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At the beginning of 2020, some far-sighted nursing scientists in western countries could have guessed what significance this “WHO International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife” would have for society, politics and science. But the strengths in social solidarity that the pandemic brought forth and the weaknesses in the Swiss health care system that were ruthlessly exposed only became clear once the pandemic had reached Switzerland.

For VFP/APSI, it was a year of continuous navigation of relevant COVID-19 information and communication of findings from research, practice, management, and education. This resulted in the “3 Questions – 3 Answers” series, which we are moving forward into 2021.

This format is part of the ever-improving offerings on the VFP/APSI website. This includes, among other things, the annually updated numbers of students and graduates from bachelor, master and doctoral programs. Soon we will also be able to use our own pictures from our photo campaign for our website. A first insight into the photos, which visualize our various professional activities, awaits you in this annual report.

It is true that our meetings in the board and with the academic societies were reduced to a minimum. But all the more we used virtual formats, which have now become standard. We had ideas about this earlier as a Swiss-wide association, but hardly



implemented them. The gain in efficiency and flexibility is great, as we can now see, among other things, from the positive annual financial statement. Nevertheless, meetings in the house of academies are an important means of communication.

The numerous activities in the board, in the academic societies, and with our partner organizations show in this annual report that VFP/APSI is still needed. And we are heading for the 25th anniversary in 2021!

With best regards

Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger,
VFP/APSI president

2 Board and office

2.1 General assembly

The general assembly 2020 had been planned to take place at Careum Hochschule Gesundheit in Zurich and had to be changed to a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If the epidemiological situation allows it, the general assembly will be held on site at Careum Hochschule Gesundheit in spring 2021. Due to the first-time virtual general assembly, the planned presentations on participatory research were cancelled.



On 4 June 2020, 57 members with voting rights gathered for the general assembly on Zoom Video Communications. The re-

quest for the amendment of the association bylaws was approved and thereby the board was given the task to start the project and suggest changes at the general assembly 2021. Furthermore, the board was enabled to send an electronic invitation for the general assembly 2021. The auditors Bernhard Brändli and Ursa Neuhaus were reelected, but will resign after one more year of activity in 2021. Esther Bättig and Dr. Karin Zimmermann were elected as VFP/APSI delegates at SBK-ASI.

2.2 Staff

We would like to warmly thank our former assistant at the VFP/APSI office, Yoshija Walter, for his dedicated work over the last six years. We wish him all the best for his doctoral thesis! At the same time, we are very pleased to work with Jenny Bärtschi who joined us in March 2020. Despite her probation period coinciding with the lockdown, she had a very good start at VFP/APSI. Jenny Bärtschi is a commercial clerk EFZ/CFC and recently started her studies as a school remedial teacher at the Bern University of Teacher Education. By December 2020, a new position with a small workload was created for an editorial assistant which will support the office with language editing of French texts to reduce the French speaking board members' editorial tasks. We are pleased to welcome Livie Savary, MScN student at IUFERS in Lausanne to this position.

2.3 Photo campaign

In the beginning of the year, VFP/APSI started its very first [crowdfunding campaign](#). 54 supporters consisting of association members, their families and friends, joined the campaign and reached our financial aim together. The planned start of the photo shootings had to be delayed from spring to fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In August, we finally got access to the participating institutions (homecare, long-term care institution, hospital, psychiatry, rehabilitation clinic, medical practice, children's hospital, university teaching setting) and our photographer, Matthias Willi, was able to capture all aspects of nursing science related activities. By the end of the year, we had a meaningful pool of pictures that can now be used for the PR activities of the office and the academic societies. The crowdfunding supporters who donated specifically for photocards and photo-books, will receive them soon, signed by Dr. Rosette Poletti. Our sincere thanks go out to the participating nursing scientists and their institutions, the generous donors, as well as to the workgroup members Dr. Marika Bana, Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, and Dr. Karin Zimmermann.

