

Press release
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Robert Bing Prize for young researchers in neurosciences goes to Caroline Pot and Sebastian Jessberger

Every two years, the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) awards the Robert Bing Prize for outstanding achievements in the field of neurological sciences from the fund established by the Basel neurologist Robert Bing (1878–1956). This year, the prize, which is endowed with prize money of CHF 60,000, was shared equally between Caroline Pot of the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) and Sebastian Jessberger of the University of Zurich.

In accordance with the stipulations of the founder's will, the prize is awarded to scientists who have done outstanding work in the fields of recognition, treatment and cure of neurological diseases. This year's prize honours achievements in both basic and clinical research.

Further information about the Robert Bing Prize is available on the SAMS website at:
<http://www.sams.ch/en/Research/Prize-Robert-Bing.html>

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Professor Caroline Pot, Department of Clinical Neurosciences CHUV

As a neurologist and clinical researcher, Caroline Pot focuses on the study of multiple sclerosis. She has been a Swiss National Science Foundation professor at the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) since 2015 and leads a research team that specialises in the role of cholesterol metabolites and their interaction with intestinal flora and immunity in the development of multiple sclerosis.

Caroline Pot studied medicine at the University of Geneva and completed her training as a neurologist at the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG). In parallel with her clinical activities, she obtained her doctorate from the University of Zurich before moving on to Harvard University in Boston as a postdoctoral researcher. She has been working as a clinician and researcher in Geneva since her return.



Prof. Sebastian Jessberger, Brain Research Institute, University of Zurich

Sebastian Jessberger is Professor for Neurosciences and Managing Director of the Brain Research Institute, University of Zurich. For his studies in the field of neural stem cell biology and neurogenesis in the adult brain he was awarded a Swiss National Science Foundation Consolidator Grant (2015) and an ERC Consolidator Grant (2016).

Sebastian Jessberger studied Medicine in Hamburg, Germany and carried out his medical thesis at the Center for Molecular Neurobiology (ZMNH) in Hamburg. In 2002 he started a joint residency at the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) and the Dept. of Neurology of the Charité University Hospital in Berlin, Germany. As a postdoctoral fellow (2004-2007) at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, USA, he continued to work on neural stem cell biology and neurogenesis in the adult brain. From 2007 to 2012 he was Assistant Professor at the ETH Zurich.