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A photograph of a conference room. A woman in a dark suit is standing at the front, presenting to an audience seated in rows of chairs. A large screen is visible in the background. The image is overlaid with a series of horizontal, semi-transparent colored bars in shades of green, purple, and yellow.

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1 Editorial

We finished a year full of important activities in many different areas of VFP/APSI – research, policy, advanced nursing practice, networking and others.

My presidency started shortly before January 2019 with an excellent state of work done at the office in Bern, in the board, and in the academic societies. In addition, we were able to start new initiatives in working groups, and to continue with several successful events. I am impressed by the motivation and creativity of members and groups. And we are doing financially well – thanks to our nicely growing membership count!

With the website relaunch and the new format of the annual report, we can now show all this work and success by our members to our members and collaborators. In 2020, we will even be able to present our nursing science work through the lense of a professional photographer who will grasp the heart of our professional activities.

In 2020, keep going, stay healthy, and work smart!



*Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger,
VFP/APSI president*

2 Board and office

2.1 General assembly at Haute Ecole Arc Santé in Neuchâtel

On 24 June 2019, 24 members with voting rights gathered for the general assembly at the Haute Ecole Arc Santé in Neuchâtel. Prof. Dr. Véronique Haberey (HE-Arc) opened the afternoon with a presentation on “New care model for the coordination and support of patients with chronic diseases in primary health care”. This was followed by a panel discussion chaired by VFP/APSI board member Prof. Dr. Annie Oulevey with Claudine Lüscher (Sanacare Gruppenpraxis/SZ and Bürglen Praxis/UR) and Marie-Laure Vetterli (IUFERS, Lausanne). At the general assembly, the request for the revision of regulations for academic societies was unanimously accepted. We would like to thank the group “Collaboration VFP/ APSI – Academic societies” (Madeleine Bernet, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, Dr. Stefan Kunz, Dr. Anna-Barbara Schlüer, Peter Wolfensberger) for this work.

Prof. Dr. Annie Oulevey was applauded after eight years on the board. She had played a major role in the association’s overcoming of the Röstigraben. Dr. Fritz Frauenfelder and Dr. Stefan Kunz were thanked for their co-presidency for the ad interim period. Stefan Kunz now holds the vice presidency. Véronique de Goumoëns was elected as new board member and Ursula Wiesli was confirmed as board member for another four years.

2.2 Photo campaign

The workgroup “photo campaign” (Marika Bana, Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, Dr. Karin Zimmermann) met regularly in 2019 for the project to commission a professional photo series on the diverse nursing science working areas. Discussions were organized with an experienced photographer, a financing concept mainly using crowdfunding technologies, was elaborated, and a script was produced for the pitch on the [crowdfunding website](#). The work on this project will be continued in 2020, aiming to finalize it in fall 2020.

2.3 Working group “Digital Nursing Science”

A working group «Digital Nursing Science» was established in order to consult the board on the high dynamics in digitalization in health care and in the nursing field in particular. Each academic society was invited to delegate one representative to this group. Thus, bundled specialist knowhow will be gathered. Colleagues from the following academic societies accepted the invitation: Acute care (Matthias Odenbreit), cardiovascular nursing (Nicole Zigan), education in nursing (Dominique Correia), gerontological nursing (Eva Ziegler), home care nursing (Dr. Friederike Thilo), psychiatric nursing (Prof. Dr. Sabine Hahn), and rehabilitation care (Dr. Myrta Kohler). The group will start its work in February 2020.

2.4 Members count 1.1.2019 - 31.12.2019

We started the year 2019 with 664 members (individual and institutional members) and ended it with 697 (+ 5%). We are happy that our association has steadily grown during the past years. The increase is mostly resulting from new members in our academic societies. At the beginning of the year 2019, 207 persons were formally registered as members of academic societies, whereas the year closed with 235 members (+ 14%). Our association members without a master's degree climbed up to 213 members (+3%), and our members with a master's degree rose up to 391 persons (+ 7%). The number of the institutional members also

increased to 70 institutions (+3%). Free of charge [job advertisements on our website](#) are particularly attractive for institutional members. Together with 16 honorary members and 7 patrons, the VFP/APSİ had 697 (+ 5%) members at the end of the year 2019.

