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Memberships: On Dec. 2018 the SSEP had 117 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

Secretary: PD Dr. Stephan Kellenberger, University Lausanne

Treasurer: PD Dr. Matthias Wyss, 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 12, 2018, and on October 18, 2018, respectively. The general assembly of the SSEP took place during the SSPT Spring Meeting on April 19, 2018.

SSEP Website and communication: The website of the SSEP <https://naturalsciences.ch/organisations/ssep> is integrated in the web platform of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) and was updated by the SSEP secretary to provide current information on society activities and scientific meetings. Contributions to the News and Highlights section with selected original publications from SSEP members are much appreciated: upon publication, SSEP members are encouraged to simply apply with a brief statement on impact and relevance to other society members (see information on website). Members regularly received society news 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.



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Scientific and educational activities: In 2018 members of the SSEP were engaged in the organization of the following scientific events:

- SSPT Symposium “Progress in Pharmacology – Cutaneous and Mucosal Barrier Defects” meeting in Bern, on January 24, 2018. Prof. Leonardo Scapozza and Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon were part of the organizing committee (together with task force SSPT).
- SSEP symposium entitled "The Emerging Field of Immunometabolism" at the LS2 Annual Meeting 2018 in Lausanne on February 12-13, 2018. Organized and chaired by Prof. Carole Bourquin.
- SSPT Spring Meeting 2018 entitled “Therapeutic Antibodies – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly” in Bern on April 19, 2018. Prof. Stephan von Gunten and PD Dr. Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt were members of the organizing committee (together with task force SSPT).
- 17th International Summer School on Inflammation, Immunomodulation, Inspiration, in Bönigen (CH), from July 29-31, 2018. The meeting was organized by Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon.

Prizes: The following SSEP members were honored with prizes at the SSPT Spring Meeting 2018 in Bern: Ricardo Mancuso, group of PD Dr Gabriele Weitz-Schmidt, University of Basel (best poster), and Quentin Haas, group of Prof. Stephan von Gunten, University of Bern (best oral presentation).

International contacts: The SSEP keeps close contact to international societies and associations including IUPHAR and EPHAR. Prof. Hans-Uwe Simon, University Bern is Vice-Chair of the Immunopharmacology Section of IUPHAR.

Travel grants: In 2018 SSEP/SSPT travel grants were awarded to both PhD students and to post-docs. PhD-Student travel grants: Bisera Stephanovska, Bern, Erica Reggi, Lausanne, Samara Naim, Bern. Post-doc travel grants: Anna Keppner, Fribourg, Darko Maric, Fribourg, Hans Winkler, Zürich, Kayluz Frias-Boligan, Bern.

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Prof. Dr. Stephan von Gunten

Bern, April 4, 2019

President SSEP