2.4 Working group “Digital Nursing Science”

Our newly founded working group «Digital Nursing Science» met twice in 2020. The composition was realized by a call to all Academic Societies to send one person for the working group. The aim of the working group is to update the board on important

activities in the field and to demonstrate the contribution of nursing science. The main objective for 2021 is to improve the knowledge in digital nursing science research, also within the framework of the Swiss Research Agenda for Nursing, and to provide a statement on digital research tools and techniques. Many thanks to the group members Esther Bättig, Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, Dominique Correia, Carole Délétröz, Prof. Dr. Sabine Hahn, Prof. Dr. Myrta Kohler, Matthias Odenbreit, Dr. Friederike Thilo, Eva Ziegler, and Nicole Zigan.

2.5 Members count 1.1.2020 - 31.12.2020

In 2020, our association gained 21 new individual members and four new collective members. Nevertheless, the number of members has decreased by 3%. We started the year with 697 members and ended with 675. The main reasons for leaving are retirement or a change of career. Dr. rer. pol. Heinz Locher has left the patron's committee due to health reasons. We thank him for his support and wish him all the best for the future.

We also had to regret the passing of two VFP members, Christa Vangelooven who was released from her long cancer illness and our honorary member Sr. Dr. h.c. Liliane Juchli. She will be remembered as a strong voice for nursing and a role model for our profession.

Participation in the academic societies has increased again. In 2020, the memberships in the academic societies have climbed from 235 to 241 (+3%), we are pleased about this engagement. In addition,

tion, 11 collective members benefited from a discounted logo placement on our website. This generated further income for our association.

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

[Berner Reha Zentrum](#)

[ceff santé social](#)

[Viva Luzern AG](#)

[Universität Zürich, Institut für](#)

[Implementation Science in Health Care](#)



3 Academic Societies

In 2020, the VFP/APSI board again met twice with the presidents of all academic societies. The first meeting took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the second meeting was held in Bern. The modus of meeting once a year in person and once a year online was favored with the presidents and was decided to be kept irrespective of the pandemic. An afterwork event with the academic society psychiatric nursing was organized in Fribourg, but first had to be postponed from May to September and then had to be cancelled. A symposium planned by the academic society education in nursing for May 2020 in Geneva

with participation of Prof. Dr. Afaf I. Meleis had to be postponed to 2021. It is planned to propose to the General Assembly 2021 the foundation of an Academic Society with the name “Nursing Economics”. The active search for members will start in January 2021.

The academic society oncology nursing organized two webinars, because cancer patients and survivors belong to the COVID-19 risk group. This illness leads to many questions and uncertainty, which is why experts jointly discussed the effects of COVID-19 on oncological nursing practice.

Academic society 2020 in a nutshell

Acute Care

Although COVID-19 also set the framework for the academic society acute care, we were able to meet four times this year. In July it was even possible to hold a meeting at XUND in Lucerne with 11 participants.

Results of last year’s meetings were:

- The election of a new chair, which will be taken over by Claudia Leoni-Scheiber and Karin Ritschard Ugi as co-chair
- Planning of a symposium in autumn 2021 (organizational and thematic considerations)
- Updating our website (focusing on the core idea)
- The cooperation of the academic society acute care has proven itself this year, the thematic orientation could be clarified and deepened

