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Re: 35th Challenge in Infectious Diseases Seminar, 16-17 January 2026, Engelberg,
Switzerland

Dear Prof. Ramsey,

We would like to thank you for having accepted Silvio Brugger's invitation to participate in next year's education seminar, which will take place in Engelberg, Switzerland, on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2026.

The chairs of the academic divisions of infectious diseases of the 5 Swiss University Hospitals created the Swiss Academic Foundation for Education in Infectious Diseases (SAFE-ID) in 2003.

The annual education seminar is devoted to virology and infectious diseases topics, picked for their general interest among the participating physicians, considering the new developments in specific fields, or based on input provided by participants in previous years. We expect to welcome 250 Swiss clinicians, experts in infectious diseases, microbiology and virology, working in universities or state hospitals. Over the past 33 years, the Challenge seminars have become highly recognized scientific events among Swiss practitioners and researchers in the field, who appreciate this opportunity to update their knowledge, explore new approaches and exchange experiences.

Each year we invite international authorities to participate and share their expertise in plenary lectures and interactive sessions. The atmosphere is very lively and stimulating, and at the same time friendly and relaxed.

The Organizing Committee is very pleased to invite you to give a 25-30-minute presentation followed by questions and discussion (additional 5-10 minutes) at the end of your presentation. Please **let us know what the title of your presentation** will be to finalise the programme.

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The Challenge organizers are offering **up to USD 3'500.-** to organize your travel from overseas and cover hotel expenses from Thursday night to Sunday morning January 15-18, 2026 (3 nights) including meals during the conference.

The speaker hotel address is:

Hotel Bellevue-Terminus

Bahnhofstrasse 10,
CH-6390 Engelberg
Tel. +41 41 639 68 68

The meeting venue address is:

Kursaal Engelberg

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<https://www.bellevue-terminus.ch/en.html>

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We would like to encourage you to stay during the entire duration of this meeting to foster interactions and discussions with the participants and faculty. A speaker dinner is organized on Thursday, January 15, 2026, to welcome the speakers.

Do not hesitate to contact us (Silvio.brugger@usz.ch) if you need additional information to prepare your lecture or Barbara Leib (sc.secretary@safe-id.ch) for the logistics.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Engelberg next January.

With our best regards,

on behalf of the Organizing Committee:

Annelise Zinkernagel, MD
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Silvio Brugger, MD
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