



New at LS²

At the **General Assembly** celebrated online on 29 January 2025, a new composition of the LS² Presidency was voted. LS² members voted positively for **Prof. Simon Sprecher** (University of Fribourg) as the new LS² President and **Prof. Emi Nagoshi** (University of Geneva) as Vice-President. **Prof. Mario Tschan** assumed the position of Past-President. This also includes the conclusion of **Prof. Didier Picard's** term as Past-President. After 7 years in the Presidency of LS², we sincerely thank him for all his support and commitment. These changes became effective after the LS² Annual Meeting (12-13 February 2025).

The **Annual Meeting in February 2025**, held in Fribourg and organized by **Prof. Jörn Dengjel** and **Prof. Simon Sprecher** (Department of Biology, University of Fribourg) was a great success. We enjoyed the conference with 320 participants ([meeting pictures](#)).

In 2025, we organized several scientific meetings, including the specialized biennial workshop **Patenting in Life Sciences & Chemistry**. In addition, LS² and the University of Geneva partnered to deliver the international workshop **Arolla 2025: BioMatter – From Cytoskeleton to Embryo**.

LS² Scientific Conferences

Cardiovascular Research Meeting, 14-15 January, Bern. LS² Intersection Cardiovascular Biology.

34th Cytomeet, 21 January, Berne. LS² Section Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB).

Young Scientists' Satellite, 11 February, Fribourg.

Annual Meeting - "The Complexity of Life: From Molecular Assemblies to Networks", 12-13 February, Fribourg. Chaired by Prof. Jörn Dengjel and Prof. Simon Sprecher (University of Fribourg).

Swiss Proteomics Meeting, 15-16 May, Unterägeri. LS² Section Proteomics.

Systems Biology Symposium, 19 June. Bern. LS² Section Systems Biology.

Swiss Drosophila Meeting, 26 June, Basel. LS² Section Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB).

Swiss Physiology Meeting, 2 September, Bern. LS² Sections Physiology.

Apoptosis and Autophagy Meeting, 4 - 5 September. Bern. LS² Sections Autophagy.

BC² Conference, 8-10 September. Basel. LS² Intersection Bioinformatics

Cell Migration Retreat, 28-29 October. Oberägeri (CH). LS² Section Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB).

Other events

Workshop **Patenting in Life Sciences and Chemistry**, 4 – 5 June. Murten.

Workshop **Arolla 2025: BioMatter – From Cytoskeleton to Embryo**, 25 – 29 August. Arolla.

Promotion of Young Scientists

15 LS² PhD Travel Grants, funded by SCNAT.



Workshop **"Mastering connections: the power of listening and communicating effectively"** at the **Young Scientists' Satellite** during the LS² Annual Meeting, 11 February, Fribourg. Organized by **Elena Barletta (ESN Switzerland)**.

"Pls of Tomorrow" Competition, 12 February, Fribourg, during the LS² Annual Meeting.

UNIGE Postdoc Day, 5 June, Geneva. Sponsored event.

SSPT Spring Meeting 2025: "New Horizons in Disease Prevention", 24 April, Bern. Sponsored event

National Awards

Lelio Orci Award 2025: Prof. Pierre Gönczy (EPFL)

Friedrich Miescher Award 2025: Dr. Claudia Keller Valsecchi (Institute of Molecular Biology, Mainz, DE) and Prof. Dr. Li Tang (EPFL)

Prizes for Young Scientists

LS² Annual Meeting 2025: 17 poster and 3 other prizes were distributed.

Young Investigator Award 2025 by the "Stiftung für Physiologie": 6 prizes distributed during the **Physiology Meeting 2025**.



Cardiovascular Meeting 2025: 3 presentation and 4 poster prizes distributed.

Apoptosis and Autophagy Meeting 2025: 3 poster prizes distributed.

Proteomics Meeting 2025: 4 presentation prizes and 3 special travel grants distributed.





Swiss Systems Biology Symposium: 1 poster prize distributed.