Academic society 2020 in a nutshell

Cardiovascular Nursing	The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the AS activities: the annual meeting of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (SSC) with the Nursing Track Day Program was cancelled and we had only one AS meeting; we cancelled meetings in order to respect the critical workload of AS members working in direct clinical care. We started defining strategic aims in order to strengthen the AS's profile. We exchanged with the president of the AS gerontological care on the AS's ongoing work packages and the 5 No-Go's .
Education in Nursing	The activity of the academic society Education in Nursing in the year 2020 has been marked by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to focus our activities in favor of our academic society on the symposium project given the massive efforts made by our members (most of them academic lecturers and researchers): 1) to shift to e-learning; 2) to assist in the deployment of students to support the tremendous efforts made by the health system in response to the explosion of the population's health needs; 3) to launch research projects related to the pandemic or adjust existing projects. The symposium planned for May 2020 has been postponed to 2021 and we have adapted its format and content to ensure that it can take place regardless of the public health situation. Discussions on the French-speaking part of Switzerland's Framework Study Plan are still ongoing. Our members are committed in their respective institutions to ensure that the scientific evidences available on nursing education and disciplinary knowledge underpins the work in progress in French-speaking Switzerland and in the school of nursing of the University of applied sciences and arts Western Switzerland.
Gerontological Nursing	In 2020, many projects were successfully completed, such as INTERCARE or the work in multi-professional groups on psychosis as well as addiction in old age. In addition, we dealt intensively with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the elderly. Finally, in December we were able to circulate recommendations with concrete practical examples to counteract the social isolation of the elderly . There were further inspiring discussions on what we like to do in connection with the Year of Nursing and Midwifery – an extraordinary one-off campaign has now been defined for 2021, focusing on the importance of academically educated nurses for the elderly's life quality.

Academic society 2020 in a nutshell

Home Care Nursing	We were able to hold our meetings in 2020 online. This helps us towards our goal of making meetings more accessible to members from all national regions. The aim of decentralizing the meetings was originally pursued to include our colleagues from French-speaking Switzerland more readily. The academic society has decided to continue holding two out of three meetings per year online. Unfortunately, we could not hold the planned “open door meeting” due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event is now planned for 2021.
Oncology Nursing	Our first AS meeting was held in Bern with the election of Matthias Hellberg-Naegele as co-president. We maintained our collaboration with the Swiss Oncology Nursing Society and supported the postponed congress in September with multiple keynotes and workshops. Two webinars in German and French have been conducted to discuss COVID-19 consequences for oncology nursing. Currently, we are reworking our AS objectives to prioritize our future activities.
Pediatric Nursing	Thanks to the new online meeting arrangement this year, the group was able to meet on three occasions. The sessions focused in particular on exchanges and peer-support regarding to the COVID-19 situation in the members’ institutions. The election of Dr. Veronika Waldböth to replace Dr. Karin Zimmerman as co-chair was successfully carried out and will start January 2021. The co-chairs were involved in the photo campaign project and in the launch of the nursing research overview, led by the VFP/APSI board. Collaboration with the Alliance Swiss Pediatric Nursing remains solidly maintained.
Psychiatric Nursing	In February 2020, the first conference in collaboration with VPPS “Forschungsplatz Psychiatrische Pflege Schweiz” took place in Liestal and was visited by over 100 interested persons from the psychiatric field. This conference paved the way for further collaboration between the academic society psychiatric nursing and the VPPS and a second conference will be held in 2022. Christian Burr and Caroline Gurtner started as new co-presidents also in February and established a board with members to support the co-presidents within the different tasks. Together with the network npfp a workshop and various discussion on behalf of the topic “nursing language” were initiated and this debate will be continued in 2021.

Academic society 2020 in a nutshell

Rehabilitation Care

The Academic Society of Rehabilitation Nursing has elected Stephan Behr as its new co-president, replacing Brigitte Seliner, whom we would like to thank most sincerely. In each meeting, we dedicated ourselves to an intensive, topic-specific exchange of expertise, which is very much appreciated by the members. In addition, we are working with the Interest Group for Rehabilitation Nursing on a brochure with the aim of showing the diversity of rehabilitation nursing.

Women's Health

In 2020, a little bit more was going on at the academic society women's health. Three members, Madeleine Bernet, Christina Klanke and Stephanie Studer published an article about the topic "unfulfilled desire to have children" (Krankenpflege, Oktober 2020). It was a great collaboration and we received positive feedback. Further, we had some Zoom meetings to discuss our symposium, which is planned for November 2021. In addition, in summer 2020, Martina Satori gave birth her first child. She will return to the academic society after maternity leave.



