



Swiss Biorisk Alliance

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Annual Symposium Swiss Biorisk Alliance 2026

Safeguarding against biological risks in an interconnected world

Friday 20 November 1-5pm, followed by apéro

Felix-Frey Auditorium, sitem-insel, Freiburgstrasse 3, 3010 Bern

Program

- 13:00 **Welcome and update from the Swiss Biorisk Alliance**
Dr Franziska Oeschger and Prof Dr med Stephen Leib, Swiss Biorisk Alliance
- 13:15 **Switzerland's international health politics**
Ambassador Barbara Schedler Fischer, Vice-Director General / Head Division
of International Affairs, Federal Office of Public Health
- 13:45 **The Pasteur Network: epidemic and pandemic preparedness through
partnership**
Dr Rebecca Grais, Executive Director, The Pasteur Network
- 14:15 **Resilience and preparedness in an increasingly complex world**
Resilience & Crisis Management Team, Center for Security Studies ETH Zürich
- 14:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:15 **The WHO Biohub System**
Dr César Metzger, Head of the Biology Division, Spiez Laboratory
- 15:45 **Mapping infectious animal and human diseases**
Prof Dr Thomas van Boeckel, Associate Professor One Health with focus in
Epidemiology, One Health Institute, University of Zurich
- 16:15 **Wastewater and environmental Surveillance**
Dr Tim Julian, Department of Environmental Microbiology, eawag
- 16:45 Wrap-up
- 17:00 *Networking apéro*

All are welcome! Participation is free, registration is required: <https://biorisk.ch/events>