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An den beiden ordentlichen Sitzungen befasste sich der Stiftungsrat der Hans-Sigrist-Stiftung mit den folgenden Geschäften:

- Wahl der Preisträgerin 2025
- Genehmigung des Tätigkeitsberichtes 2024
- Genehmigung der Jahresrechnung 2024 und des Revisionsberichtes 2024
- Genehmigung des Budgets 2026

Hinzu kamen folgende Tätigkeiten:

- Vergabe von vier Hans-Sigrist-Zuschüssen

Herr Prof. Dr. Stefan Rebenich (Philosophisch-historische Fakultät) hat seinen Austritt aus dem Stiftungsrat per 3. März 2026 erklärt. Im Namen des Stiftungsrates danke ich ihm herzlich für sein langjähriges Engagement und die stets angenehme Zusammenarbeit. Neu in den Stiftungsrat gewählt wurde Prof. Dr. Tobias Haller (Philosophisch-historische Fakultät), den ich im Gremium herzlich willkommen heisse.

Den Kolleginnen und Kollegen im Stiftungsrat danke ich für ihr aktives und konstruktives Mitwirken. Unser besonderer Dank gilt Frau Dr. L. Aeschlimann für ihre engagierte und verantwortungsvolle Leitung der Geschäftsstelle.

Bern, den 21. Mai 2026
Der Präsident des Stiftungsrates
Prof. Dr. S. Rottenberg

2025 HANS SIGRIST PRIZE: CLIMATE JUSTICE

A committee of experts, chaired by Professor Martin Grosjean of the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of Bern, submitted a ranked list of candidates for the 2025 Hans Sigrist Prize in the field of “Climate Justice” to the Board of the Hans Sigrist Foundation. On 10 June 2025, the Board selected Professor Christina Voigt of the University of Oslo, Norway, as the 2025 Hans Sigrist Prize Winner.



Prof. Christina Voigt

Laudatio:

The Hans Sigrist Prize 2025 is awarded to Christina Voigt for her fundamental and outstanding academic contributions to environmental law in general and climate law in particular. With her research at the interface between climate law and climate justice, she has a substantial and lasting influence on the development of international environmental law. Particularly significant is her research on the determination of due diligence in climate law to mitigate climate change, and her work on compliance with international law in the implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation. With her long-standing engagement in the implementation process of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, she has distinguished herself as a leading expert in climate law and climate diplomacy and thus achieved a major societal impact with her research.

AN INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR CHRISTINA VOIGT, 2025 HANS SIGRIST PRIZE WINNER, CONDUCTED BY THE HANS SIGRIST FOUNDATION AND PROFESSOR MARTIN GROSJEAN, CHAIR OF THE 2025 PRIZE COMMITTEE

Hans Sigrist Foundation: Congratulations on being awarded the 2025 Hans Sigrist Prize in “Climate Justice.” We are delighted to welcome you to Bern. To begin, our first question is: what inspired you to pursue a career in climate law?

Christina Voigt: After completing my law degree in Passau, Germany, I began working at a law firm in Regensburg. The work was intellectually rewarding, but I quickly realized I wanted to tackle broader societal issues rather than just representing individual clients. This led me to specialize in Environmental Law – a field barely covered in my studies. In the early 2000s, I pursued a Master’s in Environmental Law at the University of Auckland, even though leaving Germany at that stage of my career felt like a bold and unconventional step. During my studies, I became deeply aware of the systemic nature of climate change. I also saw the crucial role law can play in addressing it. Law provides multiple avenues – through legislation, international agreements, litigation, or governance frameworks – to create meaningful change. Even after 25 years in the field, I remain motivated by the idea that careful legal thinking can structure solutions to one of humanity’s most complex challenges.

Martin Grosjean: Looking back, was your career path as straightforward as it may appear today?

Christina Voigt: Not at all. My career has been shaped by a series of choices that, at the time, felt uncertain and sometimes risky. Leaving legal practice in Germany to study in New Zealand in my early thirties was unconventional, and many questioned it. Later, I made another bold decision to pause my academic career and work as a climate negotiator in the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment. Both moves carried professional risks, but they provided invaluable experience. Working directly in negotiations gave me insight into how international agreements are shaped, the political and practical constraints governments face, and the complexities of reaching consensus among multiple countries. These experiences have profoundly influenced my research, teaching, and understanding of how law can interact with real-world policy.

Martin Grosjean: How important is combining academic work with policy

experience?