Academic society Members

Acute Care	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 14 members• 31.12.2020: 14 members <p>President: Matthias Odenbreit Vice-President: Katja Bohner</p>
Cardiovascular Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 14 members• 31.12.2020: 13 members and 1 ex-officio member <p>New members: Nadja Wyss (ex-officio member) Co-presidency: Prof. Dr. Petra Schäfer-Keller and Lukas Weibel</p>
Education in Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 11 members• 31.12.2020: 13 members <p>New members: Annie Oulevey Bachmann, Sara Pinto Coelho Teixeira, Valérie Renoud-Grenier Co-presidency: Dr. Gora Da Rocha and Dr. Annie Oulevey Bachmann. The academic society would like to thank Carole Délétroz wholeheartedly for her commitment and wishes her all the best in completing her doctoral thesis at the University of Laval (Quebec, Canada).</p>
Gerontological Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 48 members• 31.12.2020: 45 members <p>New members: Rouven Brenner, Judith Müller, Natascha Nielen We congratulate Ursula Wiesli on her election to the executive committee of the association «APN-CH: organisation of regulation» and Jeanine Altherr on her election to the executive committee of IG swissANP. President: Jeanine Altherr; Vice-President: Claudia Löttscher</p>

Academic society Members

Home Care
Nursing

Members

- 01.01.2020: 21 members
- 31.12.2020: 27 members and 9 ex-officio members

New members: Sonja Bächli, Nicole Hollenstein, Deborah Janz, Claudine Lüscher, Bettina Messerli, Annina Cadruvi (ex-officio), Ursina Siegrist (ex-officio)

We congratulate Friederike J.S. Thilo on completing her PhD on «Ageing in place safely – Lessons learned from a multi-perspective immersion into the use and non-use of Personal Safety Alerting Devices».

Co-Presidency: Nicole Oberhänsli and Gerhard Kalbermatten (until November 2020)/Angela Schnellli (since November 2020)



Academic society Members

Oncology Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 24 members• 31.12.2020: 26 members <p>New members: Franziska Geese, Maria Katapodi, Antje Koller, Natacha Szüts</p> <p>Congratulations: Marika Bana won the first price at the OPS congress for the best research project with her PhD project (evaluation of the Symptom Navi Program, supervised by Prof. Dr. M. Eicher and Prof. Dr. S. Peters).</p> <p>Co-Presidency: Dr. Marika Bana and Matthias Hellberg-Naegele</p>
Pediatric Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 23 members• 31.12.2020: 23 members <p>Co-Presidency: Chantal Grandjean and Dr. Karin Zimmermann</p>
Psychiatric Nursing	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 50 members• 31.12.2020: 52 members <p>New members: Jeanette de Jong, Sandra Jäggle, Stefanie Sonderegger</p> <p>One member achieved his doctorate: Peter Wolfensberger – congratulations, well done!</p> <p>Co-Presidency: Christian Burr and Caroline Gurtner</p>
Rehabilitation Care	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 18 members• 31.12.2020: 18 members <p>New members: Stephan Behr</p> <p>Co-Presidency: Stephan Behr and Myrta Kohler</p>
Women's Health	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.01.2020: 11 members• 31.12.2020: 10 members <p>Natascha Nielen has left the academic society women's health. We wish her all the best!</p> <p>Co-Presidency: Madeleine Bernet and Lotti Lauk</p>

