



ACADEMIA ENGELBERG

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Press Release – Change in the Board of Trustees

New Executive Committee for Academia Engelberg

The Board of Trustees of Academia Engelberg set the course for the future of the Dialogue on Science. Key committees have been redefined with the staffing of the Executive Committee and of management.

On April 10, 2017, Academia Engelberg Foundation's Board of Trustees elected Lucerne Professor Dr. Verena Briner as the new President of the Board of Trustees. The Professor for Internal Medicine at the University of Basel and Visiting Professor at the University of Lucerne will take over leadership of the Foundation from Dr. Hans Groth who left the Board at the end of 2016 after three years. The former President of the University of Lucerne, Prof. em. Dr. Paul Richli, was elected Vice-President. The Board of Trustees of Academia Engelberg, which is composed of 15 members, is now complete again. In the coming months, the Board will work intensively on the further development of the Dialogue on Science.

Appointment of New Managing Director

Historian Dr. Thomas Eichenberger from Zurich was elected as the new Managing Director, effective July 1, 2017. He accompanied professors at ETH Zurich for the past 10 years and has profound knowledge in the areas of dual careers, mobility of researchers, pension plans and social insurances, career models for young researchers, organizational development, and gender and diversity. In July 2017, Thomas Eichenberger will take over the office from Dr. Dominik Galliker who was closely involved with the Foundation since its inception and has made significant contributions as Vice-President and Managing Director.

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Bridge Between Science and Society

Conveying science's fundamental new findings to the general population is a major challenge. With its interdisciplinary dialogue, Academia Engelberg Foundation contributes to establishing a trust and knowledge base between science and the public at large. To this end, personalities from science, business, culture, politics, and society meet in the fall in Engelberg, Switzerland, for a science dialogue. The 2018 Conference in the monastery village of Engelberg will provide a

platform for interdisciplinary and intergenerational exchange, networking, and for jointly exploring the boundaries in many different areas. Additionally, the Foundation realizes projects resulting from the conferences and organizes in-depth events. The next event, which will take place on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the University of Lucerne, will focus on what entrepreneurs can learn from Brother Klaus. Dr. Roland Gröbli will make the introduction. For further information, visit www.academia-engelberg.ch.

<Picture of Verena Briner, President of the Board of Trustees>



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Lucerne professor Dr. Verena Briner, Professor for Internal Medicine at the University of Basel and Visiting Professor at the University of Lucerne, was elected as the new President of Academia Engelberg's Board of Trustees.

<Picture of Paul Richli, Vice-President>



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Paul Richli, the former President and Emeritus Professor for Public Law at the University of Lucerne, assumed the office of Vice-President of Academia Engelberg Foundation on April 10, 2017.

<Picture of Thomas Eichenberger, Managing Director>



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Zurich historian Dr. Thomas Eichenberger was elected as the new Managing Director of Academia Engelberg Foundation, effective July 1, 2017.

Pictures are available on the website's [mediacorner](#).

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