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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON RESEARCH
OF RARE AND ORPHAN DISEASES

29th February - 2nd March 2012
The Gehry building
Novartis Campus, Basel, Switzerland

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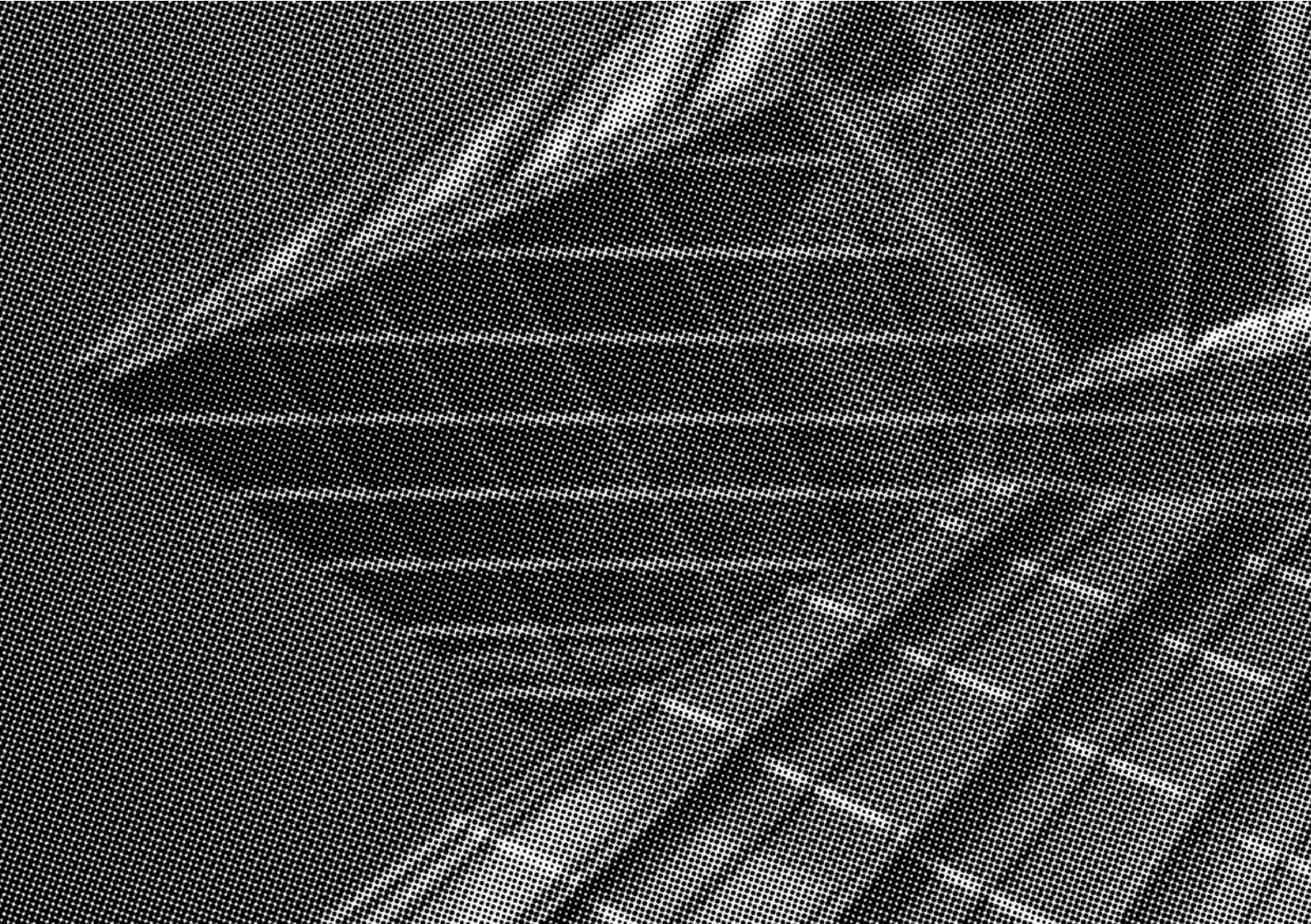

Invitation

It is a pleasure to invite your Organization/Company to sponsor and/or to exhibit at the 1st International Congress on Research of Rare and Orphan Diseases RE(ACT) Congress 2012 to be held at The Gehry Building - in Novartis Campus, Basel, Switzerland, 29th February - 2nd March 2012, a superb setting for stimulating learning, exchange and networking.

The congress will bring together world leaders and young scientist from university and industry, Stem Cells, Cell Biology, Gene Therapy, Human Genetic, or Therapeutic Applications to present cutting edge research, to discuss results and to exchange ideas.

