[On behalf of Life Sciences Switzerland (LS²), we would highly appreciate if you could circulate below advert call among the target audience or publish online on your new sites/social media.]

Dear postdoctoral fellows,
We are pleased to announce the call for applications to the “PIs of tomorrow: The Future of Swiss Research” session at the next LS² Annual Meeting 2023 which will be held in Zurich, 16-17 February 2023. This session offers postdocs interested in an academic career an opportunity to present a plenary talk similar in format to a professorship interview seminar.

Selected participants will have the chance to get a slot for a 15-minute presentation, which should appeal to a broad audience and in which the achievements accomplished and the proposed future research are to be explained. The talk will be followed by a 10-minute discussion on various aspects of the proposed activity, as well as on career-oriented aspects of the presenter. A knowledgeable jury panel of professors will evaluate the presentations.

The best presentation will be awarded a prize. However, everyone is a winner, as all presenters in the session will receive feedback from the jury in a one-on-one private session afterwards. Moreover, as a participant in the LS² Annual Meeting 2023, you will have the opportunity to expand or refresh your network in Switzerland via interaction with scientists in and outside your field. Only applicants having ties to Switzerland will be considered (i.e. Swiss citizenship, Swiss residency, past or on-going affiliation with a Swiss institution of at least two years by the 2023 meeting). Independent position holders are not eligible.

The following documents are required for the application:
1. Cover letter highlighting your career path, interest and motivation to become independent researcher (max. 1 page)
2. Research plan including feasibility (e.g. tentative timeline, technical expertise), methodology, significance of the proposed research and their societal impact (max. 1 page)
3. Graphical abstract – overview of the proposed project/research plan (max. 1 page)
4. CV with information about grants, research mobility, teaching and leadership experience, collaborations, outreach activities and publication list supporting the application (max. 2 pages)

For cover letter and research plan, use the text formatting as arial 12pt, 1.5 paragraph spacing, and justified aligned.

Selection criteria:
- Scientific quality of proposed research;
- Novelty and creativity;
- Relevance and impact;
- Research output;
- Collaborations, networks and outreach;
- Teaching and leadership;
- Independence and maturity;
- Mobility
To apply, please follow the guidelines in the application link below to upload your documents in a single pdf file (max. 5 MB):

https://form.jotform.com/211792813615356

Applications must be received by October 1st, 2022 (23:59 CET).

Questions to the session should be addressed to postdocsession@gmail.com. We are looking forward to your application and hope to welcome you in February 2023 at the LS² meeting!

Yours sincerely,

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