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## NEWSLETTER 2 / 2024

Dear Member,

Thank you for reading the Newsletter 2/2024. Any comments and suggestions to [info@saphw.ch](mailto:info@saphw.ch) are welcome.  
Kind regards, your SAPhS



### News



### University Faculty

#### Geneva:

*Prof. Jean-Luc Wolfender* is participating in an Agence Nationale de Recherche (ANR)-Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) project entitled 'Metabolink AI', which will be coordinated with Nicola Zamboni (ETHZ) and Louis Felix Nothias (Université Cote d'Azur, Nice, France). The project focuses on two major challenges in metabolomics research: the analysis of cellular metabolites and the characterization of chemodiversity and bioactive metabolites. The consortium will work on the integration of knowledge graphs and artificial intelligence to provide solutions for metabolite identification and data integration. The project is supported with an amount of 3.2 MCHF by both agencies. As the president of the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Western Switzerland (ISPSO), I am delighted to present our Annual Report 2023. ISPSO is a truly intercantonal organisation with the Section of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Geneva, affiliation with the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG), the Center for Research and Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Sciences (CRISP) and the Cantonal Academic Hospital of the Canton of Vaud (CHUV) at the University of Lausanne.

### *Annual Report ISPSO:*

In 2023, ISPSO has continued its efforts to create a healthy working environment that inspires creativity and cooperation. The budget and staff allocation have been streamlined to ensure equitable treatment of all ISPSO units. In 2023, almost half of all new pharmacists in Switzerland have graduated from the University of Geneva.

Our research activities have resulted in 230 peer-reviewed publications, 5 patents and 135 invited lectures. Our activities were funded by more than one hundred FNRS and assimilated funds, and 34 projects with industry partners. Our faculty members have received 37 awards and distinctions for their work.

Building on these strengths, ISPSO has also been highly visible to our external partners such as the ULLA consortium of ten European schools of excellence in pharmaceutical sciences, CIDPHARMEF, a global network of French-speaking pharmacy schools, and the Swiss Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

We are the leading academic institution for pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy in Switzerland and continue to conduct cutting-edge research and training having a global impact.

I hope you enjoy reading this report, which is available at our [website](#).

Prof. Dr. Gerrit Borchard, President ISPSO



## Events



### **17th Swiss Pharma Science Day 21 August 2024**

*Conference report:* download [PDF](#)

Thank you for attending, contributing, and sponsoring!



### **Save-the-Date: 18th Swiss Pharma Science Day, SPhSD 2025**

Thursday 21 August 2025, University of Bern, Von Roll Campus.

For details see [website](#)



### **Annual Meeting of the German Pharmaceutical Society (DPhG), Münster, 23-26 Sept. 2024**

*Meeting report Prof. Dr. Matthias Hamburger:*

The Annual Meetings of the DPhG bring together faculty and PhD students of the 22 German universities offering a Pharmacy curriculum, and colleges from industry and public pharmacies. This year's Meeting of the DPhG at the University of Münster was held under the general theme of «Pharmaceutical Sciences: Emerging Technologies for Healthy Individuals». The four-day conference started with a pre-symposium on the history of pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy in Münster, and a symposium for interested citizens (Bürgersymposium), where

practical aspects related to the proper use of medicines were addressed by community pharmacists.

In the opening session of the main symposium the major awards and medals of the DPhG were given for scientific lifetime achievements, for the development of the pharmaceutical profession, and for outstanding research of young scientists. The symposium comprised a series of plenary lectures covering the breadth of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with contributions ranging from fundamental aspects of disease to the possible roles of community pharmacists in health services research, and topic sessions organized by the different pharmaceutical disciplines, including Pharmaceutical Biology, Pharmaceutical/Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Technology, Industrial Pharmacy, Drug Control/Pharmaceutical Analytics, Pharmacology, Radiopharmacy, Clinical Pharmacy, Practical Pharmacy, and History of Pharmacy. Two poster sessions were held and combined with guided poster tours and a selection of poster short-talks given by PhD students. The conference dinner on Wednesday evening offered an excellent platform for exchange and socializing.

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held in Freiburg i.Br.



### **Save-the-Date: SPhW/SPhS General Assembly 2025**

Tuesday 20 May 2025, House University of Bern.

For details see [website](#)



### **Save-the-Date: International Medical Cannabis Conference Bern 2025, IMCCB-25**

Thursday-Friday 13-14 February 2025, University of Bern.

For program, registration, and abstract submission see [website](#).



### **Seminars on Drug Sciences 2024**

The Seminars in Drug Sciences at the University of Basel take place every Wednesday at 17:15-18:15 during the spring and autumn semester. Everyone is invited to join in person or via Zoom to learn about latest research and developments in the field. Upcoming seminars and the Zoom link can be found here: <https://pharma.unibas.ch/de/news-events/>



### **Working group Function and Significance of the SPhW/SPhS**

Poster U. von Mandach, V. Schröder and M. Mesnil, presented at the SPhSD 2024: [download PDF](#)



## **Education**



## Awards



### Fellow 2024

[Martine Ruggli, President pharmaSuisse](#)

#### Laudatio:

Pharmacist, current President of pharmaSuisse, is honoured for her invaluable and pioneering contributions to the field of public pharmacy, to the development of innovative practices and interprofessional collaboration, and her dedication and commitment to advance our profession to be recognized as a crucial player in the primary healthcare system.



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