Academic society Objectives for 2020

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| Acute Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holding six working meetings (using electronic tools and in person)• Planning and realization of a symposium in autumn 21: Sense, use and establishment of standardized nursing languages / nursing classifications• The use of standardized clinical care data at the institutional level |
| Cardiovascular Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holding four AS working meetings in 2021• Defining strategic aims and developing the profile of the AS• Contributing to the Nursing Track Day Program of the annual meeting of the SSC |
| Education in Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holding of the symposium “Nursing profession in the light of transition” on May 12, 2021, Haute école de santé de Genève, HES-SO, Geneva, Switzerland• Continuation of the consultations in the process of revising the Framework Study Plan for the Nursing program of the HES-SO in the French-speaking part of Switzerland• Continuation of the recruitment strategy for new members in French-speaking Switzerland and in other linguistic regions of Switzerland |
| Gerontological Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-off campaign for the Year of Nursing and Midwifery• Continuing to evaluate and strengthen our networks• Promote and evaluate the awareness and implementation of our top five list (don'ts in gerontological care): |
| Home Care Nursing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Open door meeting” in Fribourg• Update of the website before the open door meeting• The working group Best Home Care Practice (BHCP) will continue to be supported by AS Home Care Nursing. Representatives of AS Home Care Nursing will continue working in and contributing their expertise to the StoppSturz Project. The aim is to complete our contribution to the project in 2021. |

Academic society Objectives for 2020

Oncology Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine the aims for our academic society• Implement an award acknowledging nursing efforts / services during COVID-19 pandemic• Represent oncology nursing at the Oncosuisse Board in collaboration with the Swiss Oncology Nursing Society
Pediatric Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of the new presidency• Adaptation of meetings online, promotion of exchanges and maintenance of the connection between members• Continuation of ongoing education in current research methodologies• Continuation of collaboration with the Alliance Swiss Pediatric Nursing, and preservation of jointly organized events
Psychiatric Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafting a position paper on the issue of nursing languages together with the npfp• Arrange regular annual meetings with the VPPS and find common topics for collaboration• Increase the visibility of the academic society by redesigning the website and by planning further (public) activities• Participation in and support for the dissemination of SRAN 3
Rehabilitation Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performing the 4th symposium rehabilitation care which will take place in March 2021• Discussion and 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">• Symposium in November 2021• Acquire new members• Extending the member-meetings (Zoom)

4 Communication

4.1 COVID-19

In addition to the regular monthly newsletters, between March and May 2020, the office sent four special [COVID-Newsletters](#) to inform about nursing science relevant news concerning the pandemic. Moreover, a platform called [Corona-Wiki](#) was created to collect and share knowledge about COVID-19. The [fall edition of the brochure VFP/ APSI Update](#) was dedicated to COVID-related topics. Also, interviews in the format of “3 questions – 3 answers” regarding COVID-19 experiences were produced and will be continued in 2021 in order to present the situation and contribution of nursing science in different settings of nursing science practice. Numerous VFP/ APSI members were present in the Swiss media during the pandemic. Our newsletters regularly informed about interesting contributions.

Due to the increased personnel need in many places, VFP/ APSI made its job platform available free of charge also to non-members in 2020 which was a small contribution to easing the situation for the institutions.

4.2. Website

The number of students and graduates of bachelor, master and doctoral programs at Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences is now displayed in several graphs on our [website](#), based on data from the Swiss Federal Statistical Office. The graphs provide a useful overview and are updated annually.



5 Research

5.1 Swiss Research Agenda for Nursing SRAN 2019-2029

In October, the SRAN 2019-2029 was presented online to all interested academic societies by Dr. Dunja Nicca and Nicole Zigan. A poster, powerpoint slides, the recorded presentation as well as the short and long version of the agenda were made [available online](#) for dissemination. For the dissemination phase, Dr. Dunja Nicca and Nicole Zigan handed over the project lead to Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, Christian Burr (co-president academic society psychiatric nursing), and Prof. Dr. Véronique de Goumoëns (board member).



5.2 Swiss Nursing Research Overview

As a continuation of the work on the SRAN, the [VFP/APSI Swiss Nursing Research Overview](#) was launched in May 2020. Its aim 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 research overview has been quickly filled with highly qualified projects from various institutions. The authors will be yearly reminded to update their information. Our thanks go out to the workgroup with Beatrice Gehri, Chantal Grandjean, Dr. Dalit Jäckel, and Nicole Zigan.

5.3. Survey among members

VFP/APSI launched a survey amongst its members in October with the objective to obtain information from its individual members on two topics so that the association can pursue its goals even better in the coming years. We wanted to a) record the clinical activities of MScN members in order to be able to argue in a data-based way in regulatory questions regarding MScN degrees, and b) to know details about our members' publications of books and book chapters in order to make these publications visible on our website.