We welcome the following new collective members to VFP/APSİ:

[Alterszentrum Weierbach](#)

[Flury Stiftung](#)

[Inselspital Orthopädische Chirurgie + Traumatologie](#)

[Paracelsus Recovery Clinic](#)

[Privatklinik Wyss AG](#)



3 Academic Societies

In 2019, the VFP/APSI board again met twice with the presidents of all academic societies. It was decided to merge the annual reports of the academic societies in the future to provide them in a user-friendly format. A first version of this overview can be found in this issue.

Two events were mutually organized by an academic society and VFP/APSI in 2019 – a symposium with the academic society re-

habilitation care in March and an after work event with the academic society psychiatric nursing in November. A document with academic societies members' positions in associations or executive boards was updated and a short article about one of these involvements will now be published every fall in our brochure VFP/APSI Update. The list should primarily be helpful for networking and finding contacts to other associations.

Academic society 2019 in a nutshell

Acute Care

A workshop with relevant topics:

- The use of SNLs in hospital information systems. Criteria and possible selection procedures
- The Advanced Nursing Process and the use of SNLs as a solution for systematic data collection
- Examples of the development of a nursing risk diagnosis using SNLs
- Use of routine data from the perspective of nursing science and care research
- Interdisciplinary cooperation in the choice of interventions and the evaluation of nursing objectives using a clinical example

Cardiovascular Nursing

The AS cardiovascular nursing, in collaboration with the AG KAPT, contributed a Nursing Track Day Program to the annual meeting of the Swiss Society of Cardiology, which attained a high number of participants. The website responsibility, vacant so far, has been assumed by Christine Vetter and Lukas Weibel; and information was exchanged regarding current national and international activities in cardiovascular nursing.

Academic society 2019 in a nutshell

Education in Nursing	The academic society « Education in nursing » actively mobilized this year to promote the use of disciplinary knowledge. We were able to make recommendations regarding the teaching of nursing in the Bachelor's degree programme and to raise the profile of our society, which is young in its new composition and orientation.
Gerontological Nursing	In 2019, six new members joined the group. Activities we were involved in include Projects like INTERCARE and presenting at conventions (e.g. SwissNurseLeaders). We worked intensively on the five No-Go's. Our TOP 5-list of gerontological nursing was published by smarter medicine. In the upcoming year we will focus on the dissemination and implementation of the TOP 5-list, our network as well as current and future collaborations.
Home Care Nursing	The academic society home care nursing has also this year made progress. Strengthened by eight new members, we worked in various work groups for which the academic society had been requested and took further steps in the best Home Care Practice project.
Oncology Nursing	We maintain close cooperation with the association Oncology Nursing Switzerland (OPS) in order to support the transfer of knowledge between academia and practice. There is currently a vacancy in the co-chairmanship of our academic society.
Pediatric Nursing	We continued the year 2019 with the same presidency (K. Zimmermann, Ch. Grandjean). The group met three times, with a focus on methodological input related to research projects (PhotoVoice, LILA Project, interprofessionality), and discussions about new and innovative research methodologies.

Academic society 2019 in a nutshell

Psychiatric Nursing	In 2019, we finished our “Recommendations for Intensive Care in Psychiatry” and presented them at an after-work event in Bern. Many thanks to the project group under the leadership of Dr Franziska Rabenschlag. The recommendations are available on our website; a French translation will follow in 2020. After six years of leadership of the Academic Society Psychiatric Nursing Prof. Dr. Sabine Hahn and Dr Peter Wolfensberger have announced their resignation as co-presidents. We are happy to announce that Caroline Gurtner and Christian Burr have been elected as new co-presidents starting in February 2020.
Rehabilitation Care	Highlight of last year was the third symposium in rehabilitation care which took place in Zurich and was organised by VFP/APSI, the academic society rehabilitation care and the “Interessensgemeinschaft für Rehabilitationspflege”. We succeeded to address a wide audience and to present an international speaker. Further we established a structured and regular exchange of expertise during our meetings, which was experienced as very valuable.
Women’s Health	2019 was rather a quiet year for the academic society women's health. The co-presidents Madeleine Bernet and Lotti Barandun both returned from their maternity leave and took over the presidency of the academic society again. Together, we made the decision to plan a symposium in 2021 in collaboration with VFP/APSI on the subject of violence and women's health. Madeleine Bernet gave birth to her third child in October and will work for the academic society again in spring 2020. Until then, Lotti Barandun will take over the presidency alone.

