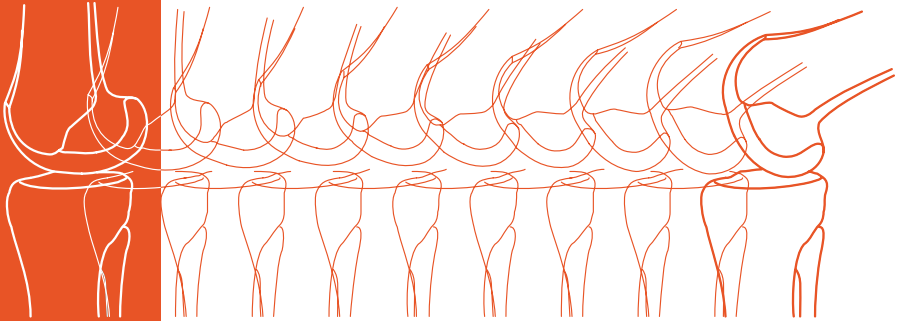


Congress Center Basel, Switzerland
May 9 – May 10, 2011

5th Basel International **Knee Congress** and Instructional Course



Preliminary Program

- Specialized Lectures
- Anatomy Session
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Important Dates

Deadline for poster abstract submission: January 31, 2011
 Early registration deadline: March 2, 2011



Important Addresses

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Official Congress Website:

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Welcome Address

Dear participants, Dear 'knee-friends',

Three years after the last Knee Congress, we will meet again in Basel to discuss new scientific research and to exchange ideas about many topics around knee surgery. We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 5th Basel International Knee Congress and Instructional Course which will be held from May 9 – 10, 2011.

An extra 'surgical skills day' for younger participants will be held after the congress on May 11, 2011. This meeting is co-sponsored by the "Deutschsprachige Arbeitsgemeinschaft Arthroskopie – AGA".

Welcome to Basel, to the city at the 'knee' of the Rhine River, with the oldest university in Switzerland which celebrated 550 years of existence in 2010. We are happy to welcome you to the wonderful congress venue of the Congress Center Basel, which offers an ambience which allows participants to engage in discourse easily. The meeting's relaxed hospitality will ensure that you will feel the benefits of education as well as accessibility and interaction with colleagues.

The program looks very promising: In two days – from Monday till Tuesday – you will be able to listen to international experts in this field, who speak about current problems and today's and future solutions in surgical treatment of the knee. In addition, your contributions will be displayed in a poster exhibition that will undoubtedly generate lively conversations. Lectures will be completed by discussion rounds and will offer many scientific highlights! Moreover, a variety of industrial workshops will take place, which will be announced in due time.

The Anatomy Session with guided dissection of knee specimen has been a mainstay of the Basel International Knee Congress in the past. We are very pleased to announce that the Anatomy Sessions will take place again this time in the Institute of Anatomy in Basel.

While you will be listening to the lectures and/or will participate in the workshops, your spouse will be able to enjoy the city of Basel and its beautiful surroundings: The historical Old Town will be ready for shopping and some of the world most prestigious museums expect their visitors (Foundation Beyeler in Riehen, the Tinguely-Museum, the Museum of Modern Art etc.).

If you have not yet marked May 2011 in your agenda – just do it – and reserve some days for Basel. We hope that you will take this excellent opportunity to meet old friends and to make the acquaintance of new colleagues. The congress organizers as well as the Ortho-Team at Bruderholz are looking forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely yours,



Niklaus F. Friederich

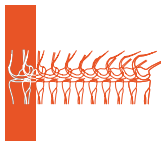


Monday, 9 May 2011

Foyer	Sydney	Rio	Nairobi	Hongkong
07:30 - 12:30 Poster Mounting	08:30 Opening			
07:30 - 18:30 Registration	08:40 - 09:35 Session 1 p.9			
	Discussion			
09:00 - 17:00 Exhibition	10:00 - 10:50 Session 2 p.9			
	Discussion			
	11:10 - 11:30 Coffee Break			
	11:30 - 12:10 Session 3 p.10			
	Discussion			
		12:30 - 14:15 Industry Workshop and Lunch	12:45 - 14:15 Industry Workshop and Lunch	12:45 - 14:15 Industry Workshop and Lunch
	14:30 - 15:10 Session 4 p.10			
	Discussion			
	15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break			
	16:00 - 16:40 Session 5 p.11			
	Discussion			
	17:00 - 18:10 Session 6 p.11			
	Discussion			
	18:20 What have we learned today?			
19:45 Speaker's Dinner (Rauracherkeller)				

