

H.I.T. – High Potential University Leaders Identity & Skills Training Program – Gender Sensitive Leaders in Academia offers an innovative, evidence-based and exclusive leadership program to specifically train and empower female professors in Switzerland to become university leaders.

In collaboration with the Equal Opportunities Offices of EPFL and University of Lausanne, the H.I.T. Program organizes a satellite event:

Panel with female academic leaders

Come and meet exceptional women professors, who will speak about their leadership experiences in academia. They will discuss the challenges faced in becoming a successful leader, as well as the multitude of rewards being an academic leader brings.

VENUE EPFL Campus, CE building, Auditorium CE 2 (1st floor)

DATE 6 February 2020

AGENDA 16:45 Arrival & Welcome
17:00 Opening remarks

Carine Carvalho, Head Equal Opportunities Office, University of Lausanne
Hélène Fueger, Equal Opportunities Delegate, Equal Opportunity, EPFL

17:10 Invited guest

Cesla Amarelle, Conseillère d'Etat vaudoise

17:20 Panel: Women leaders in academia

Panelists

Prof. Marilyne Andersen

Head Laboratory of Integrated Performance in Design, Dean of the School of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering (2013-18), EPFL

Prof. Béatrice Desvergne

Vice-dean Research (2009-12) and Dean (2012-15) of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine University of Lausanne
Chair of the UNIL Gender Equality Committee (2015-19)

Prof. Susan Gasser

Director of the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (2005-2019)
Professor Molecular Biology, University of Basel and Member ETH Board
President of the SNSF Equality Commission

Moderator: Eleanor Tabi Haller-Jorden, President and CEO, The Paradigm Forum GmbH

18:30 Networking & Closing Aperitif

More information about the H.I.T. Program:

https://www.gleichstellung.uzh.ch/de/politik/kooperationsprojekte/hit_project.html

Prof. Marilyne Andersen

Marilyne Andersen is a Full Professor of Sustainable Construction Technologies and heads the Laboratory of Integrated Performance in Design (LIPID) that she launched in the fall of 2010. She was Dean of the School of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering of EPFL (ENAC) from 2013 to 2018.

Before joining EPFL as a faculty, she was an Assistant Professor then Associate Professor tenure-track in the Building Technology Group of MIT's School of Architecture and Planning and the Head of the MIT Daylighting Lab that she founded in 2004. Marilyne Andersen owns a Master of Science in Physics and specialized in daylighting through her PhD in Building Physics at EPFL, in the Solar Energy and Building Physics Laboratory (LESO), and as a Visiting Scholar in the Building Technologies Department of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California.

She is a member of the Board of the LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction, Expert to the Innovation Council of InnoSuisse and founding member as well as Board member of the Foundation Culture du Bâti (CUB). She is also co-founder of the Sàrl OCULIGHT Dynamics and founding member of the Daylight Academy. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Elsevier Journal Building and Environment and of the Taylor and Francis Journal of the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) LEUKOS.

Prof. Béatrice Desvergne

Béatrice Desvergne is a Professor Emeritus from the Centre for Integrative Genomics at the University of Lausanne.

She holds a bachelor in philosophy, a MD with a specialization in anaesthesiology and resuscitation and a PhD. After practicing medicine, she focused her activities on fundamental biomedical research. After a postdoctoral stay at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, she was appointed assistant professor at UNIL in 1992, then associate professor, and promoted to full professorship in 2008.

After serving as President of the Fundamental Sciences section of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine, and Vice-dean for Research from 2009 to 2012, she was elected Dean of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine. She was the first woman to hold this leadership position in a Faculty of Medicine in Western Switzerland, a position she held until 2015. She was then chair of the UNIL Gender equality committee from 2015 to 2019.

Prof. Susan Gasser

Member of the ETH Board since 2018. Director of the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research since 2004, Director emeritus since 2019 and Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Basel since 2005.

Susan Gasser studied biology and biophysics at the University of Chicago and completed her PhD at the University of Basel. She joined the EPFL's Swiss Institute for Experimental Research in Cancer (ISREC) as a group leader in 1986 and held a professorship at the University of Geneva from 2001 to 2004. In November 2004, she became Director of the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (FMI), and since 2005, she has also been Full Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Basel. Since March 2019, she is Director emeritus and Group Leader at the FMI.

Susan Gasser is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, of the Crick Institute in London and of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg. She is President of the Equality Commission of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).