Academic society Members

Acute Care	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 13 members• 31.12.2019: 14 members <p>New member: Elena Camenzind</p> <p>Presidency and vice-presidency: Matthias Odenbreit and Katja Bohner</p>
Cardiovascular Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 14 members• 31.12.2019: 14 members and 1 ex-officio member <p>New member: Monika Bolliger</p> <p>Co-presidency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Dr. Petra Schäfer-Keller and Lukas Weibel
Education in Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 7 members• 31.12.2019: 11 members <p>New members : Evelyne Boillat, Thentz Camille</p> <p>Co-presidency: Dr. Gora da Rocha and Carole Délétroz</p>
Gerontological Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 42 members• 31.12.2019: 48 members <p>New members: Nadja Heuberger, Veronika Kobler, Anna Konrad, Joanie Pellet, Sara Pinto Coelho Teixeira, Martina Thoma</p> <p>Presidency and vice-presidency: Jeanine Altherr and Claudia Lötscher</p>
Home Care Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 28 members• 31.12.2019: 36 members <p>New members: Sonja Bächli, Isabelle Horat, Deborah Janz, Azra Karabegovic, Sandra Kunkel, Kirsten Saynisch, Angela Schnellli, Prisca Stucki-Thür</p> <p>Co-presidency: Nicole Oberhäsli and Corina Sgier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We had a change in the presidency in 2019. Corina Sgier would like to thank for the academic society for the good time. For reasons of time and studies, she hands over the co-presidency to Gerhard Kalbermatten. He was approved by the present members.

Academic society Members

Oncology Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 21 members• 31.12.2019: 24 members <p>New members: Anna Götz, Matthias Hellberg-Naegele, Sara Kohler</p> <p>Congratulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sara Kohler achieved her Master degree MScN.• Dario Valcarengi received the second price at the OPS congress for the research project ‘Exploring the interaction between nursing decision making and patient outcomes in 2 European Cancer centers: a qualitative study.’ <p>Co-presidency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marika Bana
Pediatric Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 20 members• 31.12.2019: 23 members <p>New member: Rebecca Bächtold, Andrea Barbara Eissler, Ursula Feuz, Eliane Huwiler Sigg</p> <p>Co-presidency: Chantal Grandjean and Dr. Karin Zimmermann</p>
Psychiatric Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 48 members• 31.12.2019: 50 members <p>New members: Seraina Bischoff, Michael Durrer, Susann Pelkmann, Fabienne Roth, Myriam Tong</p> <p>Congratulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 members achieved doctorate: Fritz Frauenfelder, Manuel Stadtmann, Gianni Zuaboni – congratulations, well done! <p>Co-presidency: Prof. Dr. Sabine Hahn and Peter Wolfensberger</p>

Academic society Members

Rehabilitation Care	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 16 members• 31.12.2019: 18 members <p>New members: Romina Miracco, Sarah Bolt</p> <p>Congratulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We would like to congratulate Susanne Suter-Riederer for her successfully defended dissertation and wish her all the best for the future!• Congratulations as well to Britta Lassen for successful completion of the MAS in Rehabilitation Care, well done! <p>Co-presidency: Dr. Myrta Kohler and Dr. Brigitte Seliner</p>
Women's Health	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2019: 11 members• 31.12.2019: 11 members <p>New members: -</p> <p>Co-presidency: Lotti Barandun and Madeleine Bernet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many thanks to Rosmarie Bühler and Andrea Kobleder for replacing the presidency of the academic society.

Academic Society Activities in 2019

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| Acute Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 skype meetings• 1 workshop |
| Cardiovascular Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisation of and contribution to the Nursing Track Programme of the Swiss Society of Cardiology's annual meeting in collaboration with the AG KAPT• Discussion of the academic society's role in cardiovascular nursing (to be continued)• VFP/APSI working group research overview• Collaboration in swissprevent (mandate from VFP/APSI) |
| Education in Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active collaboration with the collective of local managers HES for the new framework study programme (PEC 2022)• Translation of the VFP/APSI website into French for all academic societies• Definition of the organization of our first symposium to be held in 2020 |
| Gerontological Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of the Top-5-List of gerontological nursing by smart-er medicine• Poster for the Women's Walk-Out 14th June 2019• Research project INTERCARE• Workgroup psychosis and addiction in aging• Project regulation of APN-CH• Participation in conventions and other professional events |
| Home Care Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work group Best Home Care Practice:
The group has continued its work. Due to the limited time resources and the restructuring of the members we are happy to continue the work in 2020. New cooperation possibilities with external partners have been considered.• Exchange
We had contact with Ursula Ledermann. She works for Spitex Schweiz / Aide et soins à domicile Suisse for five years and is responsible for education. Iren Bischofberger as the new President of VFP/APSI and Mary Jo Vetter as a Nurse Practitioner in the Home Care/Geriatric Nursing area of the New York Metropolitan Area for 20 years visited us. Nathalie Möckli and Franziska Zuniga gave us an update on their project. Andreas Biedermann presented the project "StoppSturz". |