Congress goals

- Promote research on rare and orphan diseases among the general public, industry and policy makers
- Bring together researchers and their knowledge
- Helping the understanding of other more common diseases
- Encourage clear insights positions identifiable from the scientific community in university and industry

WHAT WE LEARN FROM RARE DISORDERS OFTEN HAS PROFOUND CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF MORE COMMON CONDITIONS

Francis S. Collins, former Director of NHGRI, The National Human Genome Research Institute

Main topics

- Gene and cell therapy; stem cells
- Diagnostics
- Therapeutic applications
- Genomic disorders

Scientific disciplines involved

Autoimmunity, biochemistry, cell biology, dermatology, endrocrinology, gastroenterology, gene therapy, human genetic, hematology, infectious diseases, inflammation, molecular and cellular biology, neuroimmunology, oncology, orphan drugs, pathology, pharmacology, primary immune deficiency, rheumatology, transplantation, virology.

Welcome

The RE(ACT) Congress 2012 is open to scientist, researchers, specialized scholars and professionals.

Registration

- UNTIL 31ST OCTOBER 2011
  Early congress registration, 250 CHF
- 1ST NOVEMBER 2011 UNTIL 31ST JANUARY 2012
  Late congress registration, 350 CHF
  Registration possible on site
  (depending on available places) 400 CHF

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The place to be

The Gehry building - Novartis campus

The RE(ACT) Congress 2012 is held in the Conference Centre of the Gehry Building.
Located in the district of St. Johann in Basel along the Rhine, the Novartis Campus occupies a site devoted entirely to innovation, research and knowledge.

The Gehry Building is one of the main buildings on Novartis Campus. Designed by the worldwide known architect Frank O. Gehry (Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Dancing House in Prague, Vitra Design Museum in Weil am Rhein), it is part of a remarkable set of buildings, works of renowned manufacturers such as Japanese or Tadao Ando Kazuyo Sejima + Nishizawa Ryue SANAA agency, the Dutchman Rem Koolhaas, Alvaro Siza, the Portuguese or the offices of Basel Diener and Diener, Herzog and de Meuron.

In order to encourage communication and exchange, the Milanese architect and urban planner Vittorio Lampugnani Magnago drew the blueprint for an ideal city organized around clear bays and generous green spaces, and whose completion is planned for 2030.

The Speakers

Prof. JAMES R. LUPSKI, USA
Cullen Professor of Molecular and Human Genetics and Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas
- The «father» of the genomic disorders field

Prof. STYLIANOS ANTONARAKIS, Switzerland
Head of the Department of Genetic medicine and development, University of Geneva
- A leader on Down's syndrome and human chromosome 21 research

Prof. ALAIN FISCHER, France
Director of the Pediatric Hematology and immunology Department, Necker University Hospital, Paris
- Pioneer in gene therapy and international expert in Severe Combined Immunodeficiency

Prof. ETIENNE SOKAL, Belgium
Head of the Pediatric Gastroenterology - Hepatology Unit, Catholic University of Leuven
- International expert in rare liver metabolic diseases

Prof. MEHDI TAFTI, Switzerland
Center for Integrative Genomics, University of Lausanne
- International expert in the genetic of rare sleep disorders

Prof. ANDREA SUPERTI FURGA, Switzerland
Leenaards Professor of Pediatrics, Rare Bone Diseases, University of Lausanne
- International expert in rare bone diseases

Prof. MICHELE DE LUCA, Italy
Director, Centre for Regenerative Medicine "Stefano Ferrari", Modena
- International expert in the gene therapy of Epidermolysis Bullosa

Prof. SABINE GALLATI, Switzerland
Head of Division of Human Genetics, Bern
- International expert in clinical genetics

Prof. SERGEI MIRKIN, USA
White Family Chair in Biology, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- International expert in unusual DNA structures and their role in genomic instability

Dr. FABRIZIA BIGNAMI, France
Therapeutic Development Director; EURORDIS
- EURORDIS therapeutic Development Director

Prof. ELENA CATTANEO, Italy
Director of the Centre for Stem Cell Research, Department of Pharmacological Sciences, University of Milano
- International expert in neural stem cells and Huntington's disease

Prof. ARNOLD MUNNICH, France
Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, INSERM, Hopital des Enfants Malades, Hopital Necker, Paris
- International expert in rare genetic and epigenetic diseases

Prof. ANITA RAUCH, Switzerland
Institute of Medical Genetics, Zurich
- International expert in rare causes of mental retardation

Dr DAVID B SAVAGE, UK
Department of Medicine, University of Cambridge
- International expert in rare endocrine disorders

Dr LISA G SHAFFER, USA
President at Signature Genomics
- International expert in molecular cytogenetic

Prof. DIDIER TRONO, Switzerland
Professor and Dean at School of Life Sciences,
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- International expert in gene and molecular therapy

Prof. MARY M REILLY, UK
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and Department of Molecular Neurosciences, London
- International expert in genetic neuropathies

Prof. HAN G. BRUNNER, NL
Professor of medical genetics and head of the department of human genetics at the Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre
- International expert in molecular basis of congenital malformations

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- Company Logo on delegates’ bag

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- Registration for 1 person
- Acknowledgement in the RE(ACT) website and Final Program

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- Bag insert (leaflet or gadget)

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Full page, black and white: CHF 1’000
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Congress Initiators

The BLACKSWAN Foundation is a Swiss foundation supporting research for rare and orphan diseases worldwide by collecting funds. Another goal of the foundation is to improve public understanding of rare and orphan diseases. The foundation is member of EURORDIS, non-governmental patient-driven alliance of patient organization, and ProRaris, Swiss alliance of patient organizations.

