ZIHP-assistant professorships: springboards to success

Prof. Carsten Wagner and Prof. Christoph Handschin, the two ZIHP assistant professors who started in 2006, got permanent faculty positions from February 2009. Congratulations!

Prof. Wagner became Full Professor for Physiology (Ordinarius) at the University of Zurich. Prof. Carsten Wagner is interested in the acid-base balance of the organism that is essential for the function of cells and organs. The maintenance and regulation of this balance results from complex interactions between different organs where the kidney plays a central role.

Press release of the University of Zurich

Prof. Handschin became Professor for Pharmacology (Extraordinarius) at the University of Basel. Prof. Christoph Handschin is interested in the adaptions of the skeletal muscle to various stimuli like exercise or inactivity, be it lifestyle-related inactivity or involuntary inactivity due to prolonged hospitalization. He investigates the signaling pathways and changes in gene expression upon skeletal muscle adaptions.

Press release of the University of Basel

The search for candidates to fill this position is currently in progress. Special efforts are put into the recruitment of outstanding young scientists with human-oriented research interests. Two symposia took place on November 17 and on December 23, 2008 to evaluate candidates.

Upcoming events

January 21, 2009: New date for the Career Possibilities event with Dr. Finola Kathleen Kirstein, Novartis Pharma AG.

January 29/30, 2009: USGEB 2009 - Membranes in Motion. Annual meeting of the Union of the Swiss Societies for Experimental Biology in Interlaken, Switzerland.

January 30/31, 2009: Atmungsphysiologische Arbeitstagung in Zurich, organized by ZIHP member Prof. Urs Boutellier. Online registration is still possible.

Second four-year period of the University Research Priority Program “Integrative Human Physiology”

As of January 2009, the University Research Priority Program “Integrative Human Physiology” has entered its second four-year period. Thanks to this strategic funding instrument of the University of Zurich, the activities and program of the ZIHP are possible. Fortunately, the Executive Board of the University has already signalized that there will be a further prolongation for a third four-year funding period (until 2016), however, with reduced financial resources.

Press review

Medizin und Naturwissenschaften Hand in Hand. Interview with Prof. Borbély, one of the founding fathers of the ZIHP, on the integrative perspectives in medicine, the aims of the ZIHP and the link between basic and clinically oriented research. Publication of the Medical Faculty on occasion of the 175th anniversary of the University of Zurich (“Medizinische Forschung - Unsere Gesundheit heute und morgen”), December 2008.


Multiple Sklerose: Bösartige Immunzellen und ihr Botenstoff unter falschem Verdacht. Media release of the University of Zurich on the research of ZIHP member Prof. Burkhard Becher. December 15, 2008.


New open PhD position

Vascular effects of HDL in patients with stable coronary disease or acute coronary syndrome as compared to healthy subjects. Clinic for Cardiology, University Hospital Zurich/Institute of Physiology, University of Zurich.

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