Tuesday, 10 May 2011

Foyer	Sydney	Rio	Nairobi	Hongkong
07:30 - 18:30 Registration	08:00 - 10:00 Anatomy Session (Institute of Anatomy, University of Basel)	08:00 - 10:00 Industry Workshop (Congress Center Basel)	08:00 - 10:00 Industry Workshop (Congress Center Basel)	08:00 - 10:00 Industry Workshop (Congress Center Basel)
09:30 - 17:00 Exhibition	10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break			
	10:30 - 11:10 Session 7 p.12			
	Discussion			
	11:40 - 12:20 Session 8 p.12			
	Discussion			
		12:40 - 14:25 Industry Workshop and Lunch	12:40 - 14:25 Industry Workshop and Lunch	12:40 - 14:25 Industry Workshop and Lunch
	14:30 - 15:10 Session 9 p.13			
	Discussion			
	15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break			
	16:00 - 16:55 Session 10 p.13			
	Discussion			
	17:15 - 18:05 Session 11 p.14			
	Discussion			
18:25 What have we learned today?				
19:45 Gala Dinner and Poster Award (Restaurant Acqua) p. 25				



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Preliminary Scientific Program

Monday, May 9, 2011

07:30 Registration opens

Session 1 – Anatomy, Biomechanics and Biology

08:30 Opening
Niklaus F. Friederich (Bruderholz, CH)

08:40 Anatomy of the knee
Magdalena Müller-Gerbl (Basel, CH)

09:05 Biomechanics of the knee – What makes a happy joint?
Andrew A. Amis (London, UK)

09:20 Orthopaedics: More bio than mechanics?
Scott F. Dye (San Francisco, US)

09:35 Discussion

Session 2 – Imaging of the Knee

10:00 Why radiographs are still necessary!
Rolf Hügli (Bruderholz, CH)

10:10 What does ultrasound tells us?
Andreas Kugler (Munich, DE)

10:20 Current trends in MR imaging for orthopaedic patients
Bernard Mengiardi (Basel, CH)

10:30 Three dimensions is the way to look!
Johann Henckel (London, UK)

10:40 Loading history of the knee-secrets of CT-OAM
Magdalena Müller-Gerbl (Basel, CH)



10:50 SPECT/CT imaging – Where is the information?
Michael T. Hirschmann and Helmut Rasch (Bruderholz, CH)

11:10 Coffee Break

Session 3 – ACL 1

11:30 Double-bundle ACL reconstruction – Better clinical results for which patients?
Timo Järvelä (Tampere, FI)

11:40 Less is more: Isoanatomical single bundle ACL-reconstruction
Markus P. Arnold (Bruderholz, CH)

11:50 Single versus double bundle – An unanswered question
Rainer Siebold (Heidelberg, DE)

12:00 Biologic ACL reconstruction using dynamic intraligamentary stabilization
Stefan Eggli (Berne, CH)

12:10 Discussion

12:30 - Industry Workshops and Lunch
14:15

Session 4 – PCL / MCL / posterolateral corner / multiligament injuries

14:30 PCL – When and how to reconstruct
Michael Strobel (Straubing, DE)

14:40 Posterolateral corner reconstructions – An overview of methods
Bent Jakobsen (Aarhus, DK)

14:50 MCL lesions – Pitfalls of treatment
Andy Williams (London, UK)

15:00 Long-term results after operative treatment of patients with traumatic knee dislocation –
What could we expect?
Michael T. Hirschmann (Bruderholz, CH)

15:30 Coffee Break

Session 5 – Cartilage 1

- 16:00 Cartilage tissue engineering – Where are we today?
Ivan Martin (Basel, CH)
- 16:10 Treatment selection in articular cartilage lesions of the knee – When to do what?
Daniel Saris (Utrecht, NL)
- 16:20 Platelet-rich plasma for degenerative cartilage lesions
Elizavetha Kon (Bologna, IT)
- 16:30 The biological basis of unsatisfactory cartilage repair
Vipin Asopa (London, UK)
- 16:40 Discussion

