

Launch Event - Hub for Translational Research and Liver/Gastrointestinal (GI) Health

 17. November, 2026

 Bellevue Palace, Bern

 16:00 – 20:30

16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee & Registration**

16:30 - 16:40 **Welcome**

Professor Katharina M. Fromm (President of the FZ-Healthcare Foundation)
Rector, University of Fribourg

16:40 - 16:50 **Introduction to the Hub for Translational Research and Liver/Gastrointestinal (GI) Health**

Professor Pierre-Alain Clavien (Director of the Hub)

16:50 - 17:10 **Special Lecture: Translational Research in a Transnational World**

Professor Joseph Deiss

President of the Swiss Confederation (2004), Member of the Swiss Federal Council (1999-2006),
President of the United Nations General Assembly (2010/2011)

17:10 - 17:25 **What Counts as Success in Medicine?**

Milo Puhan

*Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Director of the Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention
Institute, University of Zurich*

17:25 - 17:40 **The European School of Surgery: A New Educational Platform to Train Surgeons Worldwide**

Pierre-Alain Clavien

Professor of Surgery, University of Zurich and Swiss Medical Network

17:40 - 17:55 **New Perspectives in Cancer. The Fascinating Mosaic of the Liver's Architecture**

Alessandra Curioni-Fontecedro

Professor of Oncology, University of Fribourg

17:55 - 18:10 **Machine Perfusion: Making Every Liver Transplantable**

Mark Tibbitt

Professor of Engineering, ETH Zurich

18:10 - 18:20 **A Journey from Research to a Swiss Startup**

Chris Stahle (Apersys AG)

18:20 - 18:30 **Closing Statements**

Prof. Katharina M. Fromm; Prof. Pierre-Alain Clavien

18:30 - 20:30 **Apéro Riche**