

Annual Report 2020 SPCRC

2020 was a year dominated by COVID-19, and unfortunately it still is. Every one of us has been affected by the corona virus, be it in the professional or the private life. A major restriction imposed by the virus is the dramatic reduction of face time meetings with personal exchange. Unfortunately, that restriction also resulted in the cancellation of our Annual Meeting with its important networking opportunities and the precious personal exchange.

Several of the meetings scheduled for the development of the goals of our professional association have been cancelled because of travel and meeting restrictions or because of acutely changed priorities. Several SPCRC board members had to help out on intensive or intermediate care units or on the emergency department. Other colleagues had extremely busy times because of newly started COVID-19 research projects.

Despite all these challenges we have had the chance to meet representatives of the Swiss Clinical Trial Organisation (SCTO), and were able to make another step forward. The SCTO has recently developed a very detailed function description for principal investigators. At the meeting, the SCTO has delivered that function description as a template for developing a function description for our profession, which then will be posted on the educational platform of the SCTO. A working group of SPCRC members has been constituted for creating the function description for our profession. You are kindly invited to join this working group that will get down to business in January 2021. Please contact esther.seeberger@usb.ch.

*We will make good for the cancelled Annual Congress next year. The Congress will take place on **November 19, 2021** – save the date!*

Maybe the programme will have to be slightly modified but we are happy to say that most speakers who had agreed on speaking this year have confirmed participation next year already.

All board members thank you for your support and loyalty. Your precious support is even more important and motivating in these challenging times!

Despite these uncertain times we wish you a very happy Holiday Season and send our best wishes for the New Year. Keep well and fit!

On behalf of the SPCRC Board

Esther Seeberger, President