Session 6 – Meniscus 1

- 17:00 Natural history and symptomatology of meniscus lesions
José Romero (Zurich, CH)
- 17:10 Traumatic meniscal lesions – Repair strategies and results
Roland Becker (Potsdam, DE)
- 17:20 Different types of meniscal suture techniques – Pro and cons
Romain Seil (Luxembourg, LU)
- 17:30 Comparison of different meniscal repair devices – What is best?
Sally Järvelä (Tampere, FI)
- 17:40 Treatment of meniscal lesions in athletes
Roland Biedert (Biel/Bienne, CH)
- 17:50 Degenerative meniscal lesions – Treatment
Stefano Zaffagnini (Bologna, IT)
- 18:00 OA after meniscectomy – What do long-term follow-up tells us?
Philippe Beaufils (Versailles, FR)
- 18:10 Discussion



What have we learned today?
Niklaus F. Friederich (Bruderholz, CH)

19:45 Speaker's Dinner
at the Rauracher Keller in Basel

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

08:00 Anatomy Session
Institute of Anatomy in Basel

08:00 Industry Workshops
Congress Center Basel

10:00 Coffee Break, Transfer to the Congress Center

Session 7 – ACL 2

10:30 How to treat ACL tears in children and young patients
Christian Mauch (Bruderholz, CH)

10:40 Is there a perfect graft?
Niklaus F. Friederich (Bruderholz, CH)

10:50 How to fix the graft perfectly
Hermann Mayr (Munich, DE)

11:00 Long-term results after ACL reconstruction – What could we expect?
Ralph Mayer (Freiburg, DE and Bruderholz, CH)

11:10 Failed ACL – Diagnostic workup before revision
Stefano Zaffagnini (Bologna, IT)

11:20 Discussion

Session 8 – Cartilage 2

11:40 Microfracture – Indications and limitations
Markus P. Arnold (Bruderholz, CH)

- 11:50 The ideal patient for cell based cartilage repair
Matthias Steinwachs (Zurich, CH)
- 12:00 Cartilage repair: Do we really need to implant cells?
Ulrich Schneider (Ringsee, DE)
- 12:10 Cartilage repair in borderline situations: Is there a way back to joint homeostasis?
Daniel Saris (Utrecht, NL)
- 12:20 A new concept for treatment of osteochondritis dissecans – First results
Carlo Camathias (Basel, CH)
- 12:40 - Industry Workshops and Lunch
14:25

Session 9 – Osteotomies

- 14:30 Osteotomies around the knee: Patients selection in high tibial osteotomies
Phillip Lobenhoffer (Hanover, DE)
- 14:50 Lateral closing wedge osteotomies – Is there still a place?
Stefan Hinterwimmer (Munich, DE)
- 15:00 Are bone substitute necessary in open wedge tibial osteotomies?
Ronald van Heerwarden (Woerden, NL)
- 15:10 Navigated high tibial osteotomy – Clinical benefit for which patient?
Jean-Yves Jenny (Strasbourg, FR)
- 15:30 Coffee Break and Discussion

Session 10 – Patellofemoral Joint

- 16:00 Geometry and biomechanics of the patellofemoral joint
Farhad Iranpour (London, UK)
- 16:10 Lateral retinaculum lengthening versus release for patellar hypercompression
Gert Pagenstert (Basel, CH)
- 16:20 MPFL reconstruction, technique, pitfalls and results
Petri Silanpaa (Tampere, FI)



- 16:30 Osteotomies in patellofemoral instability – Technique and results
David Dejour (Lyon, FR)
- 16:45 Future perspectives in treating problems of the patellofemoral joint
Roland Biedert (Biel/Bienne, CH)
- 16:55 Discussion

Session 11 – Meniscus 2

- 17:15 CMI – Ideal indications, Technique and results
Ursus Lüthi (Zurich, CH)
- 17:25 Is there a prosthetic meniscus in future?
Justin P. Cobb (London, UK)
- 17:35 Meniscal allograft transplantation – When and how?
Peter Verdonk (Ghent, BE)
- 17:45 DN Gels as meniscus substitutes
Jian Ping Gong (Sapporo, JP)
- 18:05 Discussion
- 18:25 What have we learned today?
Roland Biedert (Biel/Bienne, CH)
- 19:45 Gala Dinner and Poster Award
at the Restaurant Acqua in Basel



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Mittwoch, 11. Mai 2011

„Meniskus-Refixation und Kreuzbandrekonstruktion“

**AGA-Akademiekurs (Deutschsprachige Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Arthroskopie)
in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Kantonsspital Bruderholz und dem
Anatomischen Institut der Universität Basel**

Veranstaltungsort:	Anatomisches Institut der Universität Basel
Kurssprache:	Deutsch
Wissenschaftliche Organisation:	Magdalena Müller-Gerbl, Universität Basel (Basel, CH) Markus P. Arnold, Kantonsspital Bruderholz (Bruderholz, CH) Roland Becker, Klinikum Brandenburg (Potsdam, DE)
Kursgebühren:	AGA Mitglieder: CHF 400.- Nichtmitglieder: CHF 470.-
Anmeldung und Organisation:	Congrex (Kontaktadresse siehe S. 4)

Die Zertifizierung der Stunden für das AGA-Kurscurriculum folgt.

