Basel, May 3rd, 2011

Dear colleagues,

We thank all the colleagues who have registered for the 18th Annual Meeting of the European Cancer Center, which will take place on Friday, May 20, 2011, in Basel.

We had an excellent response, and there will be approximately 70 participants.

We also appreciate the large number of Abstracts that have been submitted. Due to the time constraints we could only select 13 Abstracts for oral presentations. We apologize to the applicants whose Abstracts have not been selected. This has not only been based on Abstract quality but also on Abstract topics and the geography of the authors’ home institutions in order to come up with a representative programme (see attachment).

The presentations are tightly scheduled to last 25 minutes including 5 minutes for discussion. We ask the speakers to plan accordingly. Beamer and computers will be available. Note that the best presenter will receive the Paul-Basset-Award.

The Conference will take place in Basel at the Restaurant Seegarten in the midst of a park (Grün 80) in the southern area of Basel (www.migrosbasel.ch/seegarten, Restaurant Seegarten, Rainstrasse 6, 4142 Münchenstein, +41 (0)58 575 80 00).

You reach the conference venue (see also the map on the next page):

**by car:**
Coming by highway from Germany or France, from highway A2 to the south, still in Basel at the interchange Hagnau take the direction to Delemont (H18), then take the first exit Münchenstein Ost. After approximately 150 m, there are about 180 parking lots on the right. Note there is a parking fee.

**by public transportation:**
From the Swiss/French railway station (SBB) take tram Nr. 10 (direction Dornach) to «Neue Welt».
From the German/Swiss railway station (Badische Bahnhof) take tram Nr. 2 to SBB, then take tram Nr. 10 to «Neue Welt».

In case you have specific questions, please contact erika.visscher@unibas.ch.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Basel.

With best regards,

Prof. Gerhard Christofori  Prof. Richard Herrmann
Mit dem Auto
T18 Richtung Delémont, ab Ausfahrt Muttenz/Münzenstein viertel die erste Möglichkeit rechts, und Sie stehen auf unserem Parkplatz

SBB/Tram 10:
Von Rodersdorf, über Bahnhof SBB (Richtung Dornach) bis »Neue Welt«

Bus 60:
Von «Schweizerhalle» (Richtung Biel-Benken) bis »Neue Welt«

Bus 63:
Von «Bruderholzspital» (Richtung Muttenz Bahn­­hof) bis »Neue Welt«
18th Annual EuCC Symposium
Friday, May 20, 2011
Restaurant Seegarten, Grün 80, Basel (www.migrosbasel.ch/seegarten)

08:30  Arrival and registration
09:00  Introductory Remarks
09:15  David Simoes, Strasbourg/ Illkirch
       Trefoil Factor 1 (TFF1) implication in breast cancer
09:40  Ulrike Burk, Freiburg
       A ZEB1/microRNA-200 loop controls EMT and stemness properties
10:05  Manuele Giuseppe Muraro, Basel
       CD133* or CD44*CD166* cells from human colorectal cancer cell lines do not display
cancer stem-cell features nor increased drug resistance
10:30  Marc Hirschfeld, Freiburg
       Role of alternative splicing in breast and gynecological cancers
10:55  Coffee Break
11:25  Sanaz Taromi, Freiburg
       The chemokine receptor CXCR4 in small cell lung cancer (SCLC) and its role in
       metastasis
11:50  Anja Heinke, Strasbourg
       Tenascin-C in cell signaling
12:15  Kathrin Sachse, Freiburg
       Influence of cysteine cathepsins on the crosstalk of cancer cells and macrophages
12:40  Lunch Break
14:30 **Neha Tiwari, Basel**
KLF4: an important regulator of EMT

14:55 **Marco Benkißer, Freiburg**
Deregulation of ID expression in acute myeloid and lymphoblastic leukemia

15:20 **Grzegorz Terszowski, Basel**
Modulation of specific immunity upon anti-tumor therapy: blockade of indoleamine-2,3 dioxygenase to potentiate cancer chemotherapy

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 **Manon Voegelin, Strasbourg**
Impact of single treatment by a novel aminopeptidase-N/CD13 inhibitor combined or not with rapamycin on the growth of human tumours xenografted in nude mice

16:40 **Andreas Wicki, Basel**
Selective targeting of tumor-associated angiogenic tip and stalk cells with immunoliposomes (ILs) directed against VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3 expressing cells

17:05 **Laurent Désaubry, Strasbourg**
Flavaglines: a new class of anticancer natural products that induce the apoptosis of cancer cells independently of caspases and that protect heart against anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity

17:30 Short Break

17:45 **Paul-Basset-Award Ceremony**

18:00 Meeting Adjourn