



# 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

- 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 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 Rebecca Grais, 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      *Coffee break*
- 15:15      **The WHO Biohub System**  
Dr César Metzger, Head of the Biology Division, Spiez Laboratory
- 15:45      **Mapping infectious animal and human diseases**  
Prof Dr Thomas van Boeckel, Associate Professor One Health with focus in  
Epidemiology, One Health Institute, University of Zurich
- 16:15      **Wastewater and environmental Surveillance**  
Dr Tim Julian, Department of Environmental Microbiology, eawag
- 16:45      Wrap-up
- 17:00      *Networking apéro*

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