

Foundations Day 2026

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome message: Annalisa Buffa, Associate Vice President for Research	
Session 1		
09:35 – 09:55	20 min	Keynote Talk 1 Marie Wyss, Director for Swiss Romandy, SwissFoundations
09:55 – 10:05	10 min	Hasler Foundation Sinja Christiani, Managing Director
10:05 – 10:15	10 min	TA Swiss Foundation Martina von Arx, Project Manager
10:15 – 10:25	10 min	CHiWi Foundation Trang Fernandez-Leenknecht, Secretary General
10:25 – 10:35	10 min	Swiss Polar Institute Basil Fahrländer, Scientist
10:35 – 10:40	5 min	EPFL Testimonial: Gebert Rüt Stiftung Steven Schenk
10:40 – 11:05	Coffee break , Posters, and Networking	
Session 2		
11:05 – 11:25	20 min	Keynote Talk 2: Patrick Aebischer, President emeritus of EPFL
11:25 – 11:35	10 min	Wyss Center Tracy Laabs, Director

11:35 – 11:45	10 min	La Fondation Suisse de Recherche sur les Maladies Musculaires (FSRMM) <i>The Swiss Foundation for Research on Muscle Diseases</i> Raffaella Willmann, Research Manager
11:45 – 11:55	10 min	La Fondation pour la Recherche en Biologie et Médecine <i>Biomed Foundation</i> Clémence Bardier, Secretary General
11:55 – 12:00	5 min	EPFL Testimonial: Swiss Cancer Research Foundation Christophe Galland, Adjunct Professor
12:00 – 13:15	Networking lunch	
Session 3		
13:15 – 13:35	20 min	Perspective of Scientific Committee members from Foundations Elisa Oricchio and Michele De Palma, EPFL Professors and Members of the Scientific Committee for Swiss Cancer Research
13:35 - 13:45	10 min	Swiss Cancer Research Foundation Peggy Janich, Director and Head of Research Funding
13:45 - 13:55	10 min	Jacques and Gloria Gossweiler Foundation Barbara Dufour-Carless, Board Member
13:55 - 14:05	10 min	Horten Health Foundation TBC
14:05 - 14:15	10 min	EPFL Testimonial Gisou van der Goot, Professor
14:15 – 14:45	Coffee break, Posters, and Networking	
Session 4		
14:45 – 15:05	20 min	EPFL services for foundation-funded research Research Office; Speaker TBC
15:05 – 15:20	15 min	Engelhorn Stiftung Horst Domdey, Director of Science
15:20 – 15:35	15 min	Schmidt Sciences Mark Greaves, Vice President
15:35– 15:40	5 min	EPFL Testimonial: Schmidt Sciences Martin Schrimpf, Tenure-track assistant professor
15:40 - 15:45	Closing remark: Dr. Jeroen Van Hunen, Head of the Research Office	