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Swiss Society of Multidisciplinary Obesity – Newsletter February 2025

Dear Members

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025! We are glad to share some important updates and news from our society. Here is a quick overview of what's happening:

Administrative Updates & New Member News

- **Updated Statutes Now Online!**

The updated statutes of the Swiss Multidisciplinary Obesity Society are now available on our website, in all four languages. Please take a moment to review them and familiarize yourself with the latest changes.

- **Biannual Updates for Centers & Contacts**

Starting this year, we will be updating the list of centers and their key contacts twice a year – in May/June and November/December. This will ensure our website always has the most current and accurate information.

- **Welcome to 15 New Members!**

We are thrilled to welcome 15 new members to SMOB! Their names were shared last week by the SMOB Office. We look forward to their contributions and the opportunity to further strengthen our multidisciplinary approach.

Dr. Aline Meier	Dr. Liane Plath	Dr. Lukas Ganter
Sarah Beck	Dr. Matthias von Allmen	Dr. Fabrizia Schmid
Dr. Sophie Buyse	Dr. Guillaume Aeby	Dr. Aylin Rohmann
Dr. Michela Paltenghi	Dr. Aurélie Loireau	Dr. Mar-Alain Portmann
Dr. Hadil Al Tokmachi	Dr. Mark Mahanty	Lia Köppel

We also encourage you to help us grow! If you know colleagues who might benefit being part of our community, please invite them to join us!

- **Dr. David Katzenfuss joins the Board**

We are excited to announce that **Dr. David Katzenfuss** has been **provisionally accepted onto the Board**, representing **General Practitioners (GPs)** and **Internists**. His expertise and perspective will be a valuable addition to our team!

Many Thanks to our Gold Sponsors:

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Education Corner

- **Swiss Obesity Academy - Webinar Series Update**

Our 2025 Swiss Obesity Academy kicked off with a fantastic webinar on 6 February, **“Weight Regain & Non-Responders: What to Do?”** We had 79 participants and a great lineup of expert speakers:

- **Dr. Simon Bütikofer**, gastroenterologist, provided insights into possible gastroenterological interventions for weight regain.
- **Dr. Bernd Schultess**, endocrinologist, shared medical treatment options for non-responders.
- **Dr. Styliani Mantziari**, surgeon, discussed potential surgical revisions and highlighted key factors to consider before opting for revision surgery.
- **Laura Vaccarino**, a dietitian, emphasized the indispensable role of nutritional counseling in managing post-surgical weight regain.

The session was a huge success, offering rich insights from a multidisciplinary perspective.

- **Looking ahead: Webinar on Obesity and Cancer - 10 April**

Don't miss our next webinar! We encourage you to register early which you can do here: www.smob.ch/en/events

- **New for 2025: Webinars on Demand**

In response to your feedback, all webinars will be recorded, and we are working on a solution to make them available for later viewing on our website. Plus, those who attend live will receive a certificate of attendance after the session.

We're also working on accreditation for further training with the Swiss Society of Internal Medicine (SGAIM). More information to come! To view upcoming topics and dates, visit our [website](#) for the latest updates.

- **Save the Date: Annual Assembly - 14 November, 2025**

Mark your calendars for our Annual Assembly, which will be held on **14 November 2025** at the **KKL Lucerne**. More details will be shared closer to the date, but we wanted to give you an early heads-up!

Sponsorship & Partnerships

- **Exciting Sponsorship Update: A Second Gold Sponsor**

We are pleased to announce that we now have a second annual gold sponsor: **Lilly**. Their continued support is invaluable to our efforts, and we are grateful for their partnership. Together, we can continue advancing the field of obesity treatment and research.

We're excited about what's to come in 2025 and look forward to continuing our collaborative work with all of you. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions, feedback, or ideas.

Warm regards

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