

## SPEAKER PROFILES

### Welcome



**Kaspar Wyss**, Swiss TPH

Kaspar Wyss, Prof, is a Public Health Specialist and Head of the Swiss Centre for International Health (SCIH) at Swiss TPH. He has extensive management and leadership experience and is in charge of a team of over 50 people in Basel focusing on health systems development, primarily in low- and middle income countries. His activities relate to research and health system monitoring and performance assessment, with a specific interest in the role and importance of human resources for health. Wyss directs a number of research and implementation projects in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia and advises a broad range of institutions, such as the World Bank, WHO and UNICEF. Wyss lectures on health systems for the University of Basel (MSc and medical students) and the Swiss Inter-University Master of Public Health Program.

### Session 1



**Moderator: Karin Wiedenmayer**, Swiss TPH

Karin Wiedenmayer, PharmD, is a Senior Pharmaceutical and Public Health Specialist at the SCIH of the Swiss TPH. She has a background in clinical pharmacy and extensive experience in the area of management of medicines in international health. In the past, Wiedenmayer worked in the USA in teaching hospitals, with regulatory agencies and the pharmaceutical industry. Her main interests relate to improving access to medicines, the promotion of rational medicine use and capacity building with a focus on health workforce and health system strengthening in low and middle-income countries. Through her involvement in worldwide assignments in

programme assessments, monitoring and evaluation, operational research and project management, she has longstanding consultancy and field experience in development cooperation. She is committed to leveraging the role and impact of pharmacy staff by enhancing their competencies, involvement and visibility in the health system. Wiedenmayer teaches pharmaceutical public health, takes supervisory roles and coordinates graduate courses on medicines management in global health.



**Alexander Schulze**, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Alexander Schulze, Ph.D., M.A., is a sociologist with a postgraduate Diploma in Development Cooperation. He has served as a Head of Division "Global Programme Health" at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) since June 2019. Schulze has nearly twenty years of experience in international and global health. His areas of work include quality of health systems, access to health services and products including research and development, as well as social health protection. He has broad experience related to malaria and tuberculosis control programmes and their integration in overall primary and community healthcare, financial

protection through health insurance, quality of care, and social enterprises in health as well as related to key global health organisations. Schulze joined SDC as a Senior Advisor for Health Systems Strengthening and Financing in 2014 and held the position of Co-Head of Division "Global Programme Health" from 2016 to 2019. Previously, he held various positions such as Access Program and Research Manager at the Novartis Foundation in Basel. Among others, Schulze is ad personam member of the Global Fund's Ethics and Governance Committee and has been member of the Advisory Council to the Lancet Global Health Commission on High-Quality Health Systems.



**Hans Rietveld**, Medicines for Malaria Venture

Hans Rietveld joined Medicines for Malaria Venture's Access & Product Management Team as a Director, Severe Malaria, in 2019. His work focuses on the continuum of care for severe malaria patients from pre-referral intervention to post-discharge management. Prior to this he led market access and capacity building for the Novartis Malaria Initiative since 2003 where he was instrumental in redirecting the Coartem® strategy creating the basis for the roll-out of the world's most widely used artemisinin-based combination therapy in the public sector. In 2009, Rietveld drove the launch of Coartem® Dispersible, the first child-friendly formulation of an

artemisinin-based combination therapy. To date, almost 400 million treatment courses of this formulation have been supplied to malaria-endemic countries throughout Africa. As part of the company's commitment to expand access to patients in the private sector, Rietveld pioneered a new, private sector driven access model serving malaria patients belonging to the emerging middle and middle class in Africa. He led the commercial strategy for two new malaria compounds which are currently in Phase 2 clinical development. From 2004–2008, he served on the board of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership representing the private sector.



**Enea Martinelli**, Spitäler fmi AG

Enea Martinelli has been the Head of Pharmacy in the Spitäler fmi AG, Interlaken since 1994, serving 1200 beds in the Bernese Oberland. He is the former President of the Swiss Association of Public Health Administration and Hospital Pharmacists. Martinelli is currently Head of the Department of Politics, and since 2020, Vice-President of Pharmasuisse. Furthermore, he is a member of several boards in the pharmaceutical field such as SwissPedDose and Blistersuisse. Martinelli is also a former member of the parliament of the canton of Berne and cantonal head of a centrist party (BDP).

## Session 2



**Moderator: Odile Phan-Tam**, Swiss TPH

Odile Pham-Tan, M.D., M.P.H, M.B.A, is a public health specialist with diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Epidemiology. She has been working with SCIH at Swiss TPH since 2009, bringing 25 years international experience in health with the non-profit sector in South East Asia, Africa, Caucasus and Eastern Europe. With 15 years in a Team Leader capacity, Pham-Tan has a solid knowledge of programme management in fragile countries in emergency, as well as development settings environments, with strong human resources, financial and administrative, and monitoring and evaluation skills. She has worked with various donors (USAID, Luxembourg Government, Gavi, Unitaid, The Global Fund) and organizations [Lux-Development, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Family Health International (FHI), International Rescue Committee (IRC), and Save the Children-UK]. As current Head of the System Performance and Monitoring Unit (SPMU) at Swiss TPH since November 2011, Pham-Tan deals with business development, as well as, more particularly, the Local Fund Agent (LFA) mandates for the Global Fund covering up to 21 countries in South East Asia, the Middle East, West and Central Africa as well as Latin America with significant team management at HQ and abroad.