Christina Voigt: It is absolutely crucial. Academic research allows for deep reflection, long-term thinking, and conceptual clarity, but without practical experience, it can become disconnected from reality. Working in the political arena and in policy-making has shown me how difficult it is to translate theory into action, how negotiations are shaped by political realities, and the importance of timing and strategy. Bringing these insights back into academia enriches my teaching and makes my research more relevant. Students, in particular, benefit from understanding not only the theory behind environmental law, but also the practical challenges of applying it in government, international negotiations, or litigation.

Martin Grosjean: What role does climate litigation play in addressing the climate crisis?

Christina Voigt: Climate litigation is an important tool, but it is only one part of a much larger toolbox. Courts can clarify legal obligations, hold governments accountable, and influence public debate. Even when cases do not result in immediate policy changes, they can create pressure and set important precedents. In recent years, international courts have become increasingly involved, adding another dimension to global climate governance. While enforcement may remain limited, the political, reputational, and normative impact of such rulings can be substantial. Litigation complements other measures like legislation, international agreements, and voluntary action, helping to create a more coherent legal and policy framework for climate action.

Martin Grosjean: What responsibility do scientists and academics have in the climate debate?

Christina Voigt: I believe scientists and academics have a professional responsibility to communicate their knowledge clearly and actively. The climate debate is highly complex and often subject to misinformation, which can mislead the public and policymakers. Experts need to explain findings in an accessible way and highlight both opportunities and risks associated with potential solutions, such as carbon removal or geoengineering. By doing so, academics contribute to informed decision-making and help ensure that policies are grounded in the best available evidence. At the same time, engaging with policymakers and the public allows research to remain relevant and impactful.

Hans Sigrist Foundation: What allows you to stay optimistic in the face of such challenges?

Christina Voigt: Optimism is essential in this field. If one were entirely pessimistic, it would be hard to continue. I focus on the progress we have made: international agreements, growing judicial engagement, increased societal awareness, and a new generation committed to tackling climate change. While the challenges remain immense, there is still a window of opportunity to act. For me, the real task is not only to negotiate new agreements, but to implement the ones already in place. This requires dedication, creativity, and collaboration, but there is reason for cautious optimism.

Hans Sigrist Foundation: How do you plan to use the prize money from the Hans Sigrist Award?

Christina Voigt: I am still considering the best way to allocate the funds. One priority is to support early-career researchers, particularly PhD students, as they play a key role in advancing knowledge in this field. I also hope to fund projects on net-negative emissions and explore the legal implications of international court decisions, especially for vulnerable countries. The prize money offers a unique opportunity to foster collaboration between legal scholars and scientists, helping to translate legal insights into practical solutions. In that sense, the award is not only recognition of past work but also a means to further contribute to meaningful progress in climate justice. I also wish to support legal research that is beneficial to those who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. I am currently a visiting professor at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados. I intend to organize a conference that brings together legal minds in assessing the role law can play and the power it can have in addressing the impacts of climate change and in answering the needs of small island states of the Caribbean region.

HANS SIGRIST SYMPOSIUM 2025

The 2025 Hans Sigrist Symposium on the topic of "Climate Justice" took place on Friday, 5 December 2025. The event was very well attended, with more than 100 participants gathering in the lecture hall of the UniS building at the University of Bern. Keynote lectures were delivered by renowned researchers from Switzerland and abroad, representing the fields of climate physics, environmental sciences, law, and political science. Presentations were given by:

- Prof. Thomas Stocker, University of Bern, Switzerland:
"The Carbon Budget: the Key to Achieve Climate Stability and Climate Justice"
- Prof. Erich Fischer, ETH Zurich, Switzerland:
"A Seven on the Loaded Weather Dice – Record-breaking Extremes in a Warming Climate"
- Prof. Joyeeta Gupta, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands:
"Sharing our Earth with a Focus on Climate Change"
- Prof. Christina Voigt, University of Oslo, Norway:
"Climate Justice & International Courts: the Emerging Canvas of International Climate Law"
- Prof. Thom Wetzer, University of Oxford, United Kingdom:
"The Legal Foundations of Climate Finance"
- Prof. Charlotte Blattner, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and Prof. Corina Heri, Tilburg University, The Netherlands:
"Climate Law and Litigation as New Sites of Denialism? Taxonomizing the Implementation of KlimaSeniorinnen et al. vs. Switzerland"
- Prof. Simon Caney, University of Warwick, United Kingdom:
"Climate Justice and Political Responsibilities: Who Should do What?"