Academic Society Activities in 2019

Oncology Nursing

- Writing a Research Flash for every issue of the journal Swiss Oncology Nursing 2019
- Collaboration for planning and presentation of the Swiss Oncology Nursing Congress in Bern, March 2019
- Prizes for best research projects in oncology nursing (awarding at the congress for oncology nursing March 2019)
- Consultations / statements on the concept «Gesundheitsberichterstattung für Krebserkrankungen» in collaboration with OPS and VFP/APSI board (initiated by NICER)
- Participation in the working group ‘Quality criteria for oncology nursing’ (initiated by OPS)
- Collaboration in VFP/APSI working group «Photo campaign»

Pediatric Nursing

- Participation in VFP/APSI working groups “Photo campaign” & “Research overview”
- Representation of the society at the “Science Apéro” of VFP/ APSI
- Member of the organizing committee of the 12th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain, in June in Basel
- In partnership with the Alliance Swiss Pediatric Nursing:
 - Finalization of a common definition of “Pediatric Care Nursing”
 - Finalization of the national recommendation for non-pharmacological interventions during painful procedures in children, including their translation in French and Italian. Link zum Download auf Deutsch, Französisch und Italienisch: <http://swisspediatricnursing.ch/verschiedenes>
 - Participation in an Expert Exchange Day which was held in November in Lausanne, covering the main topic of “Interprofessionality”
 - Member of the organizing committee of the 7th Congress in Pediatric Nursing Care which will be held in October 2020, with the topic of “Innovation in pediatric care”

Academic Society Activities in 2019

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| Psychiatric
Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication & presentation of the Recommendations for Intensive Care in Psychiatry in German language (After-Work event in collaboration with VFP/APSI)• Participation in consultations (e.g., Prüfungsordnung HFP Fachexpert/in Pflege und Betreuung Psychiatrie)• Participation in various committees and organizations• Preparation and planning of a new biennial conference in collaboration with VPPS “Forschungsplatz Psychiatrische Pflege Schweiz” coming up in February 2020 |
| Rehabilitation
Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Realization of the 3. Symposium Rehabilitation Care in Zürich• Participation in VFP/APSI/IGRP expert group: Rehabilitation Nursing and ABTP/STMC• Representation of the society at the “Science Apéro” of VFP/ APSI• Role profile APN Rehabilitation Nursing• Research agenda for Rehabilitation Nursing in Switzerland |
| Women’s
Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article on the topic of the desire to have children and pregnancy in the SBK-ASI magazine• Participation in congresses and specialist events• Participation in numerous working groups• Expert exchange on the subject of violence and women’s health |

Academic society Objectives for 2020

Acute Care	<p>3 skype meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop: Sense, use and establishment of standardized nursing languages / nursing classifications• The clinical application of the NANDA, NOC and NIC care classifications• The use of standardized clinical care data at the institutional level• Planning of an event in 2021
Cardiovascular Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elaboration of a position statement concerning the academic society's role in cardiovascular nursing• Visibility of the members' profiles and area of expertise• Strengthening the cooperation with relevant partners• Provision of formal consultation/statements to new laws or guidelines as needed• Contribution to the VFP/APSI research overview with publications in cardiovascular nursing
Education in Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruit new members• Symposium on the challenges of the nursing discipline with the invitation of Prof. Meleis on May 12, 2020• Widely spread the existence of our society
Gerontological Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissemination (Publication, Talks, Implementation in Practice) of the Top-5-List of gerontological nursing• Evaluating and strengthening our networks
Home Care Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempt to decentralisation of the meeting and extension of accessibility through new media• The academic society home care nursing enables networking and active exchange among members, with a focus on developing the role of the APN in home care and the associated terminology• The working group Best Home Care Practice (BHCP) is further supported by the academic society home care nursing. Representatives of the academic society will contribute their expertise to the StoppSturz project.• A new working group with the working title "Freedom restricting measures in home care" was founded in 2019 and we will start the work in 2020

