Testing the Waters 2015, 11-15 October, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), the associations SCORE, SEWPROF and Eawag invite you to join the second transdisciplinary conference Testing the Waters 2015 at the conference centre Congressi Stefano Franscini Monte Verità above Lago Maggiore.

Conference Themes
- Monitoring Studies: targeted sampling at local, regional, national and international scale, preferably integrating wastewater results with other epidemiological data.
- Methodological Improvements: quantifying and reducing uncertainty of back-calculation, monitoring design and in-sewer transformation.
- Advances in Analytical Chemistry: method refinements and ability to measure new substances.
- Ethical and Legal Aspects: discussion of settings requiring special attention.
- Innovative Applications: wastewater analysis for community-wide health assessment beyond illicit drugs.

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Keynote Speakers
Caleb Banta-Green University of Washington, USA
Jørgen G Bramness Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research, Norway
Wayne Hall The University of Queensland, Australia
Matthew Hickman University of Bristol, UK
Dirk Korf University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Jochen F Mueller The University of Queensland, Australia
Alain Verstraete Ghent University, Belgium
Adam R Winstock Kings College London, UK

Prizes* (CHF incl. VAT):
- Regular: 300 (400), Student: 200 (300)

* until Aug 18 (from Aug 19), ** single/double room (4 nights), including all meals, excursion and conference dinner, ¹ preliminary calculation, subject to modifications

Key Dates
24 April 2015: Deadline for abstracts
8 June 2015: Notification of authors
26 June 2015: Final programme
6 July 2015: Registration starts

Submission of Abstracts
Abstracts will be considered for: Platform- and Poster-presentations. Abstracts must be limited to two A4 pages, follow template guidelines and contain adequate information to allow a sound review. Submission via: www.testingthewaters2015.ch

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1 Sewage analysis CORe group Europe, COST Action ES1307 Sewage biomarker analysis for community health assessment; ² FP7 ITN SEWage PROFiling at the community level