The survey was filled out by 105 association members, whereof 76 persons are currently practicing clinically in Switzerland under the umbrella concept of “Advanced Nursing Practice”. The MScN degree was obtained in Switzerland by 66 of the participants and abroad by 10 of them (6 in Great Britain, 3 in Austria, 3 in the Netherlands, 2 in Germany, and 1 in Canada). The remaining participants had other educations leading to an APN role and two of them are clinically active in Switzerland and obtained their Nurse Practitioner credential abroad. 69% stated that there was a job description for their clinical work in terms of “Advanced Nursing Practice”, whereas 31% possess

no job description. In addition, VFP/APSI received contacts of Nurse Practitioners who have obtained their license abroad and are clinically active in Switzerland. Furthermore, a lot of publications were listed by the survey participants. The results and information will be very helpful for the further development of our association strategy and we are therefore very thankful to the participants. The survey on clinical positions will be conducted annually in order to keep VFP/APSI up to date with regard to the future development in clinical MScN practice.



6 Networking

6.1 «APN-CH: organisation of regulation»

The VFP/APSI board has discussed the development of the association “APN-CH: organization of regulation” in detail and invited its president, Yvonne Willems Cavalli to their board meeting in November 2020. Ursula Wiesli from the VFP/APSI board represents our association on the APN-CH association board. The pilot phase for registration is planned and will be carried out after the pre-test of the registration IT platform has been evaluated. In addition, the association is also working intensively on a supervised practice form. The work accomplished of the first association year, project goals and annual objectives for 2021 were presented at a founders’ meeting in November 2020.

6.2 Swiss Nursing Network

The Swiss Nursing Network met for four meetings in 2020. 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 nursing care from different perspectives. In the 2020 WHO year of the nurse and midwife, the Swiss nursing network initiated the project *Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Switzerland*. The aim of this project is to create and fill the CNO Switzerland function at a federal level, i.e. at the FOPH.

Under the title “Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Switzerland - a wise and sustainable investment in the future”, the network made a request for an appointment with Federal Councilor Alain Berset at the beginning of 2020. On June 30, the three presidents Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger (VFP/APSI), Sophie Ley (SBK-ASI) and Regula Lüthi (Swiss Nurse Leaders) presented and discussed the idea with Federal Councilor Berset and two representatives of the FOPH (Dr. Stefan Spycher, Bernadette Häfliger Berger) on site in Bern.

Based on many years of international experience, the CNO is the first point of contact for all questions concerning nursing and, thus, covers a wide range of tasks:

- Advice & information: At a higher and strategic level, in health policy processes, on strategies in health care and on measures in health policy
- Coordinate & steer: Participation in nationally and internationally relevant committees as well as cooperation with experts on nursing and health-related topics
- Initiate & implement: Activities for the further development of the nursing professions, for new roles and models of care in interprofessional health care and for the benefit of patient safety

The discussion partners on the part of the FOPH were interested in this novel idea. It was agreed to pursue the topic further. The Swiss nursing network will continue to pur-

sue the work on the CNO role, both at the national and cantonal level.

6.3 swissprevent.ch

In the mandate of VFP/APSI, Prof. Dr. Petra Schäfer-Keller (co-president of the academic society for cardiovascular nursing) is a member of the [swissprevent.ch](https://www.swissprevent.ch) association. She participated in the first part of a workshop of a working group which aims to develop further education and training modules on prevention. Participants were representatives from medical societies for cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and rehabilitation; representatives from psychology, nursing science, and diabetes counselling. The aim of the workshop was the joint development of a learning product/training module on the topic of prevention in health care; the product is to be widely used, e.g. at annual conferences of societies in the health care field.

6.4 Patient Safety Switzerland

VFP/APSI is represented in the foundation board of [patient safety Switzerland](https://www.patient-safety.ch) with its president Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger. She serves as vice president of the foundation.

