

Detailed P R O G R A M M (state: 21 January 2026)

Heroic vineyards serving global viticulture

Tuesday 5 May 2026

Arrival of participants and registration at the Hôtel Suisse Majestic, Montreux

15:00 Registration desk opens (badge distribution)

17:00 – 19:00 **Swiss Vineyards master class** (registration required) with tasting on vine biodiversity (Arvine, Amigne, Plant Robert, Servagnin, Heunish, Grande Arvine, Lafnetscha, etc.) by Johanna Dayer (Master of Wine, Changins)

Wednesday 6 May 2026

08:30 Congress opens

08:30 – 08:40 **Welcome address by the authorities** (V. Dittli, cantonal minister for agriculture and viticulture)

08:40 – 08:50 **CERVIM President** Nicola Abbrescia

08:50 – 09:00 **CERVIM Technical Commission President** Dr. D. Tomasi: presentation of conference themes and program

09:00 – 09:20 **Keynote conference**: statistical and economic data on global and heroic viticulture (Dr. A. Mondoux, President of the OIV Economic Statistics and Conjuncture Expert Group)

09.20 – 09.45 Coffee break

09.45 – 10.05 **Keynote conference**: Importance and role of heroic vineyards in Alsace (Frédéric Schwaerzler, Alsace Chamber of Agriculture)

10.05 – 10.25 **Keynote conference**: Current situation and perspectives for heroic vineyards in the Douro region (Prof. Dr. J. Queiroz, University of Porto and winegrower)

10.25 – 10.45 **Keynote conference**: Heroic viticulture in Italy (Dr. D. Tomasi, director of Prosecco-Valdobbiadene consortium)

10.45 – 11.00 **Keynote conference**: The challenges and advantages of heroic viticulture in Switzerland (Dr. O. Viret, former head of wine research at Agroscope and head of viticulture for the State of Vaud)

11.00 – 12.00 **Round table on the future of heroic vineyards in Switzerland and Europe, the role of CERVIM, labels, etc.** (moderator: Anick Goumaz, editor of Vinum wine magazine)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45 Oral presentations 4x15' **session I (Unique landscapes to preserve)**, the ecosystemic role of heroic vineyards, chairman Dr. D. Tomasi) and posters (5-6 posters at 5') **session I**

15:00 Departure to **Lavaux**, vineyard tour focusing on irrigation and wall maintenance, tasting and cocktail reception (organized by Lavaux Patrimoine UNESCO and CVVL)

Master class Chasselas-wine included in the visit (biodiversity of grape varieties and old Chasselas)

22.00 Return to Montreux

Thursday, 7 May 2026

8.30 – 9.30 Oral presentations 4x 15' **session II (Economic sustainability of heroic viticulture)**, chairman Dr. A. Mondoux

9.30 – 10.00 Oral presentations 5-6 posters (5' per poster **session II**)

10:00–10:30 Coffee break

10:30–11:30 Oral presentations 4x 15' **session III (Cultivation techniques)**, chairman: Dr. V. Zufferey)

11:30–12:00 Oral presentations of 5-6 posters (5 minutes per poster **session III**)

12:00 – 12:30 Conclusion and outlook (F. Murisier, D. Tomasi)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

14:00 Bus departure to **Chablais region** (Badoux or Maison Blanche, Clos du Rocher (others))

17:00 Salaz Abbey **Master class on Chablais wines** accompanied by local products

20:00 Bus return to Montreux

Friday 8 May 2026 (Valais)

8:00 Bus departure for **Valais**

9:30–11:30 **Agroscope Leytron**, tour of trials on technical topics related to heroic vineyards (3–4 stations to visit in small groups depending on the number of participants)

1. Irrigation and soil maintenance, weed competition, rootstocks
2. Resistant grape varieties
3. Phytosanitary treatments using drones
4. Maintenance of the leaf hedge

11.30 Bus departure for Sion (Samuel Panchard, oenologist at Gillard)

12:00 – 17.00 Gillard Wine (S. Panchard, technical director), winegrowing on terraces (clos de Cohetta) and presentation on the challenges of viticulture in Valais (speech by Y. Aymon, president of the interprofessional association Swiss wine - Valais), master class on wine of Valais, and meal.

17.30 Return to Montreux by bus