



Schweizerische Fachgesellschaft für Tropen- und Reisemedizin FMH
Société Suisse de Médecine Tropicale et de Médecine des Voyages FMH
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Swiss Society of Tropical and Travel Medicine FMH

Annual Report 2025

A. members

In 2025, the society had 141 members, of which 43 are ordinary members, 88 extraordinary members, 6 honorary members, 1 Centre member and 3 other member categories (student, resident).

Among the 141, 5 members are resigning in 2025 (4 due to retirement and one person for personal reasons). Nine persons are candidate to become new members of the Society in 2026.

B. board of the Society

At the 2025 GA, Cornelia reached her third term in the society and resigned as president. Frédérique and Gilles have been elected co-president for two years until the 2027 GA which also correspond to the end of their third term. Cornelia Staehelin was warmly thanked for all the accomplishments realized under her leadership. We were also pleased that Pierre Landry was confirmed in her role as a new member of the board. He had already started her work as member of the board in 2024. Rebecca Landolt was elected for her second term and graciously accepted to continue to serve as cashier.

Responsibilities of board members, and initial year on the Board

Co-presidents	Frederique Jacquerioz	since 2018
	Gilles Eperon	since 2018
Delegate continuous medical education (CME)	Sabine Haller	since 2024
	Claudine Kocher	since 2017
Delegate post-graduate training SIWF	Andreas Neumayr	
	Frédérique Jacquerioz	
	Sabine Haller	
Responsible for new PG curriculum	Gilles Eperon	
	Frédérique Jacquerioz	
Cashier	Rebecca Landolt	since 2022
Delegates for tariffs	Chanel Sinha	since 2021
	Claudine Kocher	
Delegates quality assurance	Pierre Landry	since 2025
	Chanel Sinha	

Delegates prevention	Olivia Veit	since 2019
	Sabine Haller	
Webmaster	Claudine Kocher	
ECTM – Secretary General	Olivia Veit, ex officio on the board	
ECTM delegates	Gilles Eperon	
	Sabine Haller	
Delegate SAMW senate	Olivia Veit	
Member of the Committee on Professional Conduct of the FMH (Standeskommission / Commission de déontologie)	Claudine Kocher	

Ms Anita Dimas continues to be a tremendous help to us in the secretariat!

Responsibilities beyond the board

President of the board of the postgraduate fund	Serge de Vallière
President of the exam commission	Andreas Neumayr

Meetings of the board in 2025-26

- 6 février: 10-12h board meeting prior to general assembly and CME
- 10 avril: 17-19h board meeting by zoom
- 21 mai: 17-19h board meeting by zoom
- 12 juin: 12-14h board meeting prior to CME in Basel
- 27 août: 17-19h board meeting by zoom
- 30 octobre: 17-19h board meeting by zoom
- 11 décembre: 17-19h board meeting by zoom
- 22 janvier 2026: 17-19h board meeting by zoom

Further activities of the board

- Dedicated meeting (August) with the exam commission president and the board to clarify roles, activities and responsibilities (in person).
- Dedicated meeting (fall) with the training funds president and the board to clarify roles, activities and responsibilities (by email).
- Ongoing follow up of the post graduate training in Tropical and Travel medicine (Weiterbildungsordnung für Tropen- und Reisemedizin): (see section C.).
- Establishment of secure online platform for document sharing among board members
- Continued efforts to harmonize ECTM activities and strategic priorities with European partners (see section F.).
- Continued development of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) (see section C).
- Participation of board members as lecturers in the SSTTM Tropical Medicine Curriculum (CTM) lead by Andreas Neumayr. The CTM takes place on each last Wednesday of the month from 13:00-14:00
Zoom-link: <https://swisstph.zoom.us/j/4093555747>

C. Update on post-graduate education program in Tropical and Travel Medicine (Weiterbildungsordnung für Tropen- und Reisemedizin)

In September 2025, we received confirmation that the current program (2018 version) has been accredited from 1st October 2025 to 30 September 2032.