RESEARCH FIELD FOR THE 2026 HANS SIGRIST PRIZE

On 12 November 2025, following an inspiring presentation by Prof. Dr. Irene Adrian-Kalchhauser, the Board of the Hans Sigrist Foundation officially designated “Paradigms, Implications, and Translations of Non-Genetic Inheritance” as the 2026 prize field. The topic was proposed by the Institute for Fish and Wildlife Health at the Vetsuisse Faculty in Bern. Prof. Dr. Adrian-Kalchhauser has since assembled a distinguished prize committee to identify and evaluate leading candidates, with the final selection scheduled for the Board meeting in May 2026.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF PRIZE WINNERS

The prize field of the Hans Sigrist Prize is redefined every year, based on proposals submitted by the faculties of the University of Bern. Each spring, the Hans Sigrist Foundation board members (who represent all faculties at the university) put out a call to their respective faculties asking for prize field proposals to be submitted in late summer. In the fall board meeting, the board votes on the proposals, determines the prize field, and selects the prize committee chair.

Once the prize committee chair is selected, additional experts are appointed by the chair to create the prize committee. The committee members select a group of candidates and then ask independent outside experts for further opinions.

The prize winner is selected at the spring foundation board meeting and receives the prize at the Dies Academicus, the University of Bern’s annual formal award ceremony, in December.

The foundation’s goal is to recognize a mid-career researcher or academic who has already made significant contributions, but still has the potential for further impact in his or her field. The Hans Sigrist Prize is therefore not a lifetime achievement award, but instead, a prize to spur further research.

Faculty members of the University of Bern who are interested in proposing a prize field are encouraged to contact our foundation manager by e-mail at office.sigrist@unibe.ch.

HANS SIGRIST SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Hans Sigrist Supplementary Grants are meant to supplement, but not to fund fully, the cost of a research visit to the University of Bern. Given the high cost of living in Bern, the Foundation offers up to CHF 1,000 per month, pro-rated weekly, to assist professors from other universities with their living costs while conducting a project in cooperation with a University of Bern faculty member. The foundation accepts applications for Supplementary Grants (Zuschüsse) on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks before the proposed research visit, in order to allow time for consideration. However, because the foundation has a fixed annual budget for these grants, earlier applications are encouraged. The request/application for a Supplementary Grant must be made by the University of Bern host professor.

Full details on the application process (in English) are available on our website at www.sigrist.unibe.ch. In 2025, the Foundation funded four Hans Sigrist Supplementary Grants with a total amount of CHF 14'500. Supplementary Grants were allocated to

- Prof. Heli Huhtamaa (Institute of History) for the visit of Prof. Alexander Hibberts (Durham University and University of London, United Kingdom)
- Prof. Caroline Frey (Institute of Parasitology) for the visit of Prof. Emily Jenkins (University of Saskatchewan, Canada)
- Prof. Ruth Lyck (Theodor Kocher Institute) for the visit of Prof. Maria Rosito (University of Rome, Italy)
- Prof. Virginia Ruiz-Villanueva (Institute of Geography) for the visit of Prof. Andrés Díez-Herrero (Geographical and Mining Institute of Spain)

PROF. ALEXANDER HIBBERTS, DURHAM UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Between January and April 2025, I was a visiting researcher within the Institute of History at the University of Bern. The purpose of my stay was to produce a draft of a co-authored article with Prof. Heli Huhtamaa (History) and Prof. Stefan Brönnimann (Geography), to be submitted for publication in *Climate of the Past*.

The article, towards which we have made significant progress, investigates a late seventeenth century English weather diary incorporating rare, early sub-daily pressure observations. The results will extend the geographical and temporal range of available instrumental data on past weather. Studying data on paleo weather and climate is vital for enhancing our understanding of earth system dynamics, including extreme weather event frequency and the interaction between local weather and global climate. My visit built upon previous collaboration with Huhtamaa and Brönnimann at an SNSF-funded climate history summer school near Spiez in August 2023. Staff, students and other visiting researchers at the Institute of History warmly welcomed me to their scholarly community, and I was able to meet other academics working on similar topics. This was no surprise as the University of Bern is one of two major European centres of climate history. Alongside Huhtamaa and Brönnimann, both leaders in the field, I have benefitted from the expertise of Richard Warren, Christian Rohr, Niklaus Bartlome, Gautier Juretrafin, Nicolas Maughan, Christian Hesse, Lukas Heinzmann, Christian Pfister, Yuri Brugnara and others. I was also invited to present my working paper at the departmental symposium, where I received helpful comments, questions and advice. My time in Bern has laid the groundwork for future collaboration. Huhtamaa, Gwen Morgan and I have submitted an application to convene a new, funded environmental history seminar series at the University of London. I am enormously grateful for Huhtamaa and Brönnimann for inviting me to Bern and giving tirelessly of their time and resources, as well as for Hans Sigrist Foundation for supporting my research stay. I look forward to continuing to work together in future.

