



"Experiences of a Doctor practising in Zimbabwe"

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Georg C. Umbricht, we are very pleased to invite you, your colleagues and friends to a presentation by

Professor Dr. Ruedi Lüthy, MD

Date: **Tuesday, 31st August 2010**
Time: **11:25 h Registration and Aperitif**
11:50 h Speech followed by Luncheon
14:00 h End of the Event
Venue: **Zunfthaus zur Meisen**, Münsterhof 20, 8001 Zurich

In 2003, Professor Ruedi Lüthy, Swiss pioneer in AIDS treatment and co-founder of the Zurich Lighthouse hospice foundation, travelled to Zimbabwe. At a time when AIDS education and HIV treatment were already well advanced in Western countries, Zimbabwe was in every respect a developing nation in dire need of help – and still is. Zimbabwe has a population of approximately 9 million, and more than a quarter of the population is infected with HIV. Working under very difficult conditions, Professor Lüthy set up an ambulatory HIV clinic and reference laboratory in Harare. The clinic is mainly funded by donations to the charitable foundation, Swiss Aids Care International, and by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). More than 94% of the money donated is used directly to fund the project, while the other 6% is used to cover administrative costs.

As the waiting list for patients grew longer, the foundation board decided to build a new treatment facility, called "The Newlands Clinic". In addition to providing infrastructure to treat patients, the clinic has a HIV laboratory, a pharmacy, a training centre, and a kindergarten with a playground. While the old clinic could treat up to 1,500 patients, the new one can accommodate up to 3,000 – one third of them children. Particular attention is paid to their treatment, because children are the future of any country. Furthermore, care is taken to ensure that the effect of the therapy goes beyond those undergoing treatment – primarily to mothers, teachers, nursing staff and doctors.

Dr. Ruedi Lüthy, MD holds the following titles and functions:

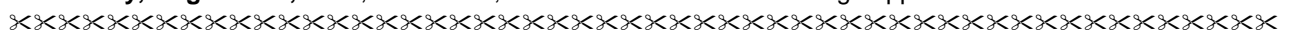
- Degree in medicine and doctorate from University of Zurich
- Founder and head of Division of Infectious Diseases and Hospital Epidemiology, University Hospital Zurich
- Founder, head and resident doctor of the Zurich Lighthouse hospice foundation
- President of the Swiss National Aids Commission
- Founder and long-term president of the Swiss HIV Cohort Study
- Honorary professor of internal medicine, specialising in infectious diseases, Medical Faculty, University of Zurich

We look forward to welcoming you to this presentation.

The aperitif is kindly provided by



Registration: Please register by **Thursday, August 26th, 2010** by returning the form below to the SwissCham Southern Africa (SCSA), P.O. Box 2957, 8022 Zurich, or sending it by fax to 041 620 88 03 or by e-mail to bmoeckli-schneider@chambersservices.ch. The cost of the event is CHF 120.00 for Chamber members and CHF 150.00 for non-members. You will receive a confirmation after registration. Cancellations will be accepted until **Friday, August 27th, 2010**, 10.00 a.m.; otherwise a full no-show charge applies.



Participants:

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