



## Side Event: Swiss Health NGOs for Implementation Research Speakers



**Professor John Reeder** is Director of TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, at the World Health Organization in Geneva. He was previously Director of the Centre for Population Health and Head of the Office of International Health Research at the Burnet Institute, Melbourne and an NH&MRC Senior Research Fellow. Prior to this he was Director of the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research for several years, where he worked on translating scientific findings into policy for improved health across research programmes in mosquito-borne diseases, respiratory disease, sexual health, disease surveillance, infectious diseases and therapies, and operational/implementation research. John began his career in medical microbiology laboratories in the United Kingdom and then moved to health training as a development volunteer in the Highlands of PNG, later working with the renowned malaria research team at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. He maintains research interests in malaria and other agents of global health significance, such as tuberculosis, NTDs and HIV. He has published around 150 scientific papers that span basic laboratory research to large community-based field studies.



**Jochen Ehmer** trained as a medical doctor in Germany and France. He holds a DTMH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and an MA in Humanitarian Assistance. After several years as a self-employed GP in France and a short stint at the European Union Humanitarian Office, he went to work as country coordinator and clinician for SolidarMed in Mozambique. Back in Europe, he continued working for SolidarMed Switzerland in a number of positions and was recently appointed Executive Director. Jochen and his two children are committed fans of Basel Football Club (FCB). His research interests relate to HIV, health systems strengthening and maternal health.



With a Master in Public Policy & Management (University of Konstanz, Germany) and International Health (SwissTPH) as well as trained as a qualified nurse, **Nicole Moran** has broad experience in the management and coordination of humanitarian and development programs (e.g. Afghanistan, India, South Sudan). Her interests lie in health systems and in getting research into practice & practice into research. Nicole works as a consultant and is also currently National Director for Right To Play Deutschland.



## Speakers



**Ingrid Mason** joined FAIRMED last year. With FAIRMED she heads up the Programme Team and supports the implementation of primary health care for the poorest in Ivory Coast, Cameroun, Central African Republic and Congo, Sri Lanka, India and Nepal.

Prior to joining FAIRMED, Ingrid worked for the 25 years mostly in east and central Africa with a focus on ensuring progress towards inclusive international development programmes with CBM International.

Ingrid holds Masters in Medical Education and International Community Development and is experienced at senior management level.



**Thomas Schwarz** is Executive Secretary of Medicus Mundi International (MMI), a Network of organizations working in the field of international health cooperation and global health policy. The MMI Network promotes access to health and health care as a fundamental human right ("Health for All") and supports the efforts undertaken in this respect by its members.



**Susanna Hausmann** is working as Advisor Health Research & Development and Access at the Global Programme Health of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Trained as an epidemiologist and medical anthropologist, Susanna has been working over the past 20 years in Global and Public Health. She has done field work on health-seeking behavior and social science aspects of malaria and neglected diseases. She has published on vulnerability and access to care. Before joining SDC in 2012, she was a lecturer and senior researcher at Autonomous University of Guerrero in Mexico, where she was involved in a Dengue community engagement project. From 2003-2010, she was Deputy CEO of UBS Optimus Foundation, responsible for its Global Health Research grant strategy. As a Founding and Research Member of Partners of Applied Social Sciences (PASS) International, Susanna has been teaching Medical Anthropology Applied to Public Health and Qualitative Methods in Antwerp and Glasgow.



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**Kaspar Wyss** is a Public Health Specialist, Professor and Head of Department of the Swiss Centre for International Health, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. He is in charge of a team of 50 staff in Basel focusing on health systems development primarily in low- and middle income countries. Activities relate to both research and health system monitoring and performance assessment, with a specific interest in the role and importance of human resources for health. He directs a number of research and implementation projects in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia and has extensive consultancy experiences for a broad range of clients. For the University of Basel and other universities he teaches on health systems. Kaspar Wyss acts further as supervisor for several PhD and MSc students.



**Thomas Gass** is Head of Strategy Unit with the Swiss Red Cross, International Cooperation. He is an Anthropologist and Doctor of Public Health (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) with a broad professional experience in health programming and applied research. In his career with Swiss NGOs such as Caritas, SolidarMed and FAIRMED, he managed health programmes in Eastern, Southern and Western African countries, particularly in the field of HIV/AIDS. For his doctoral thesis in 2014, he conducted a mixed-method study on antiretroviral therapy adherence in Zimbabwe.



**Martin Leschhorn Strebel** is Director of the Network Medicus Mundi Switzerland (MMS), which unites 51 Swiss Organisations working in the field of international health cooperation and Global Health. Martin is historian and is working since 15 years for NGOs. Since 2008 he is part of MMS team, since one year as Executive Director. He has two daughters and is member of the local parliament in Riehen.

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