The national pilot program “[progress! Safe medication in nursing homes](https://www.patient-safety.ch)” brings the goal of making the medication process safer for residents in Swiss nursing homes closer: Patient Safety Switzerland has defined quality standards for all professionals involved in the medication process by means of a consensus process with experts. In order to improve medication safety in nursing homes, polypharmacy

and PIP (potentially inappropriate prescribing) must be identified and the medication must be adapted in a competent and resident oriented manner.

There is no ideal patient safety governance model. An [OECD report](#) on this topic, which was commissioned by the FOPH, was published in September and summarises best practice for improving patient safety. The federal government has already taken action.

6.5 International collaboration

In September 2020, a joint virtual meeting of the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Pflegewissenschaft \(DGP\)](https://www.dgppf.de), the [Gesellschaft für Pflegewissenschaft GesPW](https://www.gesellschaft-fuer-pflegewissenschaft.at) (österreichischer Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegeverband) and the Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP/APSI took place. The preparation of a common understanding of differences between nursing diploma and BScN degrees was discussed, and a common position statement on this topic is being prepared and will be published in 2021. Prof. Dr. Andrea Brenner, director of the BScN study program at the University of Applied Sciences OST accepted the invitation to represent the VFP/APSI. Furthermore, possible future collaborations on publication formats were contemplated.

6.6 Pflegenetzwerk ABTP/Réseau de soins infirmiers STMC

Dr. Susanne Suter-Riederer (academic society rehabilitation nursing) represents VFP/APSI in this group. The ABTP/STMC network with representatives from Nursing

DRG, Swiss Nurse Leaders, IG Rehabilitationspflege, core group ABTP/STMC, IG Akutgeriatrie, VFP/APSI academic society rehabilitation care, VFP/APSI academic society gerontological nursing and SBK-ASI was constituted at the end of 2019 for two reasons:

1. Participation in the definition of rehabilitation care in PLATEFORME-REHA.
2. Resuming and incorporating the work of the 2016-2018 ABTP/STMC core group to map ABTP/STMC and rehabilitation care in the CHOP code.

At the first meeting of the ABTP/STMC network in January 2020, PLATEFORME-REHA presented the “rehabilitation care” work. At that meeting, it was noted that the ABTP/STMC network would like to be involved in the project to define rehabilitation care and would like to build on the work to map ABTP/STMC and rehabilitation care in the CHOP code. Due to funding cuts from PLATEFORME-REHA, the project has been reduced to the development of nursing interventions and has been timed to March 2020. Network ABTP/STMC communicated their regrets about this development to PLATEFORME-REHA and offered to further exchange ideas with the project group. In April, the ABTP/STMC network again issued a differentiated statement for the attention of PLATEFORME-REHA on the final project report, which unfortunately had no influence on the rehabilitation care project. The final report was made available to the ABTP/STMC network in November 2020 by PLATEFORME-REHA. There are no further activities planned by the ABTP/STMC network.



6.7 Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force

Sonja Baumann, Eva Horvath, and Michael Simon, all VFP/APSI members, are part of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force in the expert groups clinical care and public health.

6.8 smarter medicine – Choosing Wisely Switzerland

The VFP/APSI board has decided to become an official partner of smarter medicine – Choosing Wisely Switzerland. The partnership will start from 01.01.2021 and includes the publication of the associations' goals, an active contribution to the implementation of its objectives, as well as a small yearly support fee.



