

Travelling Fellowship of the SSSR

1. Purpose

The Swiss Society of Musculoskeletal Radiology (SSSR) was established in 2014 and has become the largest subsociety of the Swiss Society of Radiology (SGR-SSR). In order to encourage and enhance young radiologists in the field of musculoskeletal radiology, it is the intention of the SSSR to carry out a travelling fellowship. Offering the SSSR travelling fellowship will enhance clinical, research, technical and operational knowledge and aid in developing a career network at each site as well as in-between the fellows. Talented young MSK radiologists may be identified and supported for future leading positions.

2. Organization

Three MSK-interested radiologists will be awarded the travelling fellowship every other year. Together, they will travel through Switzerland for one week and visit at least 3 sites in minimally two language regions.

| Cornerstones | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Repetition | every other year |
| Length | 1 week |
| No. of sites | minimally 3 |
| No. of language regions | minimally 2 |
| Fellows | 3 |

The program of the fellowship is organized by the awarded radiologists and their godfathers assisted by the SSSR board. A list of interested sites is provided by the SSSR.

Each site hosts the fellows for 1.5 - 2 days (e.g. site 1: Monday/Tuesday afternoon; site 2: Tuesday evening/Thursday lunch; site 3: Thursday afternoon/Friday afternoon). Each site organizes a time schedule for the fellows during the day. Fellows will participate in daily clinical conferences, lectures, research meetings and in reading sessions as well as interventional procedures. The visiting fellowship focuses on clinical musculoskeletal radiology, technical and operational education.

The fellows are encouraged to have a presentation about their scientific work or a topic of their interest to be presented and discussed (e.g. one fellow having a presentation at each site). Each site is encouraged to socialize with the fellows in the evenings.

Currently expenses with regards to lunch/dinner and leisure program is covered by each hosting site. In the future, SSSR may provide a grant to assist with daily expenses incurred by the fellows.

A travelling fellowship typically ends with a SSSR meeting. The fellows will give a short talk on their travelling fellowship (5-10 min) and will be invited to the speaker's dinner (e.g. Friday evening) to network and report about their experiences. As the 13th SSSR meeting is not scheduled yet, the talk may be given at the SSSR annual general meeting at the Swiss Congress of Radiology in Davos 2021.

The fellows write a short outline of their travelling fellowship including: Dates, week program, confirmations of the sites to be visited (including the person in charge and email address of each site), travel plans (public transportation) and accommodations selected. The fellows send the outline to the SSSR board / secretary in time (deadline). The fellows submit a short report to SSSR four weeks upon completion of their fellowship.

Potential MSK radiology departments (to be extended)

| Institution and city | Host | Reputation and two main experiences |
|--|--|---|
| Balgrist Zurich | PD Dr. Reto Sutter reto.sutter@balgrist.ch | Rheumatological imaging Imaging-guided interventions |
| Cabinet d'imagerie de la Côte Corcelles/La Chaux-de-Fonds/Bevaix | Dr. Michel Rossier m.rossier@rxne.ch | Sonography of joints Sonography-guided interventions |
| CHUV Lausanne | Dr. Fabio Becce PD Dr. Patrick Omoumi patrick.omoumi@chuv.ch | Traumatologic and degenerative joint diseases Tumor imaging |
| Hirslanden Zurich | Prof. Dr. Marco Zanetti PD Dr. Nadja Saupe marco.zanetti@hirslanden.ch | Imaging-guided interventions Foot and ankle imaging DGMSR-accredited MSK teaching site |
| HUG Geneva | PD Dr. Sana Boudabbous sana.boudabbous@hcuge.ch | Traumatology Tumor imaging Hand & Wrist imaging Mo/Tues afternoon Tues afternoon-Thursday lunch |
| Inselspital Bern | Dr. Jennifer Cullmann Dr. Keivan Daneshvar keivan.daneshvar@insel.ch | Sports imaging Rheumatological imaging |
| Kantonsspital Baden | Dr. Susanne Bensler susanne.bensler@ksb.ch | Imaging-guided spine therapy Traumatologic diseases |
| Kantonsspital Chur | PD Dr. Christoph Schäffeler christoph.schaeffeler@ksgr.ch | Traumatologic and degenerative diseases DGMSR-accredited MSK teaching site |
| Kantonsspital Münsterlingen | Prof Dr. Andreisek gustav@andreisek.de | General MSK radiology MR neurography DGMSR-accredited MSK teaching site |
| Kantonsspital St. Gallen | PD Dr. Tobias Dietrich tobias.dietrich@kssg.ch | Tumor imaging Trauma imaging |
| Medizinisch-radiologisches Institut Zurich | Prof. Dr. Christian Pfirrmann PD Dr. Florian Buck PD Dr. Michael Fischer PD Dr. Marius Schmid buckfm@mskradiology.ch | General MSK radiology incl. nuclear medicine DGMSR-accredited MSK teaching site |
| Merian Iselin Clinic Basel | Dr. Thomas Egelhof Dr. Thorsten Wischer thorsten.wischer@merianiselin.ch | Sports imaging Spine interventions |
| Ospedale Regionale di Lugano | PD Dr. Filippo del Grande filippo.delgrande@eoc.ch | Imaging-guided joint interventions Sports imaging |
| Spital Männedorf | PD Dr. Christoforos Stoupis Dr. Christos Loupatatzis c.loupatatzis@spitalmaennedorf.ch | Sports imaging Chronic joint disease |
| Universitätsspital Basel | PD Dr. Anna Hirschmann anna.hirschmann@usb.ch | Spine imaging Tumor imaging DGMSR-accredited MSK teaching site |
| Universitätsspital Zurich | PD Dr. Roman Guggenberger roman.guggenberger@usz.ch | MR Neurography Whole-body imaging |

