

Farewell Symposium

Prof. Dr. med. Claudio L. A. Bassetti

Thursday, September 19, 2024, 13:30–18:15

**Auditorium
Ettore Rossi,
Inselspital Bern**







Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen

Es ist uns eine besondere Freude, Sie zum Abschiedssymposium von Prof. Dr. med. Claudio L. A. Bassetti einzuladen.

Nach über 12 Jahren erfolgreicher Tätigkeit als Klinikdirektor und Ordinarius für Neurologie wird Prof. Bassetti emeritiert und wir möchten seine herausragenden Leistungen im Rahmen dieses Symposiums gebührend würdigen. Prof. Bassetti hat die Neurologie als ganzheitliches und überaus vielfältiges Fach in die Zukunft geführt und die neurologische Universitätsklinik zu einer international führenden Klinik weiterentwickelt. Meilensteine waren der Aufbau des Ambulanten Neurozentrums (ANZ), der Ausbau des Schlaf-Wach-Epilepsie Zentrums (SWEZ), die Etablierung des Neu- und Ausbaus der Neurorehabilitation am Standort Riggisberg und im Wilhelm-Fabry-Haus, die Übernahme der Psychosomatik und der Aufbau der Neuropsychosomatik, der Aufbau des Swiss Sleep House Bern, des Zentrums für Experimentelle Neurologie (ZEN) und des neurotechnologischen Forschungslabors NeuTec im sitem-insel sowie der Ausbau des Stroke Centers mit der Eröffnung der Stroke Unit.

Die international anerkannten klinischen und experimentellen Forschungsschwerpunkte von Prof. Bassetti liegen im Bereich der Schlafstörungen bei neurologischen Erkrankungen und Narkolepsie, welche seit seinem Amtsantritt in Bern vom kompetitiven IRC Grant der Universität Bern «Decoding Sleep» (8 Mio CHF) und von 6 SNF-Grants als PI unterstützt wurden und zu über 300 wissenschaftlichen Publikationen geführt haben. Ausserdem wurden während seiner Amtszeit drei neue Extraordinariate für Schlaforschung, «Machine Learning in Medicine» und Demenz etabliert.

Die Nachwuchsförderung und die neurologische Fort- und Weiterbildung lagen ihm stets am Herzen. In seiner Amtszeit wurden in unserer Klinik ein strukturiertes klinisches Weiterbildungscurriculum Neurologie aufgebaut sowie internationale universitäre Studiengänge ins Leben gerufen (International Master in Sleep Medicine, European Stroke Master und International CAS Brain Health).

Standespolitisch hat Prof. Bassetti als Gründungsmitglied der Swiss Federation of Neurosocieties (SFCNS) die Neurogesellschaften der Schweiz in einer Dachorganisation zusammengeführt und als Präsident der European Academy

of Neurology (EAN) die European Brain Health Initiative lanciert. Er war zudem Präsident der Schweizerischen Neurologischen Gesellschaft und der European Sleep Research Society (ESRS).

Prof. Bassetti hat seinen Beruf stets mit grosser Begeisterung, Leidenschaft und Kreativität ausgeübt. Er steht für eine patientenzentrierte und ganzheitliche Neurologie. Die gemeinsame Zeit mit ihm war geprägt von gegenseitiger Wertschätzung, Respekt und Inspiration.

Nach seiner Emeritierung geht er nicht in den Ruhestand. Er wird die Medizinische Fakultät der Universität Bern für weitere vier Jahre als Dekan leiten, sich in unserer Neurologischen Klinik als Senior Consultant klinisch und wissenschaftlich engagieren und den Swiss Brain Health Plan als Vorsitzender implementieren.

Wir freuen uns, Sie zu einem vielfältigen und besonderen Symposium mit hochkarätigen nationalen und internationalen Expertinnen und Experten willkommen zu heissen und möchten diesen Anlass dazu nutzen, Prof. Bassetti unsere Dankbarkeit für seine immensen Verdienste auszudrücken und gemeinsame Erinnerungen aufleben zu lassen.

Die Klinikleitung

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Dear Colleagues

It is a special pleasure for us to invite you to the farewell symposium of Prof. Dr. med. Claudio L. A. Bassetti.

