

Lausanne Integrative Metabolism and Nutrition Alliance (LIMNA) is a research initiative created by the Faculty of Biology and Medicine of the University of Lausanne (FBM-UNIL), the Cantonal University Hospital of Vaud (CHUV) and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne (EPFL).

The Nestlé Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS) acts also as the official sponsor of LIMNA.

LIMNA's mission: promote research and education on metabolism, nutrition and aging in the Lausanne area.

### What happened in 2014 and 2015?

#### Research promotion

Between 2014 and 2015, five scientific symposia were organized.

- March 17, 2014. First LIMNA symposium, Montreux Casino ([link to the webpage](#)).
- September 3, 2014. Second LIMNA symposium, Olympic Museum, Lausanne ([link to the webpage](#)).



- November 14, 2014. Thematic LIMNA symposium, Systems genetics of metabolism, Starling Hotel, Lausanne ([link to the webpage](#)).

- March 17, 2015. Third LIMNA symposium, SwissTech Convention Center, Lausanne, ([link to the webpage](#)).
- September 22-23, 2015. Inauguration of the CHUV's Obesity Center (CHUV, César Roux Auditorium, Lausanne) / Fourth LIMNA symposium (Olympic Museum, Lausanne), ([link to the webpage](#)).



### Education

Organization of a PhD tutorial course by Bruno Lemaitre (EPFL), Kristina Schoonjans (EPFL), and Lluís Fajas (Unil).

It consisted of a journal club and a research seminar by external speakers over a 5 months period in 2015 (again planned in 2017). The course was open to PhD students from UNIL & EPFL – 24 places.

### Travel grants

LIMNA offers a limited number of travel grants to support PhD students and postdocs within LIMNA network (Unil, CHUV, EPFL and NIHS), for their travel expenses to attend congresses, conferences or workshops in relation with LIMNA themes (metabolism, nutrition, aging). Europe: 1000 CHF, Intercontinental: 2000 CHF.

Terms, conditions and application form are available here: [Travel grants](#)

For the first call, two students were granted: Alessia Perino, post-doctoral fellow, EPFL, Kristina Schoonjans Laboratory and Josefine Tratwal, PhD student, EPFL, Olaia Naveiras Laboratory. **Congratulations to them!**

### Next events

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016:** Thematic symposium: “advances in metabolomics” at the EPFL, SV Building, room SV1717.1, Lausanne ([link to the webpage](#)). Registrations are closed.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** Fifth LIMNA symposium - SwissTech Convention Center – EPFL, Lausanne. Students and young scientists will have the opportunity to present their work through posters presentation. Some abstracts will be selected for oral presentations. Coming soon: call for abstracts and details on the agenda.

**End 2016:** sixth LIMNA symposium

All information regarding LIMNA are available on:

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