Monday 11 th Aug: from eight in the morning till night. heard at several times the Noise of Guns in the Engagement betwixt the English & Dutch.		ist	NW	6.	29 ³ / ₈	Overcast in the morning & most of the day without rain.
			NE SE	6.	29 ¹ / ₄	Overcast most of the day.
			S.W	6.	29 ¹ / ₈	fair all day. at Sea the wind was S.W. & S.E. ^{hot}
			S.W	7.	29 ¹ / ₈	fair in the morning & all the day. ^{hot}
			S.W E NE	7.	29 ¹ / ₄	rain about sunrise: at 8 a mist: the rest of the day fair & cloudy.

13. Aug: Mr Sanderson & Mr Leach fellows of S. Johns Coll. in Cambridge were at Wrentham to see Mr Wottons little boy who reads Latin, Greek, Hebrew & Arabic.

Caption of 17th century weather diary that Alexander Hibberts was exploring during his research stay in Bern.

PROF. EMILY JENKINS, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Dr. Jenkins arrived at the Institute for Parasitology (IPA), Bern, on January 15, 2025. She attended the Bern Parasitology Meeting on February 11, gaining insight into research on human and canine alveolar echinococcosis and African avian trypanosomes circulating in Swiss alpine ecosystems.

On February 27, she delivered a Communivet webinar on echinococcosis in North America, incorporating discussions with IPA colleagues. In March, she joined the Swiss Society of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology (SSTMP) and attended the Joint Parasitology Spring Meeting in Würzburg, Germany (March 11–14), where she presented both oral and poster contributions. She also participated in SSTMP seminars, including one on wildlife diagnostic parasitology, and was invited as a Key Opinion Leader to the Vetoquinol Scientific Round Table in Venice.

On April 2, Dr. Jenkins presented a seminar at IPA titled “A charcuterie board of parasites from the Canadian wild.” Later in April (29–30), she contributed to a joint Echinococcus workshop with the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (Anses), hosted at IPA Bern. This included demonstrations of unique in vitro culture systems for *E. granulosus* and *E. multilocularis*.

In May, she attended the joint European Society for Dirofilariosis and Angiostrongylosis Days and the European Veterinary Parasitology College (EVPC) Meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece, where she delivered a keynote and presented a poster. In June, she participated in the EVPC summer course held in Zurich and Bern, observing research demonstrations, networking with trainees, and examining archived specimens in Zurich to support teaching and parasite identification. On June 19, she joined IPA colleagues in a behind-the-scenes session at Basel Zoo on parasites in non-human primates.

Throughout her stay, Dr. Jenkins attended seminars and research meetings at IPA and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and participated in Fish and Wildlife Institute histology rounds. She also collaborated closely with the IPA diagnostic unit, exchanging protocols and comparing coprological and molecular diagnostic methods, particularly for parasites less common in Canada.

The sabbatical strengthened collaborations on Echinococcus and tissue-forming coccidian parasites (Toxoplasma, Sarcocystis, Neospora), supporting future Horizon Europe funding opportunities. Dr. Emily Jenkins is now an adjunct researcher of the Vetsuisse faculty. A key outcome is a jointly authored review article accepted in Advances in Parasitology (June 15, 2025) on the distribution and impact of Echinococcus multilocularis in Europe and North America.

The Hans Sigrist Foundation was acknowledged in all presentations and the resulting publication.



Prof. Dr. Emily Jenkins (left) with Prof. Dr. Caroline Frey (right) at the Vetsuisse Open House on June 28, 2025.

PROF. MARIA ROSITO, LINK CAMPUS UNIVERSITY, ROME, ITALY

From June to August 2025, the Hans Sigrist Foundation supported Prof. Maria Rosito from Link Campus and the Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Rome, for a research visit to Prof. Ruth Lyck at the Theodor Kocher Institute (TKI), University of Bern. Together, they worked on the project “The hidden link between gut microbiota and glioblastoma progression.”

Glioblastoma (GBM) is the most aggressive brain tumor, with a median survival rarely exceeding 15 months. Its treatment is hindered by the protective blood–brain barrier (BBB), surgical limitations, and side effects of radiation. The BBB normally regulates immune cell access to the brain, but in GBM, disease-induced changes foster an immunosuppressive environment. Emerging research highlights that metabolites from the gut microbiota influence brain function and immunity, suggesting that gut dysbiosis and related metabolites may contribute to GBM progression.

