



# International Medical Cannabis Conference University of Bern 2025 IMCCB-25



IMCCB-25

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
at Von Roll Campus



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## ❖ **Invitation to the IMCCB-25:**

Dear colleagues from academia, clinics, and industry,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the upcoming International Medical Cannabis Conference Bern (IMCCB-25), scheduled for February 13-14, 2025, at the University of Bern in Switzerland. Building on the success of previous Swiss cannabis conferences, IMCCB-25 aspires to bring together a diverse assembly of leading researchers, clinicians, industry professionals, and other experts and opinion leaders from around the world. The conference will cover a broad spectrum of topics, including basic and clinical methodologies, safety, analytics, pharmaceuticals, regulatory and legal considerations, pharmacological insights, and technological advancements.

Our emphasis is on practical implications for patients, researchers, medical persons, and industry leaders alike. Additional topics include palliative care, women medicine, pediatric, psychiatric and geriatric diseases, niche indications, as well as non-medical cannabis use. The IMCCB-25 seeks to inform participants about the latest evidence and concepts regarding cannabis- and cannabinoid-based therapies. It aims to assist prescribers in practically implementing best practices based on current research, expert opinions and therapy guidelines. Furthermore, the conference provides a unique platform for the exchange of ideas and practices in medical cannabis among professionals and patients, fostering innovative and engaging discussions.

By attending IMCCB-25, you will become part of fascinating and lively debates that contribute to the collective knowledge in this expanding and challenging field. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you to the vibrant and wonderful city of Bern for this enriching and collaborative experience.

Sincerely,

**Jürg Gertsch & Rudolf Brenneisen**

Conference chairs

## ❖ **Scientific program:**

- **9 Sessions, 35 lectures, 6 panels – ask the experts**
- **Topics:**
  - **From Plant to Bench to Patient**
  - **The complex pharmacology of cannabis**
  - **Progress and challenges in evidence-based cannabis medicines**
  - **Personalized cannabis medicines**
  - **Pharmaceutics**
  - **Phytochemistry, Analytics, Bioanalytics**
  - **Neurological disorders**
  - **Psychiatric disorders**
  - **Metabolic syndrome**
  - **Women medicine**
  - **Palliative medicine**
  - **Sleep disorders**
  - **Geriatric diseases**
  - **Risks of cannabis-based medicines**
  - **Cannabinoid drug interaction digital tool**
  - **Real-world evidence**
  - **Digital health care platforms**
  - **Challenges in production of cannabis-based drugs**
  - **Non-medical use**
  - **Niche indications**
  - **Country reports (Europe, Asia, America)**
  - **CANHEALTH project Switzerland**
  - **Short oral communications**
  - **Poster session**

## ❖ **Confirmed speakers (alphabetic order):**

**Giovanni Appendino, University of Novarra, Italy**  
**Sandra M. Carillo Gomez, University of Panama**  
**Vincenzo Di Marzo, Université Laval, Canada**  
**Mahmoud ElSohly, University of Mississippi, USA**  
**John Ioannidis, Stanford University, USA**  
**Beat Lutz, University of Mainz, Germany**  
**Kirsten Müller-Vahl, Hannover Medical School, Germany**  
**Daniele Piomelli, University of California, Irvine, USA**  
**Anne Kathrin Schlag, Imperial College London, UK**  
**Joseph Tam, Hebrew University, Israel**  
**Kent E. Vrana, Penn State University, USA**  
**Markus Weber, Cantonal Hospital St. Gallen, Switzerland**  
**Frank Zobel, Addiction Suisse, Switzerland**

**(to be completed)**

## ❖ Call for abstracts:

- Poster presentations and short oral communications are subject to peer-reviewed accepted abstracts
- For submission guidelines, formatting, templates, and deadlines see IMCCB-25 website <https://www.ibmm.unibe.ch/imccb25>.
- All lecture and poster abstracts will be published in *Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids* (Karger Publishers, Basel), which is the official open-access conference journal.



## ❖ Sponsoring and exhibition:

- The IMCCB-25 is a non-profit academic event at the University of Bern. However, it can only be realized through financial support of industry, authorities, professional societies and academies, patient organizations, and science foundations.
- Sponsoring packages: see IMCCB-25 website.
- The exhibition area is located in the meeting and poster forum at the main venue of the Von Roll Areal at the University of Bern.

## ❖ Registration and fees:

- Registration: see IMCCB-25 website.
- Fees:

Industry members	CHF	500
Professionals, others		300
Students, patients		100
1-Day ticket		200
Online participation		200

## ❖ Accommodation and general information about the city of Bern:

The beautiful city of Bern offers a range of hotels and accommodations. Please book early and refer to: <https://www.bern.com/en/home>. We will organize few tours and sight-seeing events to make your stay enjoyable.

## ❖ Credits: ➤ tba

## ❖ Sponsoring:

- Platinum (CHF 10'000+), Gold (5000+), Silver (2500+), Bronze (1000+)
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