
EUPATI CH Newsletter 9



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Welcome

Welcome to the **EUPATI CH** newsletter. We hope you enjoy the following updates and news about our association, current activities, and the lives of our stakeholders and members. Please tell us about your stories, successes, and resources, so we can share them with our readers.

Newsletter highlights

- New association members and the new Executive Board
- The Swiss Patient Forum goes virtual
- EUPATI CH participation at events
- COVID-19 resources for patients

EUPATI CH welcoming new members

We wish to warmly welcome our newest member as individual member: Stephan Schobinger. Browse the full list of members on our [webpage](#).

Follow us on our social media

Join us on our social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)) for serious news, updates, events, and calls for participation relating to patient engagement, in Switzerland and beyond.

EUPATI CH General Assembly 2020 and the newly elected Executive Board

Due to the current circumstances the annual General Assembly of EUPATI CH was held virtually on 23 April 2020. The annual activity report 2019 was approved and is available in English, German, French and Italian on the [EUPATI CH website](https://ch.eupati.eu). The virtual assembly collected the necessary votes and elections through electronic means which was responded by 70% of the members. The Executive board was elected for a term of three years until 2023 by confirming the existing members and adding three new members to the board, the representatives are listed on our website (<https://ch.eupati.eu/eupati-ch-association/>).

We also elected a new president: Ivo Schauwecker, a patient representative and professionally working in the academic environment. With his professional experience in working in clinical research and having participated in a clinical trial as patient he will greatly contribute to our activities and bring the association forward successfully and purposefully.



EUPATI CH Executive Board members 2020 – 2023

We will introduce you the Executive Board members in the next issue along with the plans for activities to come.

Newsflash: The Swiss Patient Forum

EUPATI CH intends to devote the next Swiss Patient Forum to “patients in pandemic”

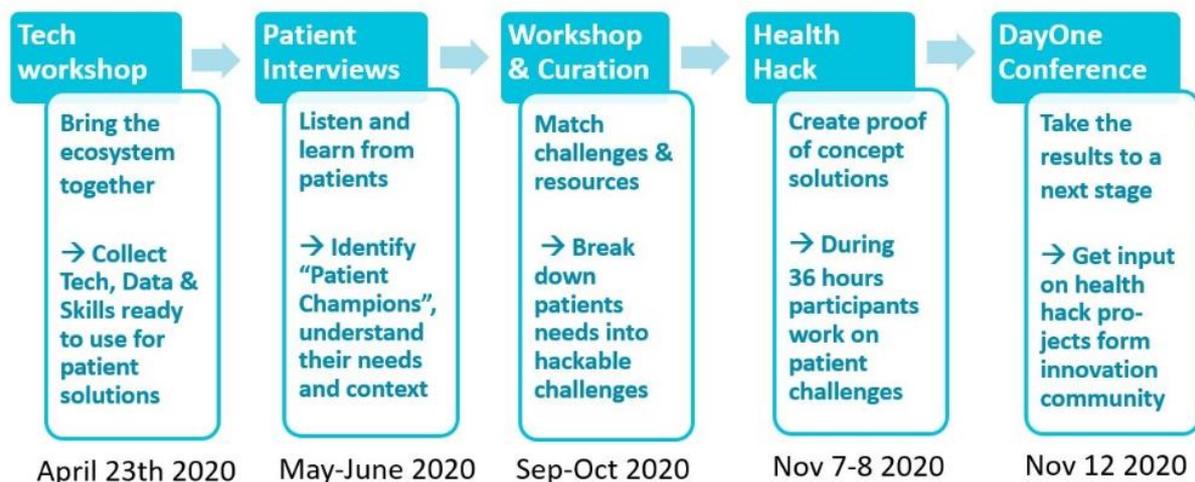
The **Swiss Patient Forum 2020** of EUPATI CH will be postponed to early 2021 and devote it to “patients in pandemic” – lessons learnt. The event will most likely be held as a videoconference but the format of a workshop and a plenary session will be maintained.

If you want to become engaged in the planning of this event or if you can contribute with technical knowledge then please reach out to us, we need your expertise! Contact the secretariat for further information secretariat@ch.eupati.eu.

EUPATI CH participation activities (much done and more ahead)

DayOne online event “Tech for patients”, Kick off for the DayOne Health Hack

EUPATI CH in partnership with DayOne Basel Area.Swiss kicked off the first session in The DayOne Health Hack, on April 23rd. The event brought together 120 experts, patients, technology enthusiasts, healthcare innovators, and industry partners in an online event looking to open the discussion around “tech for patients.”



DayOne Health Hack schedule 2020

EUPATI CH member Steven Bourke explained why engaging patients in the innovation process from the outset is so crucial: “They are the only real experts when it comes to an understanding how it is to be living with a disease, and this knowledge has real value.”

The Hackathons’ strength comes from bringing together a unique group of partners. Including patient champions from several disease areas, Innovation-horizon.ch, Roche, Experientia, Novartis, Microsoft, Takeda, Helsana and Google, University Hospital of Basel, the Health Hacking Lab and EUPATI CH, Swiss Center for Electronics and Microtechnology and Swiss Made Software.

EUPATI CH is playing a central role in facilitating and onboarding the patient champions for the hackathon taking place on November 7 and 8 2020.

[More information](#) on the Health Hack. Watch the [recording of the Tech for Patient Kick-off](#).

EUPATI CH activities under COVID-19 restrictions

As many other teams around the world EUPATI CH also faces major restrictions to physical activities. Our members are absorbed by the workload posed by the coronavirus crisis and thus not able to pursue EUPATI CH projects and trainings for the time being.

The academic representatives are overwhelmed by the vast and uncoordinated amount of new clinical research projects popping up and they strongly promote the involvement of patients in such projects and undertakings. The patient organisations in turn are overrun with

questions and requests from their communities and work on guidelines and tips on how to cope in the current situation, they became a main and reliable source of information.

COVID-19 resources for patients

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, patient organisations and EUPATI have selected content and resources related to medicines research and development, patient education, and other relevant topics, here is just a selection:

- **European Patients' Academy** ([EUPATI](#)) [COVID-19 resources](#)
- **European Patient Forum** ([EPF](#)) [resource hub](#)
- **Patient focused medicine development** ([PFMD](#)) [resource hub](#)
- **EURORDIS** [COVID-19 Information resource centre](#)

EUPATI Europe-wide updates

EUPATI 2020 Workplan and communication material

EUPATI has published a summary workplan for 2020 and an evaluation for the years 2017-2019. The workplan was published together with other communication materials including a EUPATI Brochure; EUPATI in 1 page; and 2019 Evaluation Report. More information on the [EUPATI website](#).

Recommended readings

- *“Ein junges Leben neu ausrichten”* by Nina Bruderer, swissheart foundation in [Magazin Herz und Hirnschlag](#). The article is in german and tells about the abrupt change in the life of a young woman after a stroke. Nina is very actively engaging as EUPATI CH.

Membership applications

EUPATI CH is open for membership to anyone interested. You are welcome to join as an individual or as a representative of an organisation, or a member of academia or industry. Please find the application form and more details on our [webpage](#). Membership fees are in line with other non-profit associations in Switzerland: CHF30 for individuals and CHF50 for professional organisations.

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