Academic society Objectives for 2020

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| Oncology
Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment and election of a co-president• Define objectives for our academic society based on the Hamric Model: strengthen our impact direction for future• Discuss future implementation / support of our academic society for projects• Decide whether the oncology related points from «choosing wisely – 25 things nurses and patients should question» are relevant for Switzerland and how we could / want contribute to this initiative |
| Pediatric
Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuation of ongoing education in current research methodologies• Election of the presidency• Continuation of collaboration with the Alliance Swiss Pediatric Nursing, and its several events• Provision of formal consultation/statements to new laws or guidelines as needed |
| Psychiatric
Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication & presentation of the recommendations for intensive care in psychiatry in French language• Establishment of a new organizational form of the academic society with a new presidency and a board• Further objectives will be set by the new presidency in the first quarter of 2020 |
| Rehabilitation
Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of a new co-presidency• Planning of the 4. symposium rehabilitation care which will take place in March 2021• Publication of different APN roles in rehabilitation nursing in a brochure• Further work on the research agenda in rehabilitation nursing and strengthen the exchange of expertise during the meetings |
| Women's
Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning of an event / symposium for 2021• Acquire new members• Presentation of the academic society in public and cooperation with midwives |

4 Communication

4.1 VFP/APSİ Update

The association brochure “VFP/APSİ Update” is published [in an electronic format](#) since spring 2019. Members were invited to order a printed copy, which was however not used. Therefore, VFP/APSİ Update will be available only as an e-paper. We are grateful for the numerous positive feedbacks to this change. In our newsletters, we also regularly refer to media presence by members of the association, e.g. at renowned broadcasting formats in the Swiss radio and television.

4.2 Social Media

Since 2019, VFP/APSİ is now also on Twitter under the name [@vfpapsi](#). All new followers are warmly welcomed. In addition, an internal area for association members has been set up on our website, which can only be accessed with a password. Internal documents such as invitations and protocols of general assemblies are uploaded there.



5 Research

5.1 PhD theses on the website

During 2019, all members were invited to regularly report their PhD degrees to the VFP/APSI office. Thus, the PhD summaries can now be made available in special newsletters and also in a new [separate section on our website](#).

5.2 Overview of nursing science projects

The workgroup “research overview” (Beatrice Gehri, Chantal Grandjean, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, Nicole Zigan) met regularly in 2019 and tried out a test version of the planned online overview of nursing research projects with the presidents of the academic societies. The core aim of the research overview is to inform about nursing science studies conducted in Switzerland or by Swiss researchers and to support researchers who are looking for others working on a similar topic. The launch of the research overview is planned for spring 2020.



6 Networking

6.1 Swiss Nursing Network

The Swiss nursing network meets twice a year in Bern. Members are: Swiss Nurses Association SBK-ASI, Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP/APSI and Swiss Nurse Leaders. The presidents and directors of the associations discuss topics that are relevant to the development of professional nursing care from different perspectives. In 2019, the letter of intent on the cooperation of the Swiss nursing network was adopted and ideas for the WHO year of the nurse and midwife in 2020 were discussed. A project plan was drawn up for 2020; further information will be presented on the respective websites. Core topics were the strengthening of diploma and graduate nursing and the founding of the association “APN-CH: organization of regulation” (see chapter 7).

6.2 [swissprevent.ch](https://www.swissprevent.ch)

In the mandate of VFP/APSI, Dr. Petra Schäfer-Keller (co-president of the academic society for cardiovascular nursing) is a member of the [swissprevent.ch association](https://www.swissprevent.ch). This is a cross-disciplinary network dedicated to promoting cardio-cerebrovascular prevention in healthcare and to implementing the national strategy for cardiovascular diseases, stroke and diabetes in clinical care. A constituent meeting was held on 5 November 2019, and a new board will be elected in June 2020.

6.3 Patient Safety Switzerland

VFP/APSI is represented on the foundation board of [patient safety Switzerland](https://www.patient-safety.ch) with its president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger. She was also appointed vice president of the foundation in December 2019. On 21 June, 2019, the Swiss parliament decided on a revision of the Health Insurance Act (KVG/LAMal) to promote quality in health care and, thus, the position of the patient safety foundation as a competence centre. This is relevant for VFP/APSI, as quality assurance tasks often are performed by nursing scientists for numerous service providers. The legal basis is core to ensuring the content and financing of patient safety.