The project aimed to clarify how gut microbiota–derived metabolites (GMDMs) affect the interaction between GBM cells and the BBB. Prof. Rosito, a GBM biology expert, and Prof. Lyck, a specialist in BBB and immune cell interactions, combined their expertise to study two representative metabolites: glycine (linked to dysbiosis) and β -hydroxybutyrate (β -HB, associated with the ketogenic diet). Using an in vitro mouse BBB model, they analyzed how these metabolites in combination with or without GBM-conditioned media influence BBB properties and immune cell trafficking.

The research focused on three objectives:

1. Assessing how treatments affect BBB integrity and barrier function.
2. Examining changes in the expression of trafficking molecules that regulate the movement of cells and substances across the BBB.
3. Investigating how metabolite exposure alters immune cell migration through the BBB, with potential implications for tumor immunity.

The collaboration led to the establishment of robust experimental systems and valuable methodological exchange.

Informal discussions and close teamwork were instrumental in refining experimental design and fostering productive collaboration between the Italian and Swiss groups.

Beyond research, Prof. Rosito contributed to teaching at the University of Bern, participating in seminars of institutes at the University of Bern and the PhD summer school “Cutting Edge Microscopy”. She also presented the project at the MIC Research Day and the Cancer Research Network Bern (CRNB) seminar series.

Prof. Rosito’s three-month stay successfully laid the groundwork for future investigations into the GBM–BBB–microbiota axis. The outcomes will support future grant proposals, student theses, and continued collaboration, including a student exchange planned for 2026.



Prof. Ruth Lyck (left) and Prof. Maria Rosito (right).

PROF. DR. ANDRÉS DÍEZ-HERRERO, DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL RISKS AND CLIMATE CHANGE OF THE GEOLOGICAL AND MINING INSTITUTE OF SPAIN; SPANISH NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (IGME-CSIC)

Between the 1st of June and the 31st of August 2025, Prof. Andrés Díez-Herrero visited the Geomorphology and Natural Hazards Research Unit at the Institute of Geography (University of Bern), led by Prof. Dr. Ruiz-Villanueva. The aim was to collaborate in a joint research project on flood hazards affecting UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites (WHCSs) in Europe. During his research stay, Prof. Andrés Díez-Herrero also participated in other academic activities, including a Master's field course at the Swiss National Park, and a research symposium in Zerneß.

The goal of the research collaboration was to identify WHCSs potentially exposed to wood-laden floods. By combining multiple geospatial datasets including the UNESCO Sites Navigator, European flood hazard maps, and CORINE Land Cover data, and geoprocessing methods, the analysis was conducted at three scales: pan-European, regional (Switzerland and NW Iberia), and local (case studies in Bern, Florence, and Segovia), considering heritage sites, buffer zones, watersheds, and potential wood supply areas. Preliminary results revealed that, in most WHCSs, wood transported during extreme floods is not a major contributor to hazards. However, in Switzerland, higher potential for wood recruitment was identified near certain sites, such as Bellinzona, the Old City of Bern, and some prehistoric pile dwellings, while others (e.g., Lavaux vineyards) show minimal potential. Local analyses revealed that upstream features like lakes, reservoirs, and barriers significantly reduce wood transport, as seen in the Aare basin upstream of Bern.

The study provides a scientific basis for improving flood risk assessment at cultural heritage sites, supporting prioritization of vulnerable locations, and guiding mitigation strategies such as wood retention systems. These findings have been presented at international conferences in Spain and Switzerland (at the Swiss Geoscience Meeting in December 2025).

Overall, the research stay was highly successful, enhancing scientific output and strengthening institutional collaboration between the University of Bern and IGME-CSIC.



Prof. Dr. Ruiz-Villanueva (left) and Prof. Andrés Díez-Herrero (right).

