



Swiss Biorisk Alliance

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Annual Symposium Swiss Biorisk Alliance 2026

Safeguarding against biological risks in an interconnected world

Friday 20 November 1-5pm, followed by apéro

Felix-Frey Auditorium, sitem-insel, Freiburgstrasse 3, 3010 Bern

Program

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| 13:00 | Welcome and update from the Swiss Biorisk Alliance
Dr Franziska Oeschger and Prof Dr med Stephen Leib, Swiss Biorisk Alliance |
| 13:15 | Switzerland's role in global health: focus on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR)
Ambassador Barbara Schedler Fischer, Vice-Director General / Head Division of International Affairs, Federal Office of Public Health |
| 13:45 | The Pasteur Network: epidemic and pandemic preparedness through partnership
Dr Kathleen Victoir, Executive Director, The Pasteur Network |
| 14:15 | Resilience and preparedness in an increasingly complex world
Resilience & Crisis Management Team, Center for Security Studies ETH Zürich |
| 14:45 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 15:15 | The WHO Biohub System
Dr César Metzger, Head of the Biology Division, Spiez Laboratory |
| 15:45 | Wastewater and environmental Surveillance
Dr Tim Julian, Department of Environmental Microbiology, eawag |
| 16:15 | Genomic technology and AI for One Health surveillance
Prof Dr Lara Urban, Institute for Food Safety & Hygiene and One Health Institute, University of Zurich |
| 16:45 | Wrap-up |
| 17:00 | <i>Networking apéro</i> |

Moderators: Kathrin Summermatter, Alexandra Fischer

All are welcome! Participation is free, registration is required: <https://biorisk.ch/events>