

CONTRAST Annual Consortium Meeting

Date: 10 December 2021

Virtual meeting

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The annual CONTRAST consortium is open to CONTRAST partners, investigators, and collaborators.

Preliminary Program v0.6

Start	End	Topic	Speakers	
Closed Sessions (Invitation only)				
9:00	12:00	<i>CONTRAST Scientific Committee meeting (agenda will be provided separately)</i>	<i>CONTRAST Workpackage leaders only</i>	
10:30	12:00	<i>Research Nurse & PhD meeting</i>	<i>Susan Olthuis & Matthijs van der Sluijs</i>	
12:00	12:30	<i>Break</i>		
Plenary Program (Open)				
12:30	13:00	Opening and progress update CONTRAST	D. Dippel (EMC) & C. Majoie (A-UMC)	
13:00	13:15	How to: Sub-study Proposals & Data analysis	Workpackage 6	
13:15	13:25	Preclinical evidence for hyperperfusion	Workpackage 1	
13:25	13:45	Large Animal stroke model studies and opportunities	Joaquim Bobi i Gibert (EMC)	
13:45	14:00	Directions for the continuation of the CONTRAST collaboration	Y. Roos (A-UMC) & A. van der Lugt (EMC)	
14:00	14:15	<i>Break</i>		
Endovascular Stroke Therapy in the Late Time Window				
14:15	14:35	MR Clean LATE progress, expected results & implications	Susan Olthuis (MUMC)	
14:35	14:45	<i>Break</i>		
14:45	15:45	National guidelines for late window IVT and EVT: implementation and implications for research	Bob Roozenbeek (EMC)	
		CTP imaging	Arnolt-Jan Hoving (A-UMC)	
		Molecular biomarkers in stroke	Workpackage 5	
15:45	16:00	<i>Break</i>		
Keynote Lecture				
16:00	17:00	Strategies to improve reperfusion in acute ischemic stroke	Prof. Urs Fischer (University Hospital Basel, Switzerland) Short Bio below	
End Program				
17:00		Virtual Meetup		

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The logo for the CONTRAST consortium, featuring the word "CONTRAST" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark blue rectangular background that has a light blue gradient on the left side.

Short Bio Prof. Urs Fischer

Prof. Urs Fischer is the Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University Hospital Basel, Switzerland. Urs Fischer studied in Bern, London, San Francisco and Lomé and graduated in 2000. In 2008/2009, he performed a “Master of Science by Research in Clinical Neurology” at the University of Oxford. In 2015 he was elected as “Professor for Acute Neurology and Stroke” at the University of Bern. Since August 2021, he is chairing the Department of Neurology in Basel.

Urs Fischer is a clinical researcher and his main research interest involves diagnosis, management, treatment and outcome of patients with acute neurological diseases, especially of patients with acute ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke. He is principal investigator of several international multicenter academic trials on the management of patients with ischaemic and haemorrhagic stroke. The SWIFT DIRECT trial (www.swift-direct.ch) investigates whether adding intravenous thrombolysis to mechanical thrombectomy improves the patient outcome compared to direct mechanical thrombectomy alone. The ELAN trial (www.elan-trial.ch) assesses when oral anticoagulation with direct oral anticoagulants in stroke patients with atrial fibrillation can be introduced. The SWITCH trial (www.switch-trial.ch) investigates whether decompressive craniectomy in addition to the best medical treatment is superior to best medical treatment alone for patients with intracerebral haemorrhage.

Urs Fischer is active in National and European Stroke Societies: he is the former Secretary General of the European Stroke Organisation (ESO), treasurer of the Swiss Neurological Society (SNG), member of the programme committee of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), and he is co-founder the ESO ESMINT ESNR Stroke Winter School. Together with his colleagues of the stroke center Bern he is currently establishing the European Stroke Master Program, which will start to enroll students in 2022.