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## **SSEP ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

**Memberships:** On Dec. 2016 the SSEP had 84 members including two honorary members (Prof. Harald Reuter, Prof. Hanns Paul Möhler).

### **Board:**

President: Prof. Dr. Stephan von Gunten, University Bern

Past-President: PD Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt, AlloCyte Pharmaceuticals AG, Basel

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Treasurer: Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Landolt, University Zurich

Council member: Prof. Dr. Carole Bourquin, University Geneva

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**Board meetings:** Two SSEP board meetings took place in Bern on February 3, 2016, and on November 4, 2016, respectively. The general assembly of the SSEP took place during the SSPT Spring Meeting on April 21, 2016.

**SSEP Website:** In 2016 the SSEP changed the internet appearance with a new website using a platform hosted by the SCNAT. The new internet address of the SSEP is: <https://naturalsciences.ch/organisations/ssep>. The website of the SSEP was regularly updated to provide useful information on local and international scientific meetings. In addition, SSEP members regularly received information and updates via Email.

**LinkedIn:** As a second internet platform the SSEP hosts an interest group on LinkedIn. Registered members can access information on scientific meetings relevant to experimental pharmacology.



**Scientific and educational activities:** In 2016 members of the SSEP were engaged in the organization of the following scientific events:

- SSPT Symposium “Advances in Pharmacology – Personalized Medicine” meeting in Bern, on January 28, 2016 with about 200 attendees. Prof. Leonardo Scapozza and Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon were part of the organizing committee.
- SSEP symposium entitled "Pharmacology in the era of systems biology" at the LS2 Annual Meeting 2016 in Lausanne on February 15-16, 2016. The well-attended symposium was organized and chaired by Prof. Leonardo Scapozza and Prof. Olivier Staub.
- SSPT Spring Meeting 2016 entitled “Innovative therapeutic modalities – opportunities and challenges” in Bern on April 21, 2016 with over 80 attendees. Prof. Stephan von Gunten and PD Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt were members of the organizing committee.
- 15th International Summer School on Inflammation, Immunomodulation, Inspiration, in Bönigen BE, from August 7 - 9, 2016. The meeting was organized by Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon in collaboration with other members of the Institute of Pharmacology, University of Bern.

**Prizes:** The following SSEP members were honored with prizes at the SSPT Spring Meeting 2016 in Bern: Hesham M. Ismail, group Prof. Leonardo Scapozza (best poster), and Fabiola Cortinas-Elizondo, group Prof. Stephan von Gunten (best oral presentation).

**International contacts:** The SSEP keeps close contact to international societies and associations including IUPHAR and EPHAR. Prof. Dr. Uwe Simon, University Bern serves as the IUPHAR delegate of the SSPT/SSEP and is Vice-Chair of the Immunopharmacology Section of IUPHAR. He is member of the SSEP.

**Travel grants:** In 2016 ten travel grant applications were received, and eight travel grants were awarded to PhD students of the SSEP/SST: Anna Keppner, Lausanne; Christoph Schneider, Bern; Sarah Vacle, Lausanne; Alessia Spirli, Lausanne; Yuniel Fernandez-Marrero, Bern; Sabrina Vullo, Lausanne; Poorya Amini, Bern; Darko Sojkov, Bern.

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Prof. Dr. Stephan von Gunten  
President SSEP

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