In parallel, we undertook a revision of the program to increase flexibility, notably by allowing recognition of specific, shorter practical training experiences. This revision requires validation by the ISFM only and can be processed separately from the accreditation procedure, provided that the proposed changes remain minor and aim to enhance flexibility and simplicity. The revised program was submitted to ISFM in May 2025.

Due to significant challenges currently faced by the ISFM in the awarding of titles, we were informed in September 2025 that the review process would take longer than anticipated, likely exceeding six months. We contacted the ISFM again in January 2026 to request an update and will keep you informed of any developments. Until formal validation is obtained, current mentees remain subject to the existing program requirements, although they should be made aware (by the mentors) of the forthcoming changes when planning an application for the title in the coming years. A pending issue concerning the revised document that still needs to be fixed concerns the definition of training centers in tropical medicine, which is currently limited to tropical regions. This definition needs to be amended to explicitly include options in LMICs as well as in Switzerland and Europe. We are waiting for feedback on this from ISFM.

Finally, while it remains unclear whether EPAs will be formally reinforced, we are continuing to work on it in collaboration with our ISFM referent, with the aim of finalizing approximately 10–12 EPAs. Responsibles: Sabine Haller, Luisa Carnino, Frederique Jacquerioz

D. Post-graduate training fund

In 2025, two doctors in postgraduate training received a total of CHF 10,000 (two second payments), and one trip was funded to evaluate a new training centre. For 2026, CHF 20,000 has already been budgeted, covering one first payment and one full payment.

Many thanks again to Serge de Vallière and the other members of the fund council for looking after our training fund!

Frédéric Gerber and Serge de Vallière have expressed their desire to leave the fund council. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their many years of service.

E. Continuous medical education events

A review of the year's training events can be found here:

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\(tropenmedizin-fmh.ch\)](https://www.fortbildung-archiv.ch/Schweizerische_Fachgesellschaft_für_Tropen-_und_Reisemedizin_FMH/tropenmedizin-fmh.ch)

The first CME of the year took place on **6 February 2025** in **Bern**, following the Society's general assembly held earlier the same day. **Olivia Veit** presented updates on malaria and yellow fever, along with recent changes and updates to *healthytravel.ch*. This was followed by malaria case discussion featuring four instructive cases presented by **J. Hiestand**, **C. Staehelin**, and **G. Eperon**. An overview of the **ECTM dengue vaccine statement**, including its limitations, was then discussed through two clinical cases presented by **C. Sinha** and **M.-T. Barbani**. Unfortunately, the planned

presentation on a new dengue diagnostic platform by **A. Renzoni** had to be cancelled. The afternoon session concluded with a presentation entitled “*Zika virus: the fifth dengue virus serotype?*” by **C. Kocher**, followed by a brief overview of the upcoming **TARDOC tariff system**, presented by **C. Kocher** and **C. Sinha**.

The second CME was held on 12 June 2025 as a hybrid event. **Olivia Veit** presented updated recommendations on malaria and yellow fever. This was followed by a clinical case presentation on leishmaniasis from Vellore, India, delivered by **T. De Melo Bandeira**. **Frédérique Jacquerioz** then presented “*What’s New in Mpox.*” The afternoon concluded with a panel discussion on challenging field situations, animated by **Rebecca Landolt**, **Andreas Neumayr**, **Frédérique Jacquerioz**, and **Christophe Hatz**. Finally, **C. Sinha** provided a brief update on the TARDOC tariff system.

