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- · 200 CHF for participants from academic institution
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Invertebrate animals have been widely used as models for biomedical research and teaching since the late 1800s. In the past decades the scientific community has

increased its interest in such species also to respond to the public concerns regarding the use of vertebrate animals.

Investigations on invertebrate models can provide biological insights relevant to other organisms and it have led to important discoveries in many areas of research such as immunology, neurobiology and behaviour.

Model invertebrates offer many advantages over vertebrates, including their short life cycle, simple anatomy and cost-effectiveness due to the ease with which large numbers of individuals may be studied.

This international seminar will illustrate the potential of some species of invertebrates to contribute to biomedical research as model organisms to reveal fundamental biological processes including those involved in disease. Also concepts relevant to ethics and potential for suffering will be covered.



The models reviewed will hopefully serve as references for scientists, researchers, veterinarians, animal welfare bodies, and others interested in alternatives to vertebrate animals

Friday 12 of February

Registration	07:30 - 08:20
Welcome and opening addresses	08:20 - 08:30
Assessing the potential for pain in invertebrates Robert W. Elwood	08:30 - 09:30
How the tiny worms C.elegans could help in biomedical research?	09:30 - 10:10
Coffee Break	10:10 - 10:40
Infecting amoebae with mycobacteria to study conserved mechanisms of innate immunity Thierry Soldati	10:40 - 11:20
Galleria Mellonella as an alternative experimental animal model to study fungal infections Alix Coste & Dominique Sanglard	11:20 - 12:00
Using drosophila to study gut-microbia interactions Julien Royet	12:00 - 12:40
Lunch	12:40 - 13:40
How is the concept of dignity of the living organism applicable to bacteria and insects? Bernard Baertschi	13:40 - 14:20
Neuroinflammation and microglia activation studies : a novel strategy using an invertebrate model, the medicinal leech Christophe Lefebvre	14:20 - 15:00
Coffee Break	15:00 - 15:20
Lymnaea as a model system to study age-related and amyloid-induced memory impairment George Kemenes	15:20 - 16:00
Aplysia and Helix snails as models for studying synaptic plasticity Mirella Ghirardi	6:00 - 6:40
A novel fly model of Parkinson's disease Emi Nagoshi	16:40 - 17:20
Closing remarks	17:20 - 17:30

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Venue

CHUV: Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois - Auditoire Alexandre Yersin Rue du Bugnon 21, 1011 Lausanne

How to reach the venue - We highly recommend you to take public transportation.

By train From Lausanne Railway station : Take Metro M2 going to « Croisettes », get off at metrostop « CHUV »

By car

Motorway A9/E62, exit 10 « Lausanne-Vennes - Hôpitaux», then follow indication « CHUV », parking CHUV (centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois)

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