4th NCCR Synapsy Conference on the Neurobiology of Mental Health

8 – 9 June 2022

(and post-conference PhD work for credit validation)

Organizers: NCCR Synapsy
Location: Campus Biotech Geneva
Validation: 1 ECTS with term paper for LNDS students; else 3 entries on LNDS seminar sheet

The NCCR Synapsy will culminate after twelve successful years in September 2022. To mark this occasion, a 4th edition of the Neurobiology of Mental Health Conference will be organized. The Conferences aims at promoting productive scientific exchanges among researchers focusing on the mechanistic bases of psychiatric diseases. The Conferences are conceived around research domains relevant to psychiatry, exploring these mechanistic entry points from a broad range of angles, spanning the whole spectrum between basic neuroscience and clinical psychiatry. The 4th NCCR Synapsy Conference will again aim to be a major international event in neurobiology and psychiatry. Each session will seek to link basic neuroscience to themes pertinent to psychiatry with a particular focus on Synapsy research fields, and numerous prominent international speakers will discuss the latest developments in the field.

There will be five thematic sessions, each related to one of the NCCR Synapsy's five Work Packages (WPs) – "22q11", "Biomarkers of Early Psychosis," "Autism," "Developmental Stress," and "Mood Disorders."

For LNDS students, the participation to local symposia or national conferences usually warrants entries on a "seminar sheet" (12 entries = 1 ECTS) as these events do not provide the possibility to assess students' learning achievements. However, the organizers of the Synapsy conference provide students with the possibility to submit a post-conference term paper.

How to obtain the study credit

- Write a mail to "lnds@unil.ch" **before June 1, 2022**, with the subject "Synapsy Conference" indicating that you want to participate in the conference and will write a term paper; the latter **to be submitted by June 30, 2022** (by mail to "lnds@unil.ch"). All submitted term papers will be collectively forwarded to the conference organizers for evaluation.
- During the conference, sign the participation list at the registration desk.
- In your term paper (1-2 pages long; please provide your name, the talk title your paper is referring to, as well as bibliographic references for your arguments in case applicable) you can either
  a) critically discuss one of the conference talks in face of other controversial research findings
     OR
     b) put one of the conference topics in context with your own research
     OR
     c) develop a small project proposal based on a conference topic sketching your ideas on what could be done in future studies.