6.4 Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences

VFP/APSI president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger presented within the lecture series “Science at Noon” from the network of the [Academies of Arts and Sciences](#) on 30 April 2019 at the House of Academies. Her talk was entitled “The Super Nurse - A Profession between Tradition and Modernity”. This presentation was part of a trilogy on the changing healthcare system.

6.5 Spitex Schweiz / Aide et soins à domicile Suisse

The delegates of the umbrella organization Spitex Schweiz / Aide et soins à domicile Suisse elected our president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger to their board on 23 May 2019. As a board member, she was also

elected to head the education commission of Spitex Schweiz. Hence, one of her tasks will be to foster the advanced nursing practice role within home care.

6.6 International collaboration

In October 2019, a joint meeting of the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Pflegewissenschaft](#) (DGP), the [Gesellschaft für Pflegewissenschaft GesPW](#) (österreichischer Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegeverband) and the Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP/APSI took place. VFP/APSI president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger travelled to Vienna for the meeting and discussed the preparation of a common understanding of differences between nursing diploma and BScN degrees. In 2020, VFP/APSI will host this collaborative meeting in Zurich.

7 Advanced Nursing Practice

7.1 Foundation of «APN-CH: organisation of regulation»

Advanced Practice Nurses APN, hence graduates of a nursing science MSc study program with a clinical focus, are increasingly and significantly contributing to impeccable health care in Switzerland. So far, they have been practicing their professional role without being regulated, as the federal parliament did not include the Master's level in the Health Professions Act (GesBG/LPSan) in autumn 2016. After two years duration of the project “Regulating APN”,

where our board members Ursula Wiesli, Dr. Fritz Frauenfelder, and Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger represented VFP/APSI, the decision was taken to found a new association, which will manage and organize the regulation procedure. Therefore, the nursing organisations SBK-ASI, Swiss Nurse Leaders, VFP/APSI, and IG Swiss ANP, with the generous support of the Lindenhof Foundation Bern, closed this regulatory gap on their own initiative with the association “APN-CH: organisation of regulation”, founded on November 11, 2019.

8 Policy activities

8.1 Statements

VFP/APSI was again asked for various statements from experts, politicians and authorities, or the board and the academic societies initiated statements on their own:

- January 2019: Responsibility for the correct handling of central venous catheters (together with patient safety Switzerland and others)
- January 2019: Letter to all members of the commission in the run-up to the commission meeting of SGK-SR / CSSS-E with the agenda item «KVG. Stärkung von Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit (15.083)» / «LAMal. Renforcement de la qualité et de l'économicité (15.083)»
- February 2019: Consultation answer during the enforcement of the health care professions act (together with the academic society education in nursing)
- June 2019: Poster on the women's strike (academic society gerontological nursing)
- June 2019: Recommendations for psychiatric intensive care (academic society psychiatric nursing)
- August 2019: Consultation answer on the examination regulations and guidance of the «Höhere Fachprüfung Fachexpert/in Pflege und Betreuung Psychiatrie mit eidgenössischem Diplom» / «Examen professionnel fédéral supérieur d'expert/e en soins psychiatriques» (academic society psychiatric nursing)
- August 2019: Consultation answer on the indirect counterproposal of SGK N/ CSSS « 19.401: Für eine Stärkung der Pflege – für mehr Patientensicherheit und mehr Pflegequalität » / « 19.401 : Pour un renforcement des soins infirmiers, une sécurité des patients accrue et une meilleure qualité des soins » (together with the academic societies education in nursing, gerontological nursing, home care nursing, oncology nursing, pediatric nursing, psychiatric nursing, and women's health)

These statements are published on our [website](#).

8.2 Initiative «Für eine starke Pflege» / Initiative populaire «Pour des soins infirmiers forts»

VFP/APSI vice-president Dr. Stefan Kunz continues to represent the association in the strategy group of the popular petition «Für eine starke Pflege» / «Pour des soins infirmiers forts». In the 2019 federal elections, a considerable number of members of the federal parliament were elected who are committed to strong nursing care. Further information can be found on the [website](#).

