



Swiss Professionals of
Clinical Research Coordination

Annual Report 2018 SPCRC

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This annual report is designed to give a brief overview of our association's activities and progress over the last year.

In addition to demonstrating what has been reached this last year, we would also like to lay out the necessary subsequent steps for reaching our association's goals.

Professional Association

On September 15, 2017 we had the inaugural national meeting for study coordinators in Basel. This event laid the foundation of our association. The main rationale for establishing this association is to promote the interests of our professional group and establish a

protected title for our profession. Despite the young age of our association, 84 new members joined our association on September 15, 2017. In the meanwhile, our association numbers a total of over 110 members. That is fantastic!

Further Education / protected occupational title

The ethical, legal, and scientific requirements for clinical research continue to increase, meaning that a higher degree of qualification and education of study personnel are required.

A standardized education is an important element for strengthening our occupational group.

It is our goal to establish such a standardization in order to be recognized as important members in scientific studies.

In this regard we were able to make the following contacts:

On July 13th of this year we met with representative of the Swiss Clinical Trial Organisation (SCTO) in Bern. At this very interesting meeting we were able to emphasize our needs and concerns.

- Recognition of our occupational group and a protected title through standardization of education as well as continuing education

The SCTO was very interested and registered these concerns. A cooperation aimed at summarizing our occupation activities and creating a common point of departure is desired and planned from both sides.

On September 18th we met with the OdA Santé in Bern. This is a national umbrella organization of «Arbeitswelt Gesundheit». It represents the interests of health professionals and is engaged in ensuring that Switzerland has a sufficient number of health professionals with high educational skills.

The individual with whom we spoke, Mr. Studer, stated that the process of attaining a protected occupational title is extensive and generally takes several years. This recognition is based on a clearly defined educational steps.

We will get together with H+ at the beginning of next year to plan subsequent steps.

website

A major goal of this last year was also to establish a website. This took quite some time. With some professional assistance, we are now ready to launch its start. Members will be able to register with a personal account once the login has been fully completed. This ensures that you will have access to sites only available to members, such as the forum.

We will continue to develop and update the website in the coming year. It is of great importance to us that we convey the current status and development of projects in blogs. This will enable you to see the most current developments. Some sections will also have to be updated, such as the

„about us“ , „Education“ , and job descriptions.

You will be able to register via Membership. Access will be available within 10 days, provided that membership dues are up to date. New members can also register easily online.

Congress

Another point of central relevance this year was the preparation of the second national congress in Fribourg, for which we were able to engage a number of excellent speakers with highly interesting topics.

Board:

This past year the Board met 4 times for a half a day each in Olten. Two members also met twice in Bern for the above mentioned meetings with the SCTO and OdA Santé.

Additionally, the entire board met for a Skype as well as a teleconference.

We also invested one meeting for the presentation of our professional organization at the DACH Congress in Zurich

Outlook and a Call for Publicity

The main focus for the coming year continues to be on further developing and strengthening our professional group. For this purpose, we will remain in close contact with both the SCTO as well as H+.

We have also begun preparations for the 3rd National Congress. It is of great importance to us that we not only offer a high-quality educational platform for study coordinators, but also create an ideal framework for networking.

We will continue to strive towards our vision of creating a high quality and protected occupational status in this coming year. A strong association with many active members is the best way to reach our goals. We kindly ask you to promote our association within your workplace and among your colleagues.