LS² Sonderpreis: 6 prizes sponsored.

Cytomeet: 1 junior presentation prize distributed.

Swiss Drosophila meeting: 2 prizes distributed.

Cell Migration Retreat: 2 prizes distributed.

SSEP spring meeting: 1 prize distributed.

CFATG 2025: 1 prize distributed.

International Presence

Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) GA and Congress, 5–9 July, Istanbul. Marcus Thelen. LS² Section MCB.

HUPO2025, 9–13 November, Toronto, Canada. Bernd Wollscheid. LS² Section Proteomics

EBSA 2025 - 14th European Biophysics Conference, 30 July – 4 August, Stockholm. Aleksandra Radenovic, LS² Section Biophysics.

EBSA General Assembly 2025, 1 July, Rome, Italy. Bruno Correia participated as the Swiss representative.

40th conference of the IUPS, 11 – 14 September 2025 in Frankfurt, Germany. David Hoogewijs. LS² Section Physiology.

LS² Internal Meetings

LS² Delegates Assembly, 22 January, online.

LS² General Assembly, 29 January, online.

LS² Executive Committees, 27 May, online & 11 November, Bern.

LS² Section Boards

Molecular & Cell Biosciences

Daniel Legler (BITG), *President*

Torsten Ochsenreiter (UNIBE)

Monica Gotta (UNIGE)

Marcus Thelen (IRB)

Miriam Stoeber (UNIGE)

Proteomics

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Loïc Dayon (Nestlé)

Bernd Wollscheid (ETHZ)

Manuel Tzouros (Roche)



Paolo Nanni (UZH/ETHZ)

Alexander Leitner (ETHZ)

Maria Pavlou (UNIL)

Roland Bruderer (Biognosys)

Physiology

Thomas Lutz (UZH), *President*

David Hoogewijs (UNIFR)

Christine Peinelt (UNIBE)

Zhihong Yang (UNIFR)

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Maud Frieden (UNIGE)

Autophagy

Vassiliki Nikolettou (UNIL), *President*

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Jörn Dengjel (UNIFR)

Cardiovascular Biology - Intersection

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Systems Biology

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Thomas Michaels (ETHZ)

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 Zsolt Balázs (UZH)



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Ion Channels and Membranes Transporters

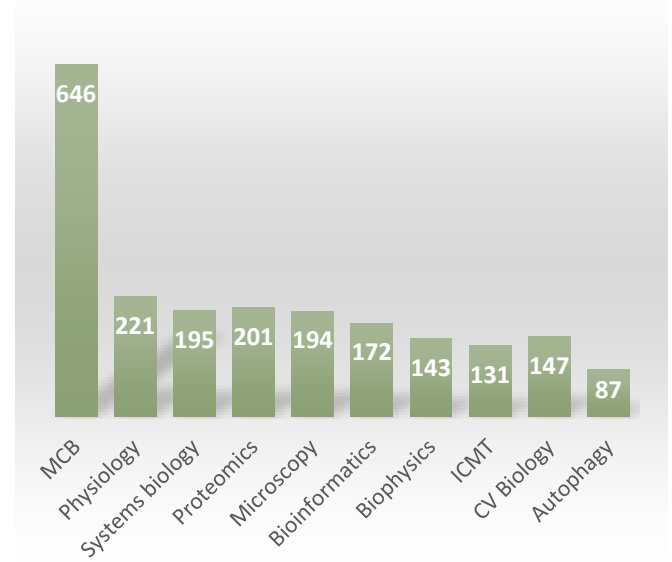
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LS² Members

974 Members (as of December 2025).

Members by section



LS² Presidency



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 (UNIFR)
President



Prof. Emi Nagoshi
 (UNIGE)
Vice-President



Prof. Mario Tschan
 (UNIBE)
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 Tamara Martín, *LS² Annual Meeting support*
 Dominique Ritter, *Accounting Assistant*

Memberships by type