In September 2025, we held a Joint Annual Meeting with the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases (SSI) and the Swiss Society of Hospital Hygiene (SSHH) in Interlaken (25–26 September 2025). The meeting addressed key challenges shaping the fields of infectious diseases and tropical medicine. The programme featured two outstanding joint sessions devoted to pandemic preparedness and to the impact of climate change on infectious diseases, including the reciprocal impact of current medical practices on climate change. Highly appreciated sessions were also dedicated to neglected (or “not so neglected”) tropical diseases, antimicrobial resistance in conflict settings within a newly introduced humanitarian medicine track, as well as travel medicine. We are particularly pleased to note that the SSTTM sessions were highly successful, attracting audiences comparable in size to those of the other societies, despite SSTTM members representing only around 15% of total participants. Building on this success, a new joint session is already planned for 2027.

SSTTM representatives on the Scientific Committee: Gilles Eperon, Sabine Haller

F. Update ECTM

www.healthytravel.ch and its PRO version were as usual continuously updated, and the BAG / FOPH now refers to our site for “*Vaccinations and Malaria Prevention for International Travel.*” Unlike the old annual tables, updates are constant and immediately available.

We observed that only a few members have subscribed so far to the **PRO version**. While this is a missed opportunity to fully utilize the content, your subscription is also essential for financial sustainability, as funding from other sources, including FOPH, is not guaranteed in the coming years. A healthy financial situation is crucial to face unexpected spending, such as the update of the website (change of backend hosting and improved security) scheduled in 2026. To remind, the Pro version was created primarily **for travel medicine specialist, that are mainly SSTTM members**. It provides access to up-to-date information (EpiNews), maps, SOPs, and other valuable materials for travel consultations. As an SSTTM member, you receive a discount [SSTTM Member PRO Subscription](#).

Several ECTM meetings were held in 2025 in connection with its various activities. These included meetings of the Swiss section dedicated to the development of annual recommendations, as well as multiple coordination meetings with our German, Dutch, Belgian, and Austrian partners aimed at harmonizing malaria prevention recommendations.

In addition, the annual international ECTM meeting, organized by Christophe Hatz, took place in Basel on 20 November 2025. Once again, this meeting was a great success, bringing together approximately 35 participants from around the world, representing not only academic and hospital-based institutions but also international and national public health organizations, including the ECDC, the CDC, the WHO,

and the FOPH. Following the meeting, Poland will join the European malaria prevention recommendation initiative.

Moreover, in 2025, **O. Veit**, as a representative of the international ECTM, was invited by the ECDC to participate in a stakeholder meeting, demonstrating the growing international recognition of this structure affiliated with the Society.

G. Specialist exam and exam commission

The specialist exam took place on December 4, 2025 and was attended by four candidates. The exam commission comprised Andreas Neumayr (President), Valérie d'Acremont, Pietro Antonini and Robert van der Ploeg. In addition, a re-examination for components not successfully completed in 2024 was held on 3 April 2025 for one candidate.

We would like to express our sincere thanks—particularly to the President and to Swiss TPH, and once again to Anita Dimas, our outstanding coordinator—for the extensive organizational work involved, including agenda coordination, slide selection, and the review and compilation of examination questions.

H. SAVE THE DATES 2026

As usual, the general assembly followed by our first CME will be in Bern, in person. The 2nd CME will be a hybrid version. Please see the dates, times and places below in the box.

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Next CME, Tropical Medicine

February 5, 2026 in person
Location: Hotel Ador Bern
12h30-14h **annual general assembly**
14h15-17h15 **first CME**

June 6, 2026 hybrid
Location to be announced
14h15-17h15 **second CME**

2026 Joint Annual Meeting with SSTMP
September 3-4, 2026
Location: Neuchâtel

2026 Specialist Exam
December 3, 2026
Location: Basel, Swiss TPH

2027 Joint Annual Meeting with SSI/SSHH/SSTTM
September 8-10.2027
Location: Olma Messen St. Gallen

I. Professional politics

The SSTTM was represented at the meetings of the tariff commission, the SIWF/ISFM and the

chamber of the Swiss Medical Association, and also some others commission as Public Health, Quality SAQM, Ethic Committee.

January 2026

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Frédérique Jacqueroz, co-president

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Gilles Eperon, co-president