9 Events

Pflegesymposium Rehabilitation Care, 27.03.2019, Volkshaus Zurich

On 27 March 2019, the Interessengemeinschaft Rehabilitationspflege (IGRP), the Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP/ APSI and the academic society rehabilitation nursing organized the 3rd symposium rehabilitation care. The organizers were able to welcome over 80 participants to the Volkshaus in Zurich. The conference focused on “Developing Together” - with research, practice and teaching in an intra- and interdisciplinary context. Current developments and their effects were discussed. In the afternoon, four master theses were presented. One highlight was the appearance of Prof. Dr. Marit Kirkevold, a renowned researcher from Norway, who widely published on the subject of caring, among other topics. We thank the sponsors Binder Rehab AG, Careum Hochschule für Gesundheit AG, Hollister, HomeCare-Medical, Kinaesthetics Schweiz, Kliniken Valens, Publicare, RehaClinic AG, Rehaklinik Bellikon, Reha Rheinfelden, Stiftung Pflege-wissenschaft, Swiss Nurses Association SBK-ASI, Weiterbildungszentrum WBZ-FHS, and Zürcher RehaZentren.





After Work Event «Intensivbetreuung in der Psychiatrie», 26.11.2019, Bern

On November 26, 2019, the academic society psychiatric nursing and the Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP/APSI organized an after work event on "Intensive care in psychiatry". The organizers welcomed about 50 participants at the Berne University of Applied Sciences. After a welcoming address in a new video format from VFP/APSI president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, project co-director Dr. Franziska Rabenschlag and peer experience consultant Markus Schweizer presented their work. This presentation was followed by an expert panel chaired by the co-president of the academic society, Prof. Dr. Sabine Hahn. Prof. Dr. med. Dr. Paul Hoff, Dr. Rouven Porz, Daniela Suter, Regula Lüthi and Christian Burr discussed not only nursing, but also ethical, medical, practical and financial aspects of psychiatric intensive care. The participants were then invited to an aperitif sponsored by the BFH. A similar event in French with experts from the Romandie will take place on 5 May 2020 in Fribourg.



2nd Science Apéro for MSc in Nursing students at House of Academies, 10.12.2019, Bern

On 10 December 2019, the 2nd science apéro dedicated to MSc in Nursing students took place in the House of Academies. About 40 MScN students from Switzerland gathered and were welcomed as the new talents in our discipline. About half of the students came from French-speaking Switzerland, the other half from German-speaking Switzerland. After a short introduction by VFP/APSI president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, several academic societies presented their work in a poster session, followed by lively networking discussions and an aperitif. The following five academic societies were present: Education in Nursing, Gerontological Nursing, Pediatric Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing and Rehabilitation Nursing.



10.1 Accounts

In 2019, there were some shifts in the administration position compared to the previous year. Firstly, the office moved to a cheaper room on the fourth floor of the House of Academies, thus reducing rental costs. Secondly, administrative costs increased, e.g. the required support with the new website (relaunch in December 2018) was relatively high in 2019. Also, in the end of 2019, a new assistant of the managing director, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, had to be recruited, because Mr. Yoshija Walter decided to change job after six years in the assistant position. Travel expenses rose considerably to the level of two years ago. Last year, due to the ad interim presidency, a GA travelcard for the president could be waived, which was reimbursed at 80% in 2019 as before. Since the general assembly 2019, modest meeting fees for the board members have been introduced, which further increased this position. For the first time, our collective membership with SBK-ASI was invoiced, which increased the position "membership fees".

Despite these increases, considerable decreases of administrative costs were achieved. Due to the change to e-paper of the association brochure VFP/APSI Update, both printing and shipping costs have been eliminated. Also, translate of texts is mostly supported by using the free software DeepL Translator, resulting to considerable reduction of translation costs. Thanks to the generous donations of the Haute

Ecole Arc Santé of a lunch for the board and the aperitif after the general assembly, the event costs could also be kept below budget. As in previous years, income from membership fees has continued to rise (see p. 6).

Another major contribution to the financial position was made by the symposium rehabilitation care. Overall, VFP/APSI is closing 2019 slightly better than budgeted with a profit of CHF 1'544.

10.2 Sponsoring

A working group consisting of Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, and Dr. Stefan Kunz reviewed the existing sponsoring concept. As a first step, collective members were invited to place their logo on the front page of the new website. This was welcomed by 14 institutions. Thus, sponsor contributions have doubled in 2019. This success could already be succeeded for the year 2020 with continuing logo placement of 11 collective members. The work on reviewing the sponsoring concept will continue in the year 2020 by exploring collaborations with editing companies, where our members have published books or book chapters.

Zurich, 31 December 2019



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