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GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG is a private Swiss science foundation, active in various fields of innovation. Since 2009 it runs the initaitve « Rare Diseases - New Approaches » based on annual calls. The programme aims at developing and implementing innovative technologies or approaches in the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases. CHF 2 mio. p.a. are invested to this programme ; up to now 10 projects out of 106 applications are financed.

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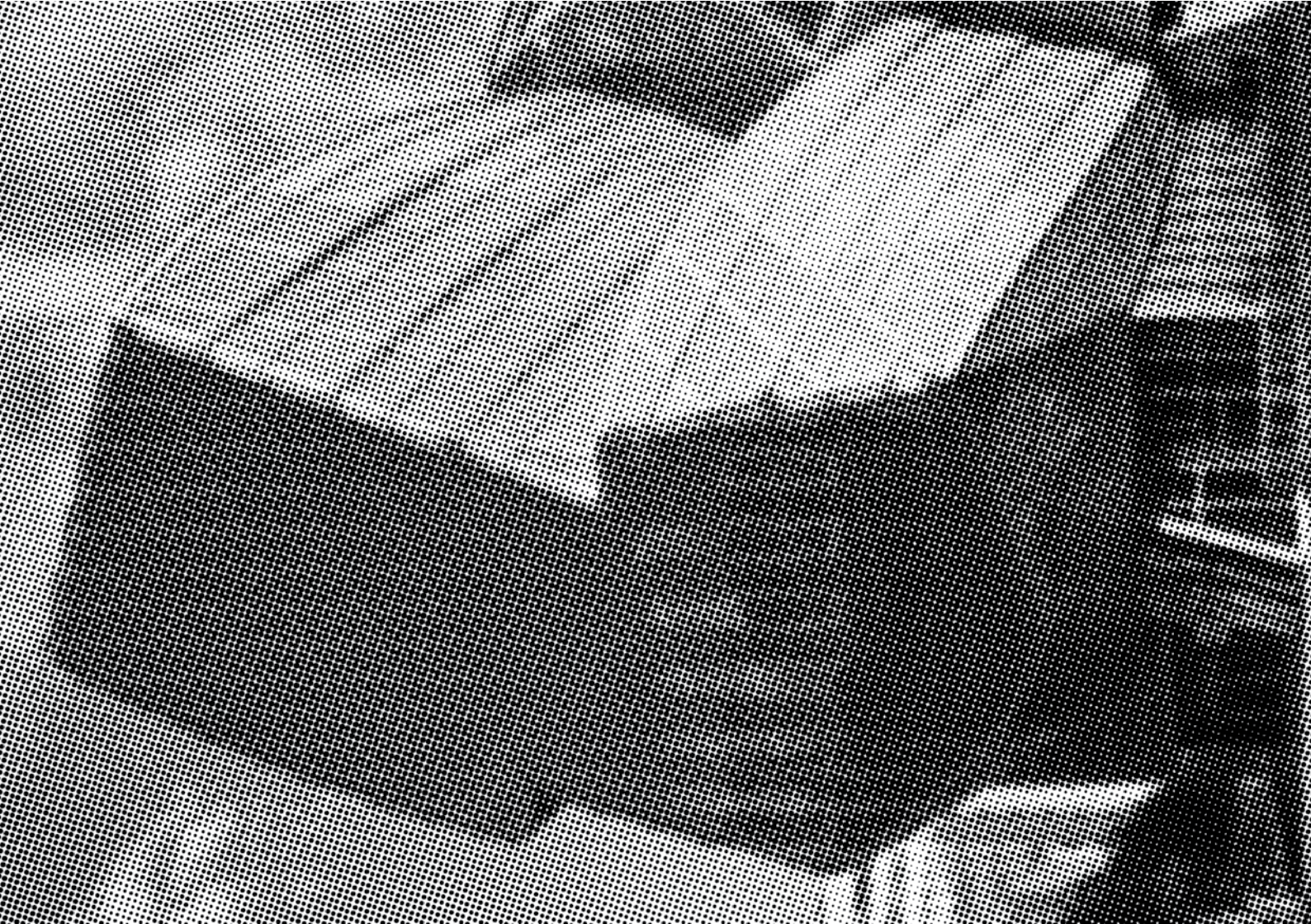

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