

Invitation to the Guest Lecture by Honorary Doctor Prof. Dr. P.N. Sylaja



Friday,
December 5, 2025
Felix Frey Auditorium,
sitem-insel

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Prof. Padmavathyamma Narayanapillai Sylaja is one of the world's leading experts in neurovascular research and stroke medicine. As Professor of Neurology and Director of the Comprehensive Stroke Program at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (Trivandrum, India), she has made major contributions to the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of stroke worldwide.

Her longstanding collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bern and the Inselspital, Bern University Hospital, particularly with the Departments of Neurology and Neuroradiology, has resulted in numerous successful clinical trials and intensive academic exchange. Beyond her scientific achievements, Prof. Sylaja is recognized globally as an inspiring academic mentor and role model, dedicated to advancing stroke care and education in low- and middle-income countries through initiatives such as the Asian Stroke Summer School in collaboration with the Stroke Center Bern and the WHO.

We are honoured to welcome Prof. Sylaja to Bern on the occasion of the conferral of her Honorary Doctorate by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bern, to be awarded during the Dies academicus on December 6, 2025.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. med. Urs Fischer

Director and Chief Physician, Department of Neurology,
Inselspital, Bern University Hospital

Prof. Dr. med. Jan. Gralla

Director and Chief Physician, Institute of Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital

Program

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16:00	Welcome Prof. Dr. med. Urs Fischer Director and Chief Physician, Department of Neurology, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital Prof. Dr. med. Jan Gralla Director and Chief Physician, Institute of Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital
16:05	Guest Lecture: Preventing and Treating Stroke – A Global Challenge Prof. Dr. P.N. Sylaja Senior Neurologist, Department of Neurology, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, India
16:45	Q&A Session
17:00	Aperitif

General Information

The Guest Lecture will take place in the Felix Frey Auditorium at sitem-insel (Freiburgstrasse 3, 3010 Bern).

Attendance is free and no registration is required.

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