



Institute of Evolutionary Medicine (IEM)

Annual Report 2018 – Management Summary (English Version)

The Institute for Evolutionary Medicine (IEM) further strengthened its position as a unique international institution in the year under review. This was achieved in particular through the IEM's constantly increasing integration into the medical and other UZH faculties and through numerous local and international research and teaching cooperations. The Medical Object Collection was also inventoried in 2018 and is increasingly available for research and teaching. In 2018 more than 40 scientific papers were published, for example in *Science*, *BMJ Open*, *PLoS Pathogens*, etc. In addition, third-party funds were successfully raised again and several projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation were in progress. In addition, support from additional donors (such as the extremely generous Mäxi Foundation) remains essential for the IEM. In the year under review, there was a further increase in qualification work at the IEM (in particular Master's theses). A highlight in the year under review was the appointment of the Institute Director to the newly created Chair of Evolutionary Medicine at the IEM, which is the only one of its kind in the world. Several habilitation projects in the IEM research areas were also completed. Important for the future development of the IEM is still a better room allocation at the essential location Irchel, the integration of the two active and appointed assistant professorships, as well as the further acquisition of third-party funds. In the field of teaching, the scope of last year's manifold commitments was retained, and teaching was again assessed as very good by the students. Thanks to successful third-party funding, the IEM has a total of around three dozen employees. The internal organisation of the institute continues to be successful. The organization chart was adjusted to the extent that the habilitated employees now lead their own groups. The promotion of women and young scientists is an explicit goal at the IEM. Finally, the IEM staff were also involved in numerous scientific committees and services in 2018, which is important for the positive outreach of the institute. The IEM again attracted worldwide attention (e.g. an IEM Paleogenetics Group Media Release was the most notable of the entire UZH in the year under review).