



Management summary 2017 (English version)

In the year under review, the Institute for Evolutionary Medicine (IEM) further strengthened its position as a unique international institution. 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 co-operations.

The Medical Object Collection, which was definitively taken over in 2016, was further processed and inventoried in 2017 and is now available for research and teaching in a limited form. In 2017, 32 scientific papers were published, for example in *Lancet*, *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology* or *Circulation Research*.

Likewise, third-party funds were successfully raised again. Currently, for example, six projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation are running at the IEM (or with the participation of the IEM). In addition, support from other donors (such as the extremely generous Mäxi Foundation) is essential for the IEM.

In the year under review, there was a further increase in qualification work at the IEM (master's theses, dissertations, habilitations). Important for the future development of the IEM is a better room allocation at the essential location Irchel, the definitive appointment of the second approved assistant professorship, as well as the further acquisition of third-party funds.

In the field of teaching, the scope of last year's diverse commitments was maintained and new teaching formats were launched (e.g. with the Zurich University of the Arts). Teaching was again rated as very good by the students.

Overall, the IEM has grown significantly in recent years and months thanks to successful third-party funding. Currently it includes around three dozen employees. The internal organisation of the institute has been successful, but the increase in the number of employees has created certain space allocation problems. The promotion of women and young talent is an explicit task realised at the IEM.

Finally, the IEM staff were also involved in numerous scientific and non-university committees and services in 2017, which is important for the positive outreach of the institute.