



Directorate

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Dear Sir, dear Madam,

It is our great pleasure to inform you that since the beginning of 2010 the Swiss Tropical Institute (STI) and the former Institute for Social und Preventive Medicine of the University of Basel (ISPM) have been integrated to form the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH). As one Institute, we shall be able to fulfil our mandate even better – to work for better health on the local, national and international level.

Since its foundation in 1943, the Swiss Tropical Institute has been known both in Switzerland and worldwide for the quality of its teaching, research and services, working for better health both nationally and internationally. Since June 2009, in connection with the appointment of the new Chair of Social and Preventive Medicine / Public Health of the University of Basel, and the addition of a new Associate Professor position for public health, the Institute for Social und Preventive Medicine (ISPM), with more than 50 members, has been integrated into former STI. The ISPM is well known both nationally and internationally for its research in environmental epidemiology, women's health and in chronic disease epidemiology. In March 2010 the two Institutes will finally move into the same buildings.

Under the new name and umbrella of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), more than 500 men and women from more than 40 nations collaborate in Basel and in many countries around the globe under our shared vision to understand diseases and their distribution, to launch appropriate health interventions, to strengthen health systems, and to diminish poverty.

The Swiss TPH – like its predecessor, the STI, continues to be an Associated Institute of the University of Basel, with extensive teaching commitments in the faculties of Medicine, Natural Sciences and Arts, including many postgraduate courses. The Institute also plays a leading role in the Swiss national programme of advanced education in Public Health, and in an international network of institutions of higher education that offers programmes in the field of International Health.



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All those working in the Swiss TPH will continue to give of their best in order to contribute to the improvement of the health of populations locally, nationally and internationally, through excellence in teaching, research and the provision of services.

Our new address on the World Wide Web is www.swisstph.ch.

With greetings and best wishes in the name of the united Institutes,



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