

Media release

Swiss University Sports delegates' assembly makes key personnel decisions

Ittigen near Bern, 18 March 2026. **At the Swiss University Sports delegates' assembly, delegates made key personnel decisions for the future direction of the umbrella organisation for Swiss university sports. In the wake of regular resignations, new elections and re-elections, there will be changes to the Executive Board.**

After many years of dedicated service on the Executive Board, the delegates bid farewell to Lorenz Ursprung, Co-President, Martina van Berkel-Schwarz, Vice-President, and Elias Hardmeier, Student Representative. Lorenz Ursprung and Martina van Berkel-Schwarz have had a significant impact on Swiss University Sports in their roles and played a decisive part in shaping the strategic development of the federation. Elias Hardmeier was committed to representing students and brought their perspective to the work of the Executive Board. The federation would like to thank all three for their valuable commitment to Swiss university sports. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the delegates' meeting also appointed Lorenz Ursprung as an honorary member of Swiss University Sports. With this award, the federation honours his many years of commitment and lasting contribution to the development of Swiss university sports.

At the same time, the delegates ensured the renewal of the federation's leadership. Reto Zimmermann was newly elected as co-president. Maxime Béguin and Elena Häfliger were also newly appointed. Elena Häfliger represents the interests of the students and Maxime Béguin is a member of the new board as an athlete representative.

Several re-elections ensure continuity: Daniel Studer was confirmed as co-president and Daniel Rohner was re-elected as chief financial officer. Ophélie Jeanneret and Nicole Reifler were also confirmed as members of the board. Sarah Fischer takes over as vice-president. Raphaël Germann continues to sit on the board as president of the National Technical Commission.

In addition to the personnel decisions, the delegates also gained an insight into the federation's new strategy, which sets out the guidelines for the further development of Swiss university sport in the coming years.

With this personnel and strategic realignment, Swiss University Sports considers itself well equipped for the challenges ahead. In addition to the further development of national university sports, the focus is particularly on international commitments such as the FISU Winter and Summer Universiade, the European University Games and the upcoming World University Championships.

At the delegates' assembly, the delegates also approved the 2026 budget and the semester fees.

The annual report can be found on the [Swiss University Sports website](#).

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Swiss University Sports comprises 18 local university sports organisations (HSOs) with a total of over 250,000 student members. Over 100 popular sports and more than 30 elite sports are offered. While the local HSO mainly organise the wide range of "sport for all" activities, the association is responsible for elite sport and the selection of national teams for the World University Championships and World University Games. Swiss University Sports is heavily involved in the "Elite Sport and Study" project in collaboration with Swiss Olympic. This project focuses on supporting competitive athletes in their dual careers.