FORSCHUNGS-AUSZEICHNUNG UND -FÖRDERUNG DURCH DIE HANS-SIGRIST-STIFTUNG

Die Hans-Sigrist-Stiftung hat seit ihrer Gründung zahlreiche Persönlichkeiten aus Bern, aus der Schweiz sowie aus dem Ausland auszeichnen und unterstützen können. Nachstehend werden alle PreisträgerInnen aufgeführt. Zu erwähnen ist, dass zahlreiche dieser Persönlichkeiten nach der Auszeichnung durch die Hans-Sigrist-Stiftung ihre wissenschaftliche Laufbahn mit grösstem Erfolg fortgesetzt haben, was u.a. auch auf den innovativen Charakter der Hans-Sigrist-Unterstützung schliessen lässt. So erhielt Robert Horvitz, unser erster Preisträger 1994, acht Jahre später den Nobelpreis, und 2009 wurde der frühere Hans-Sigrist-Preisträger (Preis 1997), Prof. Jack W. Szostack, zusammen mit Elisabeth Blackburn und Carol Greider mit dem Nobelpreis für Medizin ausgezeichnet.

BISHERIGE TRÄGERINNEN UND TRÄGER DES HANS-SIGRIST-PREISES

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| 1994 | Prof. H. Robert Horvitz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
Apoptosis – Der programmierte Zelltod |
| 1995 | Prof. Joseph P. Newhouse, Harvard University, USA
Gesundheitsökonomie |
| 1996 | Prof. Frantisek Smahel, Karls-Universität Prag, Tschechien
Geschichtliche Erforschung von Ostmitteleuropa |
| 1997 | Prof. Gerald F. Joyce, Scripps Research Institut, USA, und
Prof. Jack W. Szostak, Harvard Medical School, USA
RNA – Schlüsselmolekül zur Entstehung von Leben. |
| 1998 | Dr. Michel Orrit, Centre de Physique Moléculaire Optique et Hertzienne,
Université de Bordeaux, Frankreich
Chemische Grundlagen neuartiger Materialien |
| 1999 | Prof. Joan W. Scott, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA
Neue Erkenntnisse in der Geschlechterforschung |
| 2000 | Prof. Elsa Tamez, Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana, Costa Rica
Kontextuelle Bibelhermeneutik |
| 2001 | Prof. Jan Johansson, Karolinska Institutet, Schweden
Biologische Grenzflächen: Die innere Lungenoberfläche |

- 2002 Dr. Jorge Galàn, Yale University, USA
Pathogen-Wirt-Interaktion
- 2003 Prof. Dr. Emilio Gentile, Università «La Sapienza», Rom, Italien
Politische Religionen als Merkmal des 20. Jahrhunderts
- 2004 Prof. Dr. Christopher Pollitt, Erasmus University, Rotterdam,
Niederlande
Public Governance
- 2005 Prof. Dr. Stephen Elledge, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA
Qualitätskontrolle in lebenden Zellen
- 2006 Prof. Dr. David M. Richardson, Stellenbosch University, Südafrika
Biological Invasions
- 2007 No Prize Awarded
- 2008 Prof. Dr. Andreas Feldtkeller, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Deutschland
Religionen – Wahrheitsansprüche – Konflikte – Theologien:
Theoretische Perspektiven
- 2009 Prof. Dr. Patrik Vuilleumier, Universität Genf, Schweiz
Kognitive Neurowissenschaft
- 2010 Kein Preis vergeben
- 2011 Prof. Dr. Nicola Lacey, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Rechtsstaat und Spätmoderne
- 2012 Prof. Dr. Stephen A. Boppart, University of Illinois, USA
Diagnostische Lasermedizin
- 2013 Prof. Dr. Yoshiki Sasai, RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology, Kobe,
Japan
Stem Cells in Regenerative Medicine
- 2014 Prof. Dr. Jennifer Klein, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
Women and Precarity: Historical Perspectives.
- 2015 Prof. Dr. Luciano Marraffini, The Rockefeller University, New York, NY,
USA
Combatting Antibiotic Resistance: Novel Antibacterial Strategies
- 2016 Prof. Dr. Gabriele Hegerl, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
The Human Fingerprint on the Earth System

- 2017 Prof. Dr. Heleen Muree-van den Berg, Radboud University, The Netherlands
Historical Research in Eastern Christianity
- 2018 Prof. Dr. Marina von Keyserlingk, The University of British Columbia, Canada
Sustainably Produced Food of Animal Origin
- 2019 Prof. Dr. Ignas Snellen, Leiden University, The Netherlands
Exoplanets: Worlds Beyond Our Solar System
- 2020 Dr. Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Maternal-Fetal Communication
- 2021 Prof. Dr. Garry Nolan, Stanford University, USA
The Single Cell Revolution and Precision Medicine
- 2022 No Prize Awarded
- 2023 Prof. Dr. Aaron Roth, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Data Science: The Power of the Human Mind for the Sake of Humankind
- 2024 Prof. Kizzmekia S. Corbett-Helaire, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health & Howard Hughes Medical Institute, USA
mRNA-based Vaccines and Therapeutics
- 2025 Prof. Christina Voigt, University of Oslo, Norway
Climate Justice



Hans-Sigrist-Stiftung, Bern

Bericht der Revisionsstelle
zur Jahresrechnung per 31. Dezember 2025

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An den Stiftungsrat
Hans-Sigrist-Stiftung, Bern

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Bericht der Revisionsstelle zur eingeschränkten Revision

Als Revisionsstelle haben wir die Jahresrechnung (Bilanz, Erfolgsrechnung und Anhang) der Hans-Sigrist-Stiftung für das am 31. Dezember 2025 abgeschlossene Geschäftsjahr geprüft.

