



Institute of Evolutionary Medicine (IEM)

Annual Report 2023 – Management Summary (English Version)

In the reporting year, the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine (IEM) further strengthened its position as an internationally unique institution with around 40 employees. This was achieved in particular through numerous local and international research and teaching collaborations.

Around 40 scientific publications were published in the reporting year, for example in *Nature*, *Science*, *American Journal of Biological Anthropology*, *Current Biology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, or *Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health*.

The ongoing time-intensive commitment of the Institute Director as Dean of the UZH Faculty of Medicine continues to have an impact on the Institute.

In the year under review, third-party funding was again successfully acquired and several SNSF-funded projects were carried out. Highlights of the reporting year included the numerous symposia and international congresses organised (Univer-Cities, ISEMPH; Alliance of Academic Health Centers International AAHCI European Meeting) and the Institute's research activities, which again attracted large attention worldwide. In the reporting year, the Institute Director also continued to co-chair the UZH Centre for Crisis Competence and continued his presidency of the world's leading professional society, the International Society for Evolution, Medicine and Public Health. He also continued as Ambassador/Head of the AAHCI European Regional Office and was actively involved in the further establishment of the One Health Institute (which is to interact closely with the IEM). In 2023, a large number of student projects were again carried out at the IEM. Towards the end of the reporting year, Prof Schünemann left the IEM at the end of her assistant professorship for a professorship at the University of Basel, but a continued close scientific collaboration was agreed. The main part of the medical collection was also successfully moved to the new UZH central collection depot in Buchs.

In the teaching area at various UZH faculties, the scope was basically maintained, and teaching was again predominantly rated as very good by students.

In the reporting year, work began on implementing the recommendations from last year's evaluation. As recommended in the evaluation, it remains very important for the future development of the IEM to improve the allocation of rooms at the essential Irchel campus site to consolidate academic management functions at the institute.

Gender equality and the promotion of young talent remain an explicit goal at the IEM.

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