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Urs Fischer becomes President of the European Stroke Organisation

Urs Fischer, Director and Chief Physician of the Department of Neurology at Inselspital Bern, has taken over the presidency of the European Stroke Organisation. He is the first Swiss physician to hold this position.

At the 12th European Stroke Organisation Conference in Maastricht (Netherlands), [Prof. Dr. med. Urs Fischer](#) assumed the role of President of the [European Stroke Organisation \(ESO\)](#). He is Director and Chief Physician of the Department of Neurology at Inselspital, University Hospital Bern, and Full Professor of Neurology at the University of Bern.

The ESO is the leading European professional society in the field of stroke. It brings together clinical experts, researchers, and national societies. Its mission is to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and aftercare of stroke patients across Europe and globally, and to promote evidence-based standards of care.

Prof. Fischer is internationally recognised for his work in stroke research and clinical care. He has led numerous international, multicentre trials aimed at optimising stroke treatment. His studies, including ELAN, SWITCH, DISTAL, and SWIFT-DIRECT, have significantly contributed to the evidence base of modern stroke therapies.

He is also engaged in international education and training. He is a co-founder of stroke training programs in Europe and Asia as well as of the European Stroke Master Program, contributing to global networking and the development of the next generation of neurologists.

«I am very grateful for the trust placed in me and see this as a great opportunity to further strengthen collaboration in Europe and improve care for stroke patients», says Prof. Fischer.

The Inselspital, University Hospital Bern, and the University of Bern warmly congratulate him on this election. It highlights the international leadership and networking capabilities of Bern's clinical neuro departments and neurosciences and further strengthens its position as a leading centre for research and healthcare in the long term.