**Cathal Meere**, The Global Fund

Cathal Meere, MBA, is Sourcing Manager with the Global Fund, responsible for the pharma sourcing category. He joined the organization in June 2020, from the private sector. His previous position was with Novartis as a Supplier Relationship Manager in the Biotechnology and Aseptic's platform with a focus on building and improving partnerships with strategic contract manufacturers from development to the commercial phase.



**Alexis Strader**, People that Deliver, UNICEF

Alexis, MBA, is an international development professional with over nine years of experience in project management and strategic communications for global health programs, focusing on women's health and supply chain management. She has lived and worked extensively in francophone West Africa. Most recently, Strader was based in Dakar, Senegal, where she worked at Dimagi managing mobile health projects for clients across the region. Of note, she provided capacity building support to the National Pharmacy Association in Senegal as they revamped their supply chain management mobile technology. Prior to Dimagi, Strader worked with several public health non-governmental organizations, including Population Services International (PSI), and John Snow, Inc. (JSI). It was at JSI where she first realized her passion for health supply chain programs. She joined the People that Deliver as the Project Officer in April 2018. Strader earned a Master's in Business Administration and a Master's in International Development from American University in Washington, DC.



**Wolf-Christian Noske**, Kühne Foundation

Wolf-Christian Noske is a logistics professional from Germany with more than 15 years of international work experience in the commercial and humanitarian sector. He holds a Bachelor Degree in "International Business Logistics and Management" as well as a Master Degree in "Development and Emergency Practice", from Oxford Brookes University in the UK. Noske has worked as Project Manager in High Value Supply Chain operations with one of the leading global Logistics Service Providers designing and operating a High Value overland network in Eastern-Europe. In 2011 Noske joined the German Red Cross as Senior Logistics Delegate for the earthquake operation response in Haiti. Since 2014 Noske has been responsible for the design and implementation of the Logistics & Supply Chain Capacity Building Programs in the East-African Region. The program aims to exchange knowledge and link the commercial and private sector for best practice solutions in logistics and supply chain management in the East-African community. As team member of the Logistics Emergency Response Unit (ERU) of the Swiss Red Cross, Noske is a well-established and experienced professional logistician and member of the global humanitarian community.

## Session 3



**Moderator: Kate Molesworth**, Swiss TPH

Kate Molesworth, PhD, is Health and Social Development Adviser at the Swiss Centre for International Health at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. She has 25 years' experience in integrative health with a special focus on social inclusion, sexual and reproductive health, communicable and non-communicable disease prevention and pandemic responses (HIV and COVID-19), both in the development and humanitarian contexts across, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Since 2011, she has led the health promotion component of the Health Promotion and System Strengthening project in Tanzania, piloting systematic approaches to and policy development to guide participatory health promotion and community action for health. She is also Project Leader of the Swiss TPH Backstopping Mandate to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Leader of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Technical Support to the Government of Norway. She is currently Co-Lead of the Rapid Review of the World Bank support to the global COVID-19 response.



**Saba Kassa**, Basel Institute on Governance

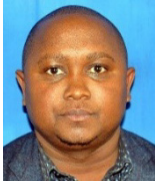
Saba Kassa is a Public Governance Specialist with the Basel Institute on Governance in Switzerland. She supports the Public Governance Division in the development and implementation of its various research and technical support projects. Prior to joining the Institute, Saba worked for several international organisations in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; the German Ministry for International Cooperation and the International Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance. Saba holds a PhD in International Development Studies from Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands.



**Carmen Sant Fruchtmann**, Swiss TPH

Carmen Sant Fruchtmann, MSc, MIH, is a scientific collaborator in the health systems research group at Swiss TPH. She also obtained her master of International Health from Swiss TPH, in which she specialized on how to scale up sustainable digital health solutions. Sant Fruchtmann's work has led her to conduct research and implementation projects in low-and middle-income countries, mainly in Tanzania and Ghana. Her expertise includes the application of a health system perspective to different fields, from civil registration and vital statistics systems, to district health management. She also has expertise and a special interest in integrating a gender

lens into all the projects she is involved with, making sure the needs of girls and women are addressed in all studies and projects. This passion also led her to co-found the Diversity and Inclusion network at Swiss TPH.



**Mathew Mganga**, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Tanzania

Mathew Mganga, MSc, MBA, serves as the Head of Health Commodities and Diagnostics Services at PO-RALG, where he helped to initiate the establishment and rollout of numerous supply chain interventions including, Drug Revolving Outlets in the Tanga Region, the national Prime Vendor System, and an initiative to address gaps in medicine availability at the facility level. He has over a decade of experience in public health supply chain management, including serving as District Pharmacist and DMO for Muheza District. Mganga holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from MUHAS, an MSc in Procurement and Supply Management and an MBA in Corporate

Management from Mzumbe University of Tanzania.

