

NEWSLETTER EUPATI CH

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Welcome

Welcome to **EUPATI CH**'s first official newsletter. Your continuous support and involvement in our association means a lot to us. We are growing from strength to strength, and hope you will join forces with us.

In this periodic newsletter, the **EUPATI CH** association will be offering you updates and information about the association, our activities and stories from the everyday life of our stakeholders and members. If you wish to contribute your story or news, please share it with us.

If you know patient advocates who are getting involved in exciting ways, let's share their stories. Such as one of our founding patient participants, Karin Holm Randall, who became the first patient representative on a regional ethics board (<http://blog.careum.ch/brustkrebs-patientenbeteiligung/>).

Highlights in this newsletter:

- New members and General Assembly: save the date
- EUPATI expert patient training
- EUPATI webinars

EUPATI CH association

EUPATI CH was officially established as an association on 4 October 2016 and is open for membership. You are welcome to apply as either an individual member or as a representative of your organisation. Please find the application form and more details on the webpage (<https://ch.eupati.eu/eupati-ch-association/>).

New members

We warmly welcome our new members, representing their institutions: Krebsliga, Krebsforschung Schweiz and Familial Mediterranean Fever & Autoinflammatory Diseases (FMF & AID Global Association).

As individual members, Mr. Matthew May and Dr. Brigitte Franke-Bray have joined us, too.

The full list of members is for public viewing on our webpage (<https://ch.eupati.eu/eupati-ch-association/>).

SAVE the date: General Assembly 2017

The General Assembly of the EUPATI CH members is set to take place on 26 October 2017, from 14:30–16:30, followed by a meet-and-greet aperitif. Please save this date and you will receive details on the location (in Basel or Bern), the meeting agenda, and its related documents, 2 weeks before the meeting.

EUPATI expert patient training to EUPATI Fellows

The third EUPATI Patient Expert Training Course will begin on 4 of September 2017 and will run for 15 months. We congratulate the Swiss applicants and wish them all the success for their studies. From a total of 170 applications for the third intake, 60 participants from 28 nations were chosen, 4 of them from Switzerland.

The first and second intakes of the training course were successfully completed by four Swiss participants whose profiles are on our webpage (<https://ch.eupati.eu/eupati-swiss-fellows/>). The EUPATI Fellows contribute with their acquired knowledge to the EUPATI CH strategy, activities and training and are members of our boards.



Moreover, we are happy to share stories from former students who have successfully managed to bring in their expertise in their line of work. A good example is Estelle Jobson, a recently accomplished EUPATI Fellow (<https://www.eupati.eu/advocacy/estelle-jobson-work-endometriosis/>). Thanks to her expert training in medicines research and development, she was able to combine her strong background in editing, writing, scholarly and educational publishing, and will soon join the SCTO to support the communication team.

Webinar on guidance of patient involvement

EUPATI provides webinars in a series of four that discuss the guidance documents on patient interaction with the different stakeholders. Please check out the following link for updates and to browse and listen to past archived webinars: <https://www.eupati.eu/category/webinar/>.

A first webinar was held on 04.05.2017 on the topic of interaction between patient organisations and industry. (<https://www.eupati.eu/webinar/webinar-guidance-patient-involvement-industry-led-rd/>)

Upcoming events and trainings

We are extremely happy that we are entering partnerships with several sponsors interested in organising joint events. Our flagship event will be the annual “Swiss Patient Forum”, a full-day event including several lectures and a workshop, designed to train patient advocates and empower them to become active and meaningfully engaged. Each year, a different topic of current interest will be chosen. Stay tuned for more to follow soon!

Finally, we will be organising and offering disease-specific events paired with EUPATI training, aimed at the more general, lay public. These events will be freely available to the public, via our webpage as webinars to foster “the informed patient”: <https://ch.eupati.eu/de/news-and-events/>.