



### **Management summary 2016 (English version)**

In the year under review, the Institute for Evolutionary Medicine (IEM) further strengthened its position as a unique international institution. This was achieved in particular by integrating the IEM into the Faculty of Medicine, by numerous local and international research and teaching co-operations, and by (currently) having sufficient premises at the Irchel site, which is essential for the IEM.

In the year under review, responsibility for the Medical Object Collection was officially assumed. The Collection, despite insufficient job allocation, continues to be inventoried according to high quality standards, prepared for research and teaching, and made available to the public.

In 2016, 65 scientific papers were published, among others, in Lancet, Lancet Neurology, JAMA Pediatrics. Also, it was again possible to successfully raise competitive third-party funds. Currently, five projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation are under way at the IEM. In addition, support from other third-party funders, such as the extremely generous Mäxi Foundation, is essential for the IEM.

In the year under review, there was again a significant increase in higher degrees and qualifications produced at the IEM (master's theses, dissertations, habilitations). Important for the future development of the IEM is a better space allocation at the Irchel site, the definitive appointment of the two previously approved assistant professorships, as well as the further acquisition of third-party funds.

In the field of teaching, the scope of last year's diverse offerings was continued. The teaching was again rated as very good by the students, and the teaching input was especially appreciated at the Faculty of Medicine.

Overall, the IEM has grown significantly in recent years and months thanks to successful third-party funding. The institute's organisational structure is basically successful, but the increase in the number of employees creates space allocation problems. The promotion of women and young researchers is an explicit task pursued by the IEM.

Finally, the IEM staff were involved in numerous scientific and non-university committees and services in 2016, which were important for the positive outreach.