Vorwort

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Dem zweitägigen 5. Internationalen Basler Kniekongress wird erstmalig ein praktischer Teil am Folgetag im Anatomischen Institut der Universität Basel angeschlossen werden. Der Kongress wird Ihnen viele interessante klinische Erfahrung und Operationstechniken vorstellen. Sie werden somit zeitnah die Gelegenheit erhalten, Operationstechniken am Präparat zu üben. Es freut uns ganz besonders, dass die Akademie der Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Arthroskopie erstmals einen Kurs in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Kantonsspital Bruderholz in der Schweiz anbieten darf. ▶



Das Konzept der vorrangig praktisch angelegten Kurse hat sich bewährt. Erfahrene Kniechirurgen werden Ihnen dabei mit vielen Tipps und Tricks zur Seite zu stehen. Verlängern Sie einen Tag in der wunderschönen Stadt Basel und setzen Sie das Gehörte auf dem Kongress in die Praxis um.

Wir freuen uns auf einen interessanten Operationstag!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Magdalena Müller-Gerbl

Markus P. Arnold

Roland Becker

Programm

09:00 Begrüßung

Meniskusnaht

09:15 Demonstration der Meniskusnaht

09:30 Übungen am Präparat

Vorderes Kreuzband

10:30 Demonstration VKB Rekonstruktion (Single Bundle)

11:00 Übungen am Präparat (Single Bundle, fakultativ Double Bundle)

12:30 Mittagspause

Hinteres Kreuzband

13:00 Demonstration der HKB Rekonstruktion

13:30 Übungen am Präparat

15:20 Veranstaltungsende



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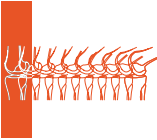
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Wir danken den Firmen für Ihre Unterstützung!



Call for Posters

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for presentation at the 5th Basel International Knee Congress 2011.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: January 31, 2011

Abstracts may only be submitted via Internet. To submit your abstract please visit the congress website at: www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011/posterabstracts.html

In order to standardize the abstract layout, we kindly ask you to follow the guidelines at this link carefully.

Guidelines for preparation and submission of abstracts

1. Please download an abstract-template from www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011/posterabstracts.html and follow the instructions on the template.
2. Abstracts may only be submitted via Internet on www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011/posterabstracts.html
Abstracts submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.
3. All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English.
Please use US English spelling and have your abstract proofread for grammar and understanding.
4. Abstracts should contain *only original material* not published elsewhere prior to *January 31, 2011*.
5. Please structure your abstract by using the following headings:
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
6. Abstracts may not be longer *than one page* using the types provided in the template. The file-size must not exceed 3MB.
7. If an abstract is accepted, one author must attend the congress and present it in person. Abstract authors must register for the conference.

8. If your research has been granted any commercial or institutional support, you will be asked to *disclose* this during the submission process. Please prepare a one sentence statement for this purpose.

Notification

Authors will be notified of acceptance in January 2011 by email.

Publication

Accepted abstracts will be published on
www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011/posterabstracts.html





Exhibition and Sponsorship

During the congress, an industrial exhibition will be arranged. Companies from all over the world will be given the opportunity to display their latest products, services and technical innovations. The exhibition will be located in the foyer of the Congress Center Basel, in close proximity to the lecture halls, scientific posters and registration area.

We are delighted to offer a range of *sponsorship opportunities* for companies. Depending on the total amount, a certain sponsorship level can be reached, offering many attractive benefits. We are open for all your suggestions and ideas.

If you are interested in becoming an exhibitor and/or sponsor of the Knee Congress 2011 in Basel, please contact the Organizing Secretariat and obtain the detailed Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus for further information:

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Registration

Registration Fee	until March 2, 2011	as from March 3, 2011
Medical/Scientific	CHF 400.-	CHF 600.-
Residents /Registrars	CHF 350.-	CHF 450.-
Students/Physiotherapists/Nurses	CHF 150.-	CHF 200.-
Former KSBH Collaborators	CHF 300.-	CHF 350.-
ORTP Members	CHF 300.-	CHF 350.-
Anatomy Session*	CHF 400.-	CHF 400.-

* Limited availability: First come – first served

Registration

Participants are given the opportunity to register for the congress and the social event via the website:
www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011

Please follow the instructions carefully. Online registration is only valid by payment with credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express).

