

SPCRC

Swiss Professionals of
Clinical Research Coordination

Annual Report 2019 SPCRC

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This annual report highlights the Board's activities over the course of the last year. The focus was not only on our continued aim of securing a protected occupational title, but also strengthening our professional association and promoting our annual meeting.

Professional Association

Our Association has continually grown since its founding two years ago. Having begun with 84 members, we have now reached a formidable 132 members. This illustrates both the great interest in our work and also a great deal of solidarity. The strength of our Association is dependent upon the number of members in order to stride toward the realization of our goals.

Further Education / protected occupational title

Once again we met again with representative from the

OdA Santé (Swiss National Umbrella Organization for Education in the Health Industry) and H+ (Swiss National Association of Public and Private Hospitals) this year. We discussed the following:

Plans of the SPCRC, the development of standardized education for professional study personnel with the goal of an H+ certified degree.

In order to reach this goal, individuals and organizations (employers) must be found in whose interest it is that professional study personnel be officially certified, preferably from H+.

We should start with a detailed description of professional competence of study nurses. The motto should be: it is not what tasks will professionals do, but rather what should the professional be able to do!

This will be discussed this month at the SCTO Educational Platform for study professionals.

Additional issues from our side:

Detailed description of professional competence of study nurses together with the SCTO.

In time, the creation of a working group through the SPCRC for drafting a positions paper for H+.

Homepage/ Website SPCRC

We have been able to revive our slightly neglected homepage by uploading news. We will continue to work on this. It is our goal that members be able to optimally use this platform for sharing interesting articles or exchanging ideas and experiences in a forum. We kindly request all members register for the homepage. That way you won't miss important news.

Organization of the Annual Congress 2019

An additional central organizational issue of this last year was the planning of the annual congress in Olten. The number of registrations show us that you all value the congress and that this meeting and platform is valued for networking.

The fact that attendance at our congress is accredited with 5 SwAPP Credit Points is an important step for us and further strengthens our cause.

A few weeks ago, we began planning the annual congress for 2020, which will take place in eastern Switzerland.

Board:

In the last year, the entire board was present at 2 main meetings (in Olten and Zurich) as well as in a sykpe session.

Additionally, two board members were present at 2 meetings in Bern (SCTO and H+) as well as at 2 meetings in Olten (organizational meetings for the annual congress 2019).

Outlook

The further development of our professional group will be at the center of the coming year. This is a major step and we need to be aware of the fact that this process will take time. Nonetheless, this is a very important goal for us and we will continue to push in this direction.

A strong association with a large number of active members is the best way of reaching this goal. As a result, we kindly ask you to talk about us with your colleagues and help push our communal goals.

Thank you very much and best regards,

Esther Seeberger, President SPCRC