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ANNUAL MEETING of the SSN 2026

PALLIATIVE CARE AND COMMUNICATION



TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
Kultur und Kongresshaus Aarau

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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; Antonia Hauser, Zurich

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 approach

Chair: Claudia Canonica, Bellinzona; Beatrice Mosimann, Basel

10.20-11.00 Respectful and supportive care in perinatal
bereavement and palliative care

Manuella Epiney, Geneva; Fabienne Guenin, Geneva

Neonatal management and symptom management

Chair: Sven-Eric Baller, Zurich; Alexandra Périsset, Aarau

11.00-11.20 Prenatal counseling
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**
Chairs: Cornelia Hagmann, Zurich; Therese Bärfuss, Bern

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 20th anniversary – a good time for handing over**
*Jean-Claude Fauchère, Zurich; Riccardo Pfister, Geneva;
Mathias Nelle, Bern; Christoph Rüegger, Zurich;
Florence Datta, Basel*

14.15-15.20 **Session 2 – Practice in perinatal palliative care and communication with parents**
Chairs: Monica Ragazzi, Bellinzona; Jehudith Fontijn, Zurich

14.15-15.00 Sharing 20 years of experience
Elvira Parravicini, New York (USA)

15.00-15.20 Panel discussion with parents affected by palliative care in neonatology
*Chair: Dina Hediger, Frühchen Schweiz
Andre Kidzun, Bern; Margarete Bolten, Lucerne; Families from Né Trop Tôt and Frühchen & Neokinder Schweiz*

15.20-15.55 **Coffee break**

15.55-16.35 **Session 3 – Ethical aspect and palliative care at home**
Chairs: Victoria Corvest, Lausanne; Riccardo Pfister, Geneva

15.55-16.15 Redirection of care and home treatment
Deborah Gubler, Zurich

16.15-16.35 Beyond healing: two cases, many questions
Jürg Streuli, St. Gallen

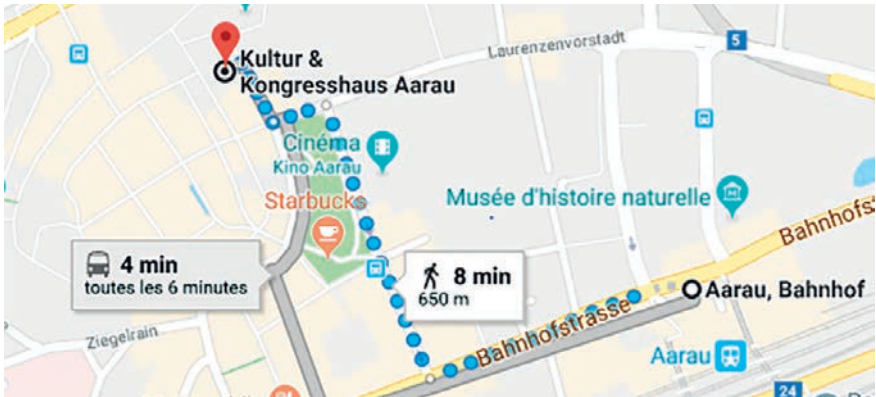
16.35-17.05 **SSN Awards & Closing words**

16.35-16.50 Laureate of the Prix F. Bamatter 2025

16.50-17.00 Laureate of the Humanitarian Award 2025

17.00-17.05 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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