12.00 **Session 1**

Prenatal management

Chair: Claudia Canonica, Bellinzona

10.20-10.40 How to communicate a diagnosis and which kind of investigations are needed
Manuella Epiney, Geneva

10.40-11.00 How to build the labor and birth plan
Fabienne Guenin, Geneva

Neonatal management and symptom management

Chair: Sven-Eric Baller, Zurich

11.00-11.20 Counseling of the parents before birth:
side of the neonatologist
Jehudith Fontijn, Zurich

11.20-11.40 Comfort of the baby: pharmacological strategies...
Erika Süess, Chur

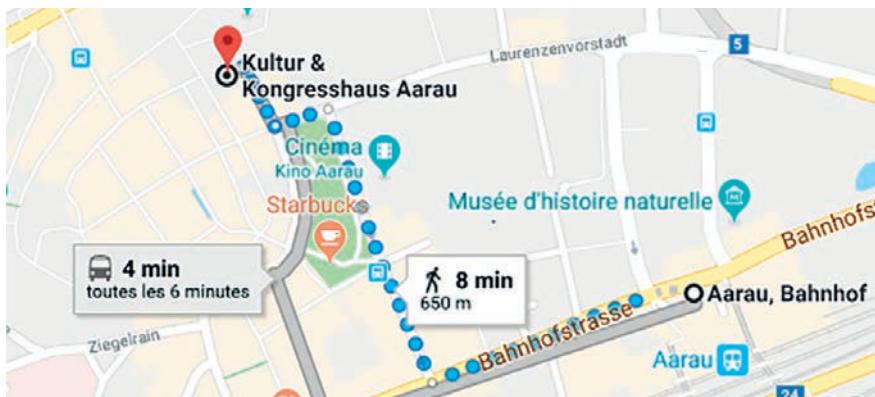
11.40-12.00 ... and non-pharmacological strategies
Pascale Van Kleef, Chur

12.00-13.25 **Lunch break**

12.45-13.15 **Business Meeting of the SSN**

13.25-14.05	E-poster «flash» session <i>Chairs: Cornelia Hagmann, Zurich; tbc</i>
13.25-13.29	EP01
13.30-13.34	EP02
13.35-13.39	EP03
13.40-13.44	EP04
13.45-13.49	EP05
13.50-13.54	EP06
13.55-13.59	EP07
14.00-14.04	EP08
14.05-14.15	Neo4neo presentation, brief review and philosophy <i>Jean-Claude Fauchère, Zurich; Riccardo Pfister, Geneva; Mathias Nelle, Bern</i>
14.15-15.25	Session 2 – Practice in perinatal palliative care and communication with parents <i>Chairs: Monica Ragazzi, Bellinzona; Jehudith Fontijn, Zurich</i>
14.15-15.00	Sharing 20 years of experience <i>Elvira Parravicini, New York (USA)</i>
15.05-15.25	Panel discussion with parents affected by palliative care in neonatology <i>Chair: Dina Hediger, Frühchen Schweiz Andre Kidzun, Bern; Margarete Bolten, Lucerne; Families from Né Trop Tôt and Frühchen & Neokinder Schweiz</i>
15.25-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-16.45	Session 3 – Ethical aspect and palliative care at home <i>Chairs: Victoria Corvest, Lausanne; Riccardo Pfister, Geneva</i>
16.00-16.20	Beyond healing: two cases, many questions <i>Jürg Streuli, St. Gallen</i>
16.20-16.45	Redirection of care and home treatment <i>Deborah Gugler, Zurich</i>
16.45-17.15	SSN Awards & Closing words
16.45-17.00	Laureate of the Prix F. Bamatter 2025
17.00-17.10	Laureate of the Humanitarian Award 2025
17.10-17.15	Best Oral presentation – Best Poster Presentation Award

How to find the congress venue



Public transport

8 mn-walk from Aarau station (via Bahnhofstrasse and Kasinostrasse) or by bus nr 1 or nr 4 - from « Bahnhof » to « Holzmarkt », then 2 mn-walk

By car

Nearest parkings:

- Kasernen Parking, Laurenzenvorstadt, 5000 Aarau
- City-Märt Parking, Kasinostrasse, 5000 Aarau

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