What's included?

The registration fee for participants includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Congress documents
- Coffee break in the exhibition

Responsibility

The participant acknowledges that he/she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organizer should the holding of the meeting be hindered or prevented by political events (such as acts of terrorism, danger of hostility, war, etc.) or by unexpected economic events or generally by force majeure, or should the non-appearance of speakers or other reasons necessitate program changes. With registration, the participant accepts this proviso.



Registration / Secretariat

All documents will be given out to registered participants during the following opening hours:

Monday, May 9, 2011	07:30-18:30
Tuesday, May 10, 2011	07:30-18:30

Confirmation

Upon receipt of the correct registration fee, each participant will receive a confirmation of registration. Please bring this confirmation to the registration desk at the Congress Center as proof of your registration.

Cancellation / Refund Policy

Refund of fees, less 25% administrative charges, can be applied for in writing until March 10, 2011 to the Administrative Secretariat in Basel, Switzerland. After this date no refund will be possible.



Hotel Accommodation

Hotel rooms in various price categories in the city of Basel have been reserved.

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Hotel Reservation

Participants can download their hotel form on the website: www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011 . Please return it to Congrex Travel no later than March 23, 2011. After the mentioned deadline, requests will still be accepted. However, hotel accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. After this deadline, bookings are only possible against full payment by credit card and an extra late reservation fee of CHF 30.- will be charged.

Payment Policy

To guarantee your reservation a deposit of CHF 200.– is required. Please include either a copy of your bank transfer, your credit card details or a cheque made payable to Congrex Switzerland Ltd. Hotel requests without payment cannot be accepted. All requests will be handled on a 'first come-first served basis'.

Cancellation / Refund Policy

If your reservation is cancelled until March 23, 2011, the deposit will be refunded, less a handling fee of CHF 30.– If your reservation is cancelled after March 23, 2011, or if you arrive later or earlier than on the dates indicated on your reservation form, the total accommodation amount will be charged and no refunds can be made. Changes or cancellations have to be done in writing to Congrex Travel AG. Please do not contact the hotel directly.



General Information

CME and Accreditation

The 5th Basel International Knee Congress is accredited by the Swiss Society of Orthopedic (SGO) with 20 Credits. It is further seeking accreditation by the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine (ISAKOS), the European Society of Sports Traumatology Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy (ESSKA) as well as by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Patronage



Coffee Breaks

Delegates can get coffee in the exhibition area during the coffee breaks.

Final Program

The final program will be distributed to all participants upon registration along with the congress documents. Please visit the congress website offering continuously updated information:

www.ortho-bruderholz.ch/knee2011

Insurance

The congress organizer cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss or damage of property belonging to congress participants (or their accompanying persons), either during, or as a result of the congress. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

Language

The official congress language is English. There will be no simultaneous translation. The language for the AGA Instructional Course will be German.

Posters

The poster exhibition will be located in the foyer of the congress centre, together with the registration facilities and the industrial exhibition. Information regarding poster format, set-up and dismantling times will be sent to the authors along with their notification of acceptance. Please also refer to page 18.

Registration

For detailed information about registration refer to pages 21-22.

Social Event

The Gala Dinner will take place on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 19:30 in the *Restaurant Acqua*. You can book your ticket online together with your congress registration.

Fee per person: CHF 90.–

Venue

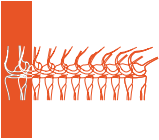
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World Wide Web

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for regularly updated news and information. Abstract submission, registration, compilation of your personal congress program as well as reservation of accommodation can all be done via this link.



Basel

Basel, a city full of surprises, is at the center of north-western Switzerland. It is located in the so-called *Dreiländereck*, the triangle formed by the three countries of Switzerland, Germany, and France. The city canton with around 190.000 inhabitants and a history of 2.000 years, offers a unique range of culture and art and possesses one of Europe's most attractive and best preserved Old Towns. Despite its social dynamism and innovative economic strength, Basel is a lively border town, with a strong traditional base rooted in history. Also, the beautiful nearby regions can be reached easily: The Jura, the Vosges in France and the Black Forest in Germany are all conveniently close by. For further information about Basel, please visit www.baseltourismus.ch

Climate

Its position in the Rhine valley gives Basel an exceptionally mild climate, which is influenced by Mediterranean air currents that flow up from the Rhone valley through the Belfort Gap. As a result, compared with the Swiss midlands, Basel enjoys an above-average amount of sunshine and only a few foggy days in fall. In May temperatures are in average at around 18 degrees Celsius or 64 Fahrenheit.