After more than 12 successful years as Clinic Director and Full Professor of Neurology, Prof. Bassetti is retiring and we would like to honour his outstanding achievements with this symposium. Prof Bassetti has led neurology into the future as a holistic and extremely diverse discipline and developed the Department of Neurology into an internationally leading clinic. Milestones were the establishment of the Outpatient Neurocentre (ANZ), the expansion of the Sleep-Wake-Epilepsy Centre (SWEZ), the establishment of the new building and expansion of neurorehabilitation in Riggisberg and in the Wilhelm-Fabry-House, the takeover of Psychosomatics and the establishment of Neuropsychosomatics, the development of the Swiss Sleep House Bern, the Centre for Experimental Neurology (ZEN) and the neurotechnological research laboratory NeuoTec at sitem-insel as well as the expansion of the Stroke Centre with the opening of the Stroke Unit.

Prof Bassetti's internationally recognised clinical and experimental research focuses on sleep disorders in neurological diseases and narcolepsy, which have been supported by the University of Bern's competitive IRC grant 'Decoding Sleep' (CHF 8 million) and by 6 SNF grants as PI since he took up office in Bern and have led to over 300 scientific publications. In addition, three new associate professorships for sleep research, 'Machine Learning in Medicine' and dementia were established during his tenure.

The promotion of young talent, together with the advancement of neurological training and education, have always been close to his heart. During his tenure, a structured clinical training curriculum in neurology was established at our clinic and international university degree programs were launched (International Master in Sleep Medicine, European Stroke Master und International CAS Brain Health).

In terms of professional policy, Prof. Bassetti, as a founding member of the Swiss Federation of Neurosocieties (SFCNS), has brought together Switzerland's neurological societies in an umbrella organisation and launched the

European Brain Health Initiative as President of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN). He was also President of the Swiss Neurological Society and the European Sleep Research Society (ESRS).

Prof. Bassetti has always practised his profession with great enthusiasm, passion and creativity. He is an advocate for patient-centred and holistic neurology. Our time together was characterised by mutual appreciation, respect and inspiration.

He will not retire after his emeritus status. He will remain Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Bern for another four years and will continue his clinical and scientific interests in our Department of Neurology as Senior Consultant while implementing the Swiss Brain Health Plan as Chairman.

We look forward to welcoming you to a diverse and special symposium, including top-level national and international experts, as we take this occasion to express our gratitude to Prof. Bassetti for his immense services and to relive shared memories.

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Program

13:30–13:45 **Welcome**
Virginia Richter, Bernhard Pulver, Urs Fischer

Perspectives in Neurology

Host: Andrew Chan & Marcel Arnold

13:45–14:00 **Research towards precision neurology**
Thomas Berger

14:00–14:15 **The presence and future of lifelong learning in neurology**
Barbara Tettenborn

14:15–14:30 **Bird watching and rare disorders – a confluence**
Kailash Bhatia

14:30–14:45 **Perspectives on academic medicine**
Renaud Du Pasquier

Our View

Host: Lara Chilver-Stainer & Simon Jung

14:45–15:00 **Videos from colleagues & friends**

15:00–15:30 **Coffee Break**

Perspectives in Sleep

Host: Carolina Gutierrez & Kaspar Schindler

15:30–15:45 **Sleep and Consciousness**
Giulio Tononi

15:45–16:00 **Computational assessments of brain functions in sleep and coma**
Athina Tzovara

16:00–16:15 **Lettre à mon Chair**
Antoine Adamantidis

16:15–16:30 **From hypersomnolence to the hypothalamus to hypocretin and back**
Gert Jan Lammers

Our View

Host: Simone Duss & Markus Schmidt

16:30–16:45 Videos from colleagues & friends

16:45–17:15 Coffee Break

Future of Neurology

Host: Andreas Raabe & Kristina Adorjan

17:15–17:30 The burden of neurological disorders and the importance of brain health
Paul Boon

17:30–17:45 EAN perspectives – about the neurology of tomorrow
Elena Moro

17:45–18:00 Clinical Neuroscience: quo vadis?
Urs Fischer

18:00–18:15 A neurologist's dream
Claudio L. A. Bassetti

18:15 Aperitif

Credits

SNG 4 Credits, SGAIM 3 Credits, SGKN 1 Credit, SGPP 4 Credits, SGSSC 3 Credits

Speakers

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General Information



The latest information about the event can be found on the [website](#) of the Department of Neurology.

Registration is mandatory for participation on site in the Auditorium Ettore Rossi. Please register by September 12, 2024 using the [registration form](#).

Participation is free of charge.

Directions

We recommend arrival by public transport. From Bern railway station, take bus line 12 in the direction of Holligen to the «Inselspital» stop. If you are travelling by car, take the «Bern Forsthaus» motorway exit. Limited parking spaces are available in the Inselparking, the Bahnhofparking and the City West multi-storey car park.



We are looking forward to your participation!

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