Für die Jahresrechnung ist der Stiftungsrat verantwortlich, während unsere Aufgabe darin besteht, die Jahresrechnung zu prüfen. Wir bestätigen, dass wir die gesetzlichen Anforderungen hinsichtlich Zulassung und Unabhängigkeit erfüllen.

Unsere Revision erfolgte nach dem Schweizer Standard zur Eingeschränkten Revision. Demnach ist diese Revision so zu planen und durchzuführen, dass wesentliche Fehlaussagen in der Jahresrechnung erkannt werden. Eine eingeschränkte Revision umfasst hauptsächlich Befragungen und analytische Prüfungshandlungen sowie den Umständen angemessene Detailprüfungen der beim geprüften Unternehmen 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 dem schweizerischen Gesetz und der Stiftungsurkunde entspricht.

Langenthal, 15.04.2026

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Christian
Zwahlen

dipl. Wirtschaftsprüfer
zugelassener Revisionsexperte
(Leitender Revisor)



Christoph
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Prokurist

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Bilanz

	31.12.2025	31.12.2024	Abweichung
	CHF	CHF	CHF
AKTIVEN			
Umlaufvermögen			
Flüssige Mittel	160'317.75	135'769.88	24'547.87
Übrige kurzfristige Forderungen	25'232.37	22'379.21	2'853.16
Verrechnungssteuer	25'232.37	22'379.21	
Aktive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	8'100.15	12'471.20	-4'371.05
Anlagevermögen			
Finanzanlagen	4'147'389.47	4'066'793.73	80'595.74
Total AKTIVEN	4'341'039.74	4'237'414.02	103'625.72
PASSIVEN			
Kurzfristiges Fremdkapital			
Passive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	179'493.70	4'822.00	174'671.70
Dritte	177'331.70	2'660.00	
Organe	2'162.00	2'162.00	
Eigenkapital			
Stiftungskapital	7'431'908.10	7'431'908.10	0.00
Verlustvortrag	-3'199'316.08	-3'328'033.32	128'717.24
Jahresergebnis	-71'045.98	128'717.24	-199'763.22
Total	4'161'546.04	4'232'592.02	-71'045.98
Total PASSIVEN	4'341'039.74	4'237'414.02	103'625.72

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Erfolgsrechnung

	2025	2024	Abweichung
	CHF	CHF	CHF
Wertschriftenertrag			
Dividenden-und Zinsertrag Finanzanlagen	53'731.58	70'151.04	-16'419.46
Zinsertrag	23'894.64	101.13	23'793.51
Realisierte Kursgewinne Finanzanlagen	17'972.11	56'425.09	-38'452.98
Nicht realisierte Kursgewinne Finanzanlagen	186'046.99	334'906.83	-148'859.84
Total Nettoerlös aus Leistungen	281'645.32	461'584.09	-179'938.77
Wertschriftenaufwand			
Bankspesen	124.00	48.00	76.00
Spesen Finanzanlagen	95.37	495.34	-399.97
Fremdwährungsverluste	0.00	0.00	0.00
Realisierte Kursverluste Finanzanlagen	5'350.19	0.00	5'350.19
Nicht realisierte Kursverluste Finanzanlagen	30'014.19	10'608.71	19'405.48
Wertschriftenverwaltung	14'181.69	14'286.60	-104.91
Total Aufwand	49'765.44	25'438.65	24'326.79
Bruttoergebnis	231'879.88	436'145.44	-204'265.56
Personalaufwand			
Saläre	40'096.45	49'562.50	-9'466.05
Sozialleistungen	6'214.00	11'558.70	-5'344.70
Total	46'310.45	61'121.20	-14'810.75
Übriger betrieblicher Aufwand			
Verwaltungsaufwand	2'353.95	3'555.85	-1'201.90
Buchführung	2'000.00	972.90	1'027.10
Revision	2'162.00	2'170.00	-8.00
Aufwand Stiftungsrat	493.60	123.60	370.00
Total	7'009.55	6'822.35	187.20
Ergebnis vor Verwendungen gemäss Stiftungszweck	178'559.88	368'201.89	-189'642.01

