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Zurich, July 2022

## Dear Friends of the SWISS BRIDGE Foundation

Once again, 2021 was another very turbulent year for all of us; for the SWISS BRIDGE Foundation as well. Nevertheless, we are very satisfied. We were able to keep donations at a constant level, which means that we have the opportunity to continue funding all of the projects adequately and most importantly, to develop new approaches to research.

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to provide you with an overview of the cancer research projects we're currently funding and the new projects we're currently initiating. [The SWISS BRIDGE AWARD 2022](#); one of the most highly endowed cancer prizes in Europe, was announced once again in February. Currently it is in the heated evaluation phase, and we are very excited.

In general, cancer research is still extremely complex, which means that it is also quite costly. Thanks to your support, we've been able to promote key projects in Switzerland and internationally at a high level. If you're not yet involved, please challenge us! SWISS BRIDGE would be very pleased.

Dear readers - a heartfelt thank you for your interest, your support, your commitment, your contribution and especially for your trust!



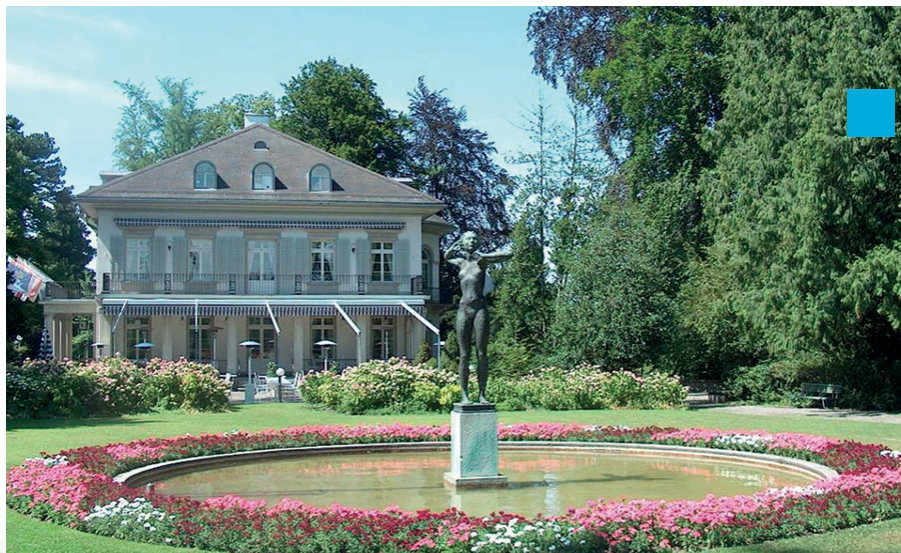
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## SWISS BRIDGE AWARD 2022



CANCER  
AND  
INFECTION

Since 2000, the [SWISS BRIDGE AWARD](#) has been granted to support high-quality cancer research projects in Europe. This year, young investigators (under the age of 45 holding a PhD or MD) with projects focusing on cancer and infection are eligible for application.

Topic: **CANCER AND INFECTION**  
Prize Money: **CHF 500'000**

The award ceremony for this year's winners of the [SWISS BRIDGE AWARD 2022](#) will take place on October 26th at noon at the magnificently situated Belvoirpark Restaurant in Zurich. If you would like to be present at the ceremony, please use the attached form or send us an email: [info@swissbridge.ch](mailto:info@swissbridge.ch)

## SAVE THE DATE

### Jubilee Golf-Event 2022

Golf-Club Lenzerheide  
Wednesday, 31 August 2022

Interested?  
Please use the enclosed form!



## SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS 2022

**Title:** Development of a new surgical technique to de-escalate axillary surgery for breast cancer.

Research lead: Prof. Dr. Walter P. Weber

Head of Division Breast Surgery, University Hospital Basel, Study Lead

Budget: CHF 284'000 (2022-2024)

**Title:** Autophagy: a potential new approach to the treatment of lymphoma

Research lead: Prof. Dr. med. Urban Novak

Deputy Chief Physician, University Clinic for Medical Oncology Bern (Study Lead)

Budget: CHF 226'600 p.a.

**Title:** Potential for optimization of the patient pathway  
before and after removal of the urinary bladder

Research lead: Dr. Richard Cathomas, Co-Head Physician Oncology/ Hematology - Cantonal Hospital

Graubünden / Chur, PD Dr. med. Christian Daniel Fankhauser, MD Clinic for Urology, Cantonal Hospital Lucerne

Budget: CHF 119'560 for 2 years

**Title:** Childhood Cancer, Targeting the kinome in oncofusion-driven pediatric gliomas

Research lead: Dr. MD PhD Ana S. Stücklein

Department of Oncology and Children's Research Center, University Children's Hospital Zurich

Budget: CHF 125'000 p.a.

**Title:** Childhood Cancer: Identifying novel therapeutic targets  
for childhood brain tumors using CRISPR in vivo screens in orthotropic mouse models

Research lead: Dr. PhD David T.W. Jones

Hopp Children's Cancer Center Heidelberg

Budget: Euro 125'000 p.a.

**Title:** Development of novel therapies for cervical cancer

Research lead: Prof. Dr. Douglas Hanahan

Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research (ISREC), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne

Budget: CHF 150'000 p.a.

**Title:** Natural killer cells as immunotherapy in patients with leukemia

Research lead: Dr. med. & Dr. phil. Matyas Ecsedi

Clinic for Hematology, University Hospital Basel

Budget: CHF 165'000 p.a.

**Title:** Combating the connective tissue tumor "Mesothelioma"

Research lead: Prof. Dr. Christian Mosimann

Institute for Molecular Biology (IMLS), University of Zurich

Budget: CHF 200'000 p.a.

Curious about how to support a project?

With the help of our scientific jury, we would be pleased to find individual cancer research projects for you in Switzerland or abroad. Please get in touch!

## WHY SWISS BRIDGE?

What sets us apart from the rest in the field of cancer research is the extremely positive feedback we have received from all our partners:



Distinguished reputation  
of the SWISS BRIDGE Award



Identification of specific projects in Switzerland  
and in other countries



Professional scientific jury



Designated donations are made available in full  
to screened and selected cancer researchers  
& projects



Low costs for advertising, PR, IT and fees  
are covered by supporters & friends  
of the foundation

This unique concept enables us to look to the future with optimism  
and take another important step in the fight against cancer.



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