## Session 4



**Moderator: Helen Prytherch**, Swiss TPH

Helen Prytherch, PhD, is Head of the Health Systems Support Unit of the SCIH at the Swiss TPH. She has 20 years' work experience gained at all levels of the health system across a variety of countries in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, Asia (India, Cambodia, Tajikistan) and more recently Eastern Europe. Her main areas of expertise comprise primary health care development, health financing, quality management, as well as human resources and capacity building. Prytherch has consolidated management experience, overseeing a team of 20 staff working from Basel. She has an extensive track record of successfully handling complex mandates,

including those involving multiple stakeholder consultation and evidence based policy-making for a range of clients such as the European Union, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, RBM End Malaria Partnership and World Health Organization.



**Tautvydas Juskauskas**, Interagency Supply Chain Group, UAS Coordinating Body

Tautvydas Juskauskas, MPA, coordinates Interagency Supply Chain Group's UAS body, which is a collective of major international donors coordinating their efforts and investments in the area of drone delivery. He is also a Drones Specialist at UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen, in charge of providing technical and implementation support for country offices in relation to drone delivery program implementation. Juskauskas has previously worked in various roles supporting the adoption of drones in the areas of humanitarian response, emergency preparedness, supply chain delivery, public safety, and research.



**Elisabeth Reus**, Swiss TPH

Elisabeth Reus. MSc, joined Swiss TPH in February 2019 as Head of the Clinical Operations Unit of the Department of Medicine. Her responsibilities include managing the unit, studies acquisition, supporting the management and the running of complex clinical trials and financial performance. Reus joined the Institution with over 10 years of experience of operational and managerial experience in planning, executing and delivering first in man, phase 1 to phase 4 clinical trials in the UK, with a focus on paediatrics. She has a strong track record in facilitating and conducting clinical trials leading to the development of new treatments for rare and neglected

diseases in vulnerable populations. Additionally, Reus has extensive clinical and teaching experience, having been a lecturer in the UK and facilitating research teaching and awareness. Rues is by training a paediatric intensive care nurse having trained in Oxford, UK. She holds a Master of Science and Nursing from the University of Edinburgh, UK.



**Christian Burri**, Swiss TPH

Christian Burri, Prof., PhD, MPharm, is Deputy Head of the Department of Medicine and Head of the Medicines Implementation Research Unit at the Swiss TPH. He is also Professor for Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacology at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Basel. For almost 25 years he has been involved in the management of clinical trials on drugs and vaccines against neglected tropical and poverty related diseases, mainly in low income countries. In 2018 Burri handed over this service oriented responsibility and founded a research group studying medicines implementation in resource low settings with the two main fields

of interests of access and pharmacoepidemiology. Despite his involvement in a broad range of topics and contributions to various diseases, the original and continued passion of Burri is sleeping sickness (human African trypanosomiasis) where he has significantly contributed to the improvement of the treatment. He was trained as a pharmacist at the University of Bern, Switzerland, holds a PhD in medical parasitology from the University of Basel and received post-doctoral training in molecular pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. He holds a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine from the Swiss Association of Pharmaceutical Professionals (SwAPP) since 2000.



**Closing Words: Jürg Utzinger**, Swiss TPH, Switzerland

Jürg Utzinger is the Director of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Basel. He holds an MSc in environmental science, a PhD in epidemiology, and pursued several years of postdoctoral research in demography and epidemiology at Princeton University in the USA. His research, teaching and training interests pertain to the epidemiology and integrated control of neglected tropical disease and health impact assessment of large footprint projects in low- and middle-income countries.

He is engaged in trans-national global health research consortia with ongoing projects in China, Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa and Tanzania.

## 12<sup>th</sup> R. Geigy Awards Ceremony



**Marcel Tanner**, President R. Geigy Foundation

Marcel Tanner, Prof. PhD, has been president of the R. Geigy Foundation since 1998. He was the director of the Swiss TPH from 1997 to 2015 and professor of epidemiology and medical parasitology at the University of Basel and at the Federal Institute of Technology. He is president of the Swiss Academy of Sciences. He also acted and acts as advisor on communicable diseases research and control, health systems strengthening and capacity building in various national and international agencies/bodies and in boards/committees such as e.g. WHO/STAC-TDR, Wellcome Trust, DNDi, NITD, FIND, INCLEN-Trust and INDEPTH Network. Marcel Tanner obtained a PhD in medical parasitology from the University of Basel and an MPH from the University of London.

Since 2000, the R. Geigy Foundation confers two awards to distinguished scholars in the field of tropical and neglected diseases and/or public health who combine laboratory and field research in novel ways. To mark the occasion, the awardees briefly present their research at a ceremony held in Basel every two years. The award is to commemorate the spirit and achievements of Rudolf Geigy, the founder of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, born in 1902. For more information on the Geigy Foundation visit: [www.geigystiftung.ch](http://www.geigystiftung.ch)

