

Symposium on Chemical Ecology 2026

Switzerland has a distinguished track record of achievements in Chemical Ecology, particularly in agricultural applications and beyond. With the growing importance of understanding ecosystems and developing sustainable solutions, advances in Chemical Ecology represent a promising path forward. Given the highly interdisciplinary nature of Chemical Ecology, it is essential to nurture the Swiss scientific community, celebrate past achievements, and collectively explore future perspectives.

Target audience

Swiss Scientific Community including and private R&D organizations.

We are organizing the first National Symposium on Chemical Ecology to honor Prof. Ted Turlings' distinguished career and advance this vital interdisciplinary field in Switzerland. We expect 60 participants, and the target audience includes academic researchers, industry professionals, and early-career scientists.

Aims

- Advance chemical ecology as a vital interdisciplinary field bridging chemistry, biology, and agriculture.
- Showcase cutting-edge research and major developments from Swiss research institutions.
- Foster and strengthen collaborative networks among Swiss and international experts in the field.
- Create opportunities for early-career Swiss scientists to exchange ideas and build connections in chemical ecology.
- Celebrate the distinguished career and significant contributions of Prof. Ted Turlings to chemical ecology in Switzerland and globally.

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Symposium on Chemical Ecology 2026 (ChemEco26)

February 11, 2026, 09.00 – 18.00h
University of Neuchâtel



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Contributed Talks and Poster Session

- If you are interested in presenting your research as a short talk or a poster, please submit an abstract during the registration process and mark your preferred presenting type.
- Based on the submitted abstracts for short talks the OC will select 2 presentations per session.
- The abstract template is available as MS-Word file on the website.
- Deadline for abstract submission is December 24, 2025

Deadlines

- 02.12.2025: Open registration
- 24.12.2025: Abstract submission deadline (poster/talks).
- 10.01.2026: Notification of acceptance to contributors
- 12.01.2026: Publication of full program on the website
- 31.01.2026: Deadline for registrations
- 11.02.2026: Symposium in Neuchâtel

Registration

Free admission for all participants.
Coffee and lunch is provided by the organizers.

Please register on chemeco26.scg.ch

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Conference Location

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Program

08.30	Registration and Morning Coffee
09.00	Welcome and symposium opening David Spichiger, SCS Executive Director Dr. Claudio Screpanti, Syngenta
09.10	<i>Prof. Matthias Erb</i> , University of Bern «Swiss chemical ecology meeting: past, present and future»
09.20	<i>Prof. Ted Turlings</i> , University of Neuchâtel «My life in chemical ecology»
10.00	Short break and poster session
Session 1: Chemical ecology of plant-herbivore interaction Chair: Prof. Christelle Robert, Bern University	
10.20	<i>Prof. em. Ted Farmer</i> , University of Lausanne 2x15 contributed talks
Session2: Molecular Mechanisms Chair: Prof. Matthias Erb, University of Bern	
11.20	<i>Prof. Philippe Reymond</i> , University of Lausanne 2x15 contributed talks
12.20	Lunch break and poster session
Session 3: Evolutionary Biology Chair: Prof. Sergio Rasmann, University of Neuchâtel	
13.45	<i>Prof. Florian Schiestl</i> , University of Zurich 2x15 contributed talks
Session 4: Ecometabolomics Chair: Dr. Emmanuel Defosse, University Neuchâtel	
14.45	<i>Prof. Meredith Christine Schuman</i> , University of Zurich 2x15 contributed talks
15.45	Short break
Session 5: Session 5 – Agroecology Chair: Dr. Ivan Hiltbold, Agroscope	
16.00	<i>Prof. Consuelo De Moraes</i> , ETH Zurich 2x15 contributed talks
17.00	Conclusive Remarks Dr. Ivan Hiltbold and Claudio Screpanti
17.10	Lunch Break, Networking Poster Session