7 Policy activities

7.1 Statements

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

- February 2020: Consultation answer on Vernehmlassung zur Änderung des Bundesgesetzes über die Krankenversicherung (Vergütung des Pflegematerials) / Consultation sur la modification de la loi fédérale sur l'assurance-maladie (rémunération du matériel de soins), together with the academic society home care nursing



- February 2020: Anhörfungsfragen zur Prüfungsordnung und Wegleitung der Höheren Fachprüfung Fachexpertin/Fachexperte in Mütter- und Väterberatung mit eidgenössischem Diplom/Audition des directives de l'examen prof. fédéral supérieur – expert-e en consultation parents-enfants avec diplôme fédéral; together with the academic society pediatric nursing
- July 2020: Appell Langzeitpflege und COVID-19 / Appel soins de longue durée et COVID-19 signed by numerous members of VFP/PSI
- August 2020: Vernehmlassung zur Änderung der Verordnung über die Krankenversicherung (KVV) / Consultation sur la modification de l'ordonnance sur l'assurance-maladie (OAMa)
- August 2020: Warning about the consequences of the “Kündigungsinitiative” / “Initiative de résiliation” for Switzerland as a center of science and research

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

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

VFP/PSI 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». Currently the majority of the Council of States does still not agree

to commit the cantons to cover education costs to prospective nursing professionals. With 23 votes to 18 in the fall session, it also insisted on its position according to which nurses may only be billed directly for clearly defined nursing services with a prior agreement with the health insurance. This means that the indirect counter-proposal to the nursing initiative still differs significantly from the decisions of the National Council. This reduces the likelihood that the initiative will be withdrawn. Further information can be found on the [website](#).

7.3. Expert Group “Quality in Nursing”

VFP/APSI was invited by the Federal Office of Public Health to participate in a group of experts: Report on the fulfillment of the postulate of Géraldine Marchand-Balet (18.3602) on “How can quality in nursing be ensured?” The Institute for Nursing Science of the University of Basel was awarded the contract to prepare a research report. VFP/APSI is represented in the accompanying expert group by Caroline Gurtner.

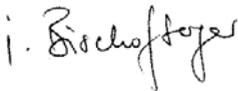


8 Finances

On the expense side, the website support costs were higher than expected. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the travel costs were half as high as budgeted and there were no expenses for congress participation, general assembly, a board event, and only very few other meeting related costs. Our new design company for the annual report and the association brochure “VFP/APSI update” is considerably cheaper and all translations were done using the free software DeepL Translator.

In 2020, eleven of our collective members placed their logo on the front page of our website which doubled the sponsor contributions compared to 2019. Finally, a contribution to the national dementia strategy by the academic society gerontological nursing was compensated in favor of VFP/APSI in addition to the academic society itself – many thanks to the members of this project group. All these factors allow us to close 2020 with a one-time profit of CHF 17'256.

Zurich, December 31, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'i. Bischofberger', written in a cursive style.

For the board:
Prof. Dr. Iren Bischofberger, president

Bericht der Revisoren an den Vorstand zuhanden der Generalversammlung des Schweizerischen Vereins für Pflegewissenschaft (VFP)

Als Kontrollstelle haben wir die Jahresrechnung des Schweizerischen Vereins für Pflegewissenschaft (VFP) für das am 31. Dezember 2020 abgeschlossene Geschäftsjahr geprüft.

Für die Jahresrechnung ist der Vorstand verantwortlich, während unsere Aufgabe darin bestand, diese zu prüfen. Wir bestätigen, dass wir die gesetzlichen Anforderungen hinsichtlich Unabhängigkeit erfüllen. Unsere Revision umfasst hauptsächlich Befragungen und analytische Prüfungshandlungen sowie den Umständen angemessene Detailprüfungen der bei der geprüften Einheit vorhandenen Unterlagen.

Dagegen sind Prüfungen der betrieblichen Abläufe und des internen Kontrollsystems sowie Befragungen und weitere Prüfungshandlungen zur Aufdeckung deliktischer Handlungen oder anderer Gesetzesverstösse nicht Bestandteil dieser Revision.

Bei unserer Revision sind wir nicht auf Sachverhalte gestossen, aus denen wir schliessen müssten, dass die Jahresrechnung nicht Gesetz und Statuten entspricht.

Aufgrund der Ergebnisse unserer Prüfung beantragen wir der Generalversammlung die Jahresrechnung zu genehmigen und dem Vorstand Decharge zu erteilen.

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