Currency

The official currency in Switzerland is Swiss Franc (CHF); (one Swiss Franc = 100 Rappen).

Coins: 5, 10, 20, 50 Rappen; 1, 2, 5 Swiss Francs

Bills: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 1000

Banks and ATM machines are easily available throughout the city of Basel and at the airport. All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Some stores may also accept Euro, but will give change in Swiss Francs.

Language

The official language of Basel is Swiss-German. German, French and English are widely spoken. The congress language is English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Restaurants

Basel offers a wide variety of restaurants. The typical Swiss as well as a large choice of international restaurants (Italian, Chinese, Japanese, French etc.) are available. People usually have lunch between 12:00 and 14:00 and dinner between 18:00 and 20:00.

Shopping

Shops in Basel are usually open Monday through Friday from 09:00 – 18:30 and Saturday from 09:00 – 17:00. Several larger department stores are open until 20:00. All major credit cards are accepted.

Tipping

Tipping is optional, but normally 5 – 10 % is customary in taxis, restaurants and bars.

Time

Switzerland is situated within the Central European Time Zone, i.e. GMT + 1 hour. Summer time/GMT +2 hours is from end of March until end of September.

Public Transport

The Congress Center Basel (Tram stop Exhibition Square) is easily accessible from all railway stations:

- From the Swiss Railway Station, take tram no. 1 or no. 2 directly to the Exhibition Square (Messeplatz).
- From the German Railway Station, take tram no 1, no. 2 or no 6.
- From Basel downtown take trams no 6. or no. 14

Reservation in a Basel hotel includes the 'Mobility Ticket' which allows you to use the public transportation system free of charge. The ticket will be handed out to you upon arrival at the hotel and is valid for the duration of your stay.

Air Travel

Arriving at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse

- Transfer to the city center by bus, taxi or rental car
- Bus connections to the city center every 15 minutes, transfer time 30 minutes
- Take bus No. 50 until 'Kannenfeldplatz' and then Tram No.1 or 14 until 'Exhibition Square'
- The EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse is served by several European airlines such as Air France, Lufthansa, Air Berlin or Easy Jet
- For further information visit: www.euroairport.com

Arriving at Zurich Airport

- Direct train connections to Basel every half hour



- Transfer time: Approximately one hour
- For further information visit: www.flughafen-zuerich.ch

Rail Travel

Basel is an international rail hub: Direct ICE, IC and EC daytime and night-time connections from Germany, Austria, Italy, France and the Benelux countries.

For further information visit:

www.sbb.ch; www.bahn.de and/or www.sncf.fr

Car Travel

Basel is located at the junction of the European north-south and east-west freeway axes. Travel by car is convenient and parking space is available at many hotels as well as at the Congress Center Basel (fees payable).



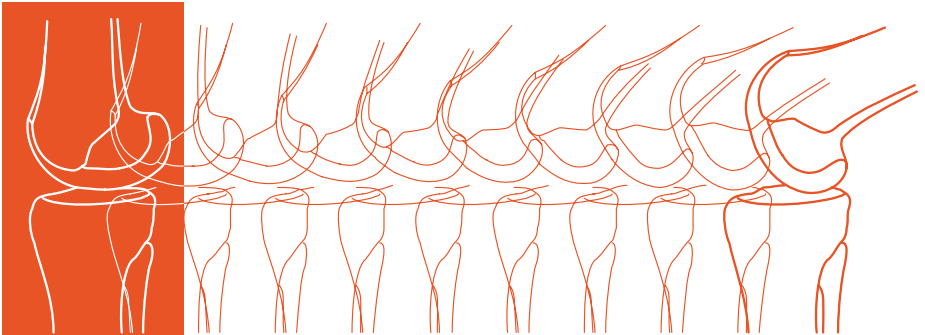
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- A** Congress Center Basel
- B** Institute of Anatomy, University of Basel
- C** Swiss Railway Station
- D** German Railway Station

- 1** Swissôtel Le Plaza (Riehenring)
- 2** Mercure Hotel Europe (Clarastrasse)
- 3** Ramada Plaza (Exhibition Square)
- 4** Hotel Münchnerhof (Riehenring)



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