Dear postdoctoral fellows,

We are pleased to announce the call for applications to the “Pls of tomorrow: The Future of Swiss Research” session at the next LS2 Annual Meeting 2020, taking place in Zurich, 13-14 February. This session offers postdocs interested in following an academic career the opportunity to present a plenary talk similar in format to a professorship interview seminar. Selected participants will have the chance to get a slot for a 15-minute presentation, which should appeal to a broad audience and in which both the achievements accomplished and the proposed future research are to be explained. The talk will be followed by an open discussion on various aspects of the proposed activity, as well as on career-oriented perspectives of the presenter. A knowledgeable jury panel of professors will evaluate the presentations.

The best presentation will be awarded a prize. However, everyone is a winner, as all presenters in the session will receive feedback from the jury in a one-on-one private session afterwards. Please, find all the information about the last Pls of tomorrow 2019 at https://annual-meeting.ls2.ch/pis-of-tomorrow. The 2020 edition and call will be published in August under the same link.

As a participant in the FEBS3+ LS2 Annual Meeting 2020, you will have the opportunity to interact with scientists in and outside your field, and to expand or refresh your network not only in Switzerland, but also in Germany and Austria since, for the first time next year, we are welcoming the German Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (GBM) and the Austrian Association of Molecular Life Sciences and Biotechnology (ÖGMBT) as co-organizing societies. Of course, you will also enjoy a two-day meeting in the beautiful city of Zurich! If you are selected, your travel and accommodation fees will be paid by the LS2 organisation.

The following documents are required for the application:

1. Cover letter highlighting your interest and eligibility (1 page)
2. Research statement including past work and future research plans with their scientific impact and significance (max. 300 words)
3. CV with a publication list (max. 2 pages)

Only applicants having ties to Switzerland will be considered (i.e. Swiss citizenship, Swiss residency, past or on-going affiliation with a Swiss institution of at least two years by the 2020 meeting).
Selection criteria:

- Scientific quality of proposed research;
- Novelty and creativity;
- Relevance and impact;
- Research output;
- Collaborations, networks and outreach;
- Teaching and leadership;
- Mobility

To apply, please follow the guidelines in the application link below, where you will be asked to upload your documents in a single pdf file (max. 5 MB):

[https://tinyURL.com/PIOT2020](https://tinyURL.com/PIOT2020)

Applications must be received by November 1st, 2019.

Questions to the session should be addressed to postdocsession@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to your application and hope to welcome you in Zurich!

Yours sincerely,

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