| Organizational cycle for the following travelling fellowships from 2022 | | |
|--|---|---|
| Time | SSSR board / secretary | Travelling fellows |
| Year 1 | | |
| September | Publish invitation to apply | |
| End of October | Application Opening | Application Opening |
| End of November | Deadline for applications | Deadline for applications |
| January | Selection and notification of winners | |
| May/June | Award at the occasion of SSSR AGM | |
| June - August | | Organization of fellowship |
| November | | Travelling fellowship |
| End of December | Approval of outline Information of SSSR educational meeting involved concerning short talk (5-10min) reporting from the fellowship and invitation to speaker's dinner. | |
| Year 2 | | |
| tbd | | Travelling fellowship |
| tbd | SSSR meeting | SSSR meeting |
| tbd | | Feedback and receipts for reimbursement to SSSR secretary |
| tbd | Seek short feedback from sites | |
| tbd | Reimbursement of costs | |
| tbd | Discussion about adaptations to the travelling fellowship needed | |

The first travelling fellowship will be dated from Monday, Nov 9th to Friday, Nov 13th, 2020.

Note the following dates for this first travelling fellowship:

- **Announcement Nov 2019**
- **Application deadline Dec 15th 2019**
- **Election of travelling fellows Jan 30th 2020**
- **Organization of fellowship until April 30th 2020.**

3. Application

Applicants are employed at a Radiology institution in Switzerland. Once selected, SSSR in good standing is mandatory. Conversation in English is necessary.

Fellows are encouraged to prepare one short presentation of a specific MSK research topic or a topic of interest, which they will present during their travelling fellowship.

The application includes:

- Application letter max. 1 page containing:
 - Motivation letter incl. specialty of interest
 - Name, position and email of godfather (senior staff) who supports the applicant
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from Head of the Department
 - incl. confirmation that the applicant could join the fellowship

- incl. information if the applicant has to request holidays to join the fellowship or if he/she is released from work to join the fellowship.

Applications (PDF) must be send to info@sgr-ssr.ch

4. Selection process by SSSR board

The winners of the SSSR fellowship award are identified by the SSSR board by applying the following criteria:

- Quality of application
- Track record and career goals
- Information given by godfathers (if needed)
- Language region
- Institution

5. Financial Responsibility

Accommodation and travel expenses of the fellows will be covered by SSSR.

- Accommodation is chosen by the fellows. The maximum average price per night reimbursed is 200.- SFr. (Monday to Saturday - 5 nights - maximally 1000.- SFr. per Fellow).
- The fellows are encouraged to use public transportation. Costs on the basis of a 2nd class ticket Halbtax will be reimbursed.

Each fellow will receive a flat rate of 1`200 SFr to reimburse the travel expenses (train ticket and hotel).

6. Committee

The SSSR may announce a committee for the travelling fellowship, supporting in organization of the sites and application process. Interested parties should contact the committee directly.