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Swiss Society of Multidisciplinary Obesity – Newsletter of June 2025

Dear Members

We are happy to share with you the second newsletter of 2025, with important updates and announcements from across our society. Here's a quick look at what's new:

Administrative Updates & New Member News

- **Board Annual Retreat - Overview**

On 4 April, the Committee gathered for its annual retreat with the aim of reflecting on past achievements and planning future actions. The retreat fostered a collaborative spirit, encouraging open dialogue and shared commitment among members, with a strong focus on continuous growth.

Key points discussed:

- Review of roles, responsibilities, and current projects, alongside planning new initiatives.
- Improving internal and external communication, especially via the website, to highlight our multiprofessional identity.
- Discussion on how to enhance and strengthen multiprofessional collaboration within the Board, including the important professionals and expertise of psychiatry and general practice.
- Evaluating past Swiss Obesity Academy webinars and preparing for upcoming training sessions and the Annual Meeting.

- **Biannual Update for Centers & Contacts: Published**

The list of centers and their key contacts was updated per 1 May 2025. The list is accessible via our homepage: www.smob.ch/en/recognized-centres

- **Dr. med. Patrick Pasi Joins the Board**

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Patrick Pasi to the SMOB Board. Dr. Pasi is a leading psychiatrist at University Hospital Zurich (USZ) with deep expertise in eating disorders and obesity. He is also an active member of both the AKJ and the Swiss Obesity Alliance.

With his background, Dr. Pasi brings valuable clinical and strategic insight into an essential aspect of obesity care. His experience will be a great asset to the board and will help us to advance SMOB's mission in meaningful ways.

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- **Welcome to 10 New Members!**

Since this year's first newsletter, we gained another 10 new members to SMOB! Welcome to our new colleagues, we are thrilled to have you! We look forward to their contributions and the opportunity to further strengthen our multidisciplinary approach.

Dr. Michaël Racine	Dr. Matthias Hepprich	Prof. Hing-Hai Collet
Susanne Höppner	Dr. Simon Wrann	Dr. Manuel M. Grahmann
Dr. Ursula Mohr	Dr. Amanda Dirnberger	Dr. Renske Beeres
Dr. Barbara Ankli		

- **Know Someone Who Should Be Part of SMOB?**

We also encourage you to help grow our community by inviting colleagues who might benefit from being part of this dynamic network. If you know someone who could be interested in joining SMOB, please share the word! Welcoming new members is key to keeping our society strong and growing – your support makes a real difference. Invite them to join us: www.smob.ch/en/become-a-member/

Education Corner

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

The most recent Swiss Obesity Academy webinar took place on 10 April and was once again a great success, featuring animated and insightful discussions. The session, titled "**Obesity and Cancer**," included a range of expert presentations:

- **Dr. med. Andrea Lazzatti**, MD PhD HDR, The Risk of Gastrointestinal Cancer in Patients with Obesity: Can Bariatric Surgery Have an Impact?
- **PD Dr. med. Pouya Iranmanesh**, Clinical Outcome in Patients with Obesity Undergoing Cancer Surgery
- **Jelina Linder**, BSc Dietician SVDE, The Gut Microbiome: A New Perspective on Cancer and Obesity

The webinar provided a rich, multidisciplinary perspective and was very well received by all participants.

- **Looking Ahead: Webinar on Obesity in Children and Adolescents on 26 June**

Don't miss our next webinar! It is scheduled for 26 June and will focus on "**Treating Obesity in Children and Adolescents**". Register by scanning the QR-code to the right.



- **Certificates for Webinar Participation**

Please note: Participants who register and attend the webinar live will receive a certificate of attendance, which will be sent a few days after the event. To view upcoming topics and dates, visit our website for the latest updates: www.smob.ch/en/events.



- **Heads-Up: SMOB Annual Meeting and Assembly on 14 November 2025**

We hope you've already marked your calendar for our Annual Assembly, taking place on 14 November 2025, at the KKL Lucerne.

At this point, we're glad to share with you [the preliminary program](#) of our annual meeting, which will once again be held in joint venture with the SGED annual meeting. Save the date! More information and registration details will be provided soon.

International News

- **Looking Back: Highlights from IFSO-EC 2025 in Venice**

The SMOB Committee was proud to be actively involved in the recent congress, with strong representation and meaningful contributions throughout the event.

Highlights included:

- Organizing the EBSQ Examination in Bariatric Surgery
- Delivering lectures and abstract presentations
- Collaborating in the planning and moderation of dedicated sessions

The congress concluded with the handover of the presidency to **Paulina Salmina** – a close friend and longstanding scientific collaborator of Ralph Peterli and Marco Bueter. We warmly congratulate her on a successful term and look forward to continuing this valuable international collaboration with renewed energy and commitment.

Sponsorship & Partnerships

- **Sponsoring for the Annual Meeting**

We're actively working on securing sponsors for this year's annual meeting. These partnerships are essential to support the quality and reach of our event, and we're pleased with the interest shown so far.

If you have suggestions for potential sponsors or would like to support this effort, feel free to reach out to us.

- **Thank You, Gold Sponsors!**

At this point, we also would like to express our sincere thanks to all our sponsors for their valuable support – and a special thank you goes to our Gold Annual Sponsoring Johnson & Johnson and Lilly for their outstanding commitment

We look forward to continuing our collaborative work with all of you and achieving continued success. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards

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President

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Responsible for internal communication