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Erfolgsrechnung

	2025	2024	Abweichung
	CHF	CHF	CHF
Ergebnis vor Verwendung gemäss Stiftungszweck	178'559.88	368'201.89	-189'642.01
Verwendung gemäss Stiftungszweck			
Hans Sigrist-Stiftung Preis	-100'000.00	-100'000.00	0.00
Spesen i.S. Hans Sigrist-Stiftung Preis	-9'522.86	-14'651.80	5'128.94
Stipendien	-58'083.00	-46'332.85	-11'750.15
Wissenschaftliche Massnahmen	-82'000.00	-78'500.00	-3'500.00
Total	-249'605.86	-239'484.65	-10'121.21
Jahresergebnis	-71'045.98	128'717.24	-199'763.22

Anhang

A. Bewertungsgrundsätze

Die vorliegende Jahresrechnung wurde gemäss den Vorschriften des Schweizer Gesetzes, insbesondere der Artikel über die kaufmännische Buchführung und Rechnungslegung des Obligationenrechts (Art. 957 bis 962 OR) erstellt. Die wesentlichen Abschlusspositionen sind wie nachstehend bilanziert:

Finanzanlagen
Die Wertschriften des Anlagevermögens werden zum Stichtagskurs am Bilanzstichtag, also zum Marktwert bewertet.

B. Erläuterungen zur Jahresrechnung

	31.12.2025	31.12.2024
	CHF	CHF
Finanzanlagen		
Money Market Fd	48'858.00	48'801.65
Aktien Schweiz	933'206.15	846'326.48
Immobilien-Fonds	875'435.90	875'126.10
Obligationen Schweiz CHF	1'261'684.07	1'205'526.41
Obligationen Ausland FW	378'682.62	359'969.34
Aktien Welt	649'522.73	731'043.75
Total	4'147'389.47	4'066'793.73

C. Übrige im Gesetz vorgesehene Angaben

1.1 Rechtsform, Zweck

Die Hans Sigrist-Stiftung ist eine gemäss öffentlicher Urkunde vom 12. August 1993 (Urschrift 1755) errichtete Stiftung im Sinne der Art. 80ff ZGB mit Sitz in Bern. Domizil der Stiftung ist Länggassstrasse 122, 3012 Bern.

Gemäss den Statuten vom 21. Januar 1997 hat die Stiftung zum Zweck: die Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung und Honorierung hervorragender wissenschaftlicher Leistungen, gleichgültig in welchem Fachgebiet gemäss Reglement vom 29. Oktober 1996, Datum des Erlasses vom 27. Januar 2014.

1.2 Personelle Zusammensetzung des Stiftungsrates

Rottenberg Sven, Prof. Dr., Bern	Präsident
Rigamonti Cyrill, Prof. Dr., Bern	Vizepräsident
Brönnimann Stefan, Prof. Dr., Zollikofen	Mitglied
Henke Katharina, Prof. Dr., Herrliberg	Mitglied
Kunz Alexis, Prof. Dr., Riaz	Mitglied
Lundström-Stadelmann Britta, Prof. Dr., Luzern	Mitglied
Häsler Christine, Burglauenen	Mitglied
Bloch René Sigmund, Prof. Dr., Bern	Mitglied
Perren Aurel, Prof. Dr., Bern	Mitglied
Rebenich Stefan, Prof. Dr., Kandersteg	Mitglied
Richter Virginia, Prof. Dr., Bern	Mitglied

1.3 Entschädigungen an die Stiftungsräte werden keine ausgerichtet.

1.4 Zeichnungsberechtigung

Der Präsident und der Vizepräsident des Stiftungsrates führen Kollektivunterschrift zu zweien.

1.5 Revisionsstelle

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1.6 Erklärung, ob Anzahl Vollzeitstellen im Jahresdurchschnitt nicht über 10, 50 oder 250 liegt

Die Anzahl Vollzeitstellen liegt im Jahresdurchschnitt nicht über 10 Mitarbeitenden.

1.7 Wesentliche Ereignisse nach dem Bilanzstichtag

Nach dem Bilanzstichtag sind keine wesentlichen Ereignisse eingetreten, welche die Aussagefähigkeit der Jahresrechnung (2025) beeinträchtigen könnten bzw. an dieser Stelle offengelegt werden müssten.

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