

Program of the Young Faculty Meeting 2026

Navigating academic careers - how to set priorities / which hoops to hop?

*** Thursday, 12. February 2026 ***

morning Arrival at Griesalp/*coffee*

11:10 Welcome (Jutta, Michelle, Patrick, Leo)

11:15 **Round of introductions** (all participants)

12:30 *Lunch break*

14:00 **Alke Fink** (Adolphe Merkle Institute) *Collaboration Beyond Comfort: Rethinking Academic Leadership Together*

14:45 **Josep Mas Rosello** (ETHZ) *Designing small-molecule catalysts for organic synthesis and beyond*

15:05 **Yang Yao** (Uni BS) *Water state under nanoconfinement*

15:25 *Coffee break, time for spa/hike*

18:00 *Dinner*

19:30 **Antonio Togni** (ETHZ) *A career in science - What and how much can you plan?*

20:15 Fireside discussion about career, prioritizing across years, how much to 'play the game'/follow the system? Moderated by Jutta Toscano and Michelle Frei

21:15 Formal session concludes, open floor for informal discussions

*** Friday, 13. February 2025 ***

- 08:00 *Breakfast*
- 09:00 **Peter Chen** (ETHZ) *title*
- 09:45 **Bogdan Dereka** (UZH) *Towards Electrochemistry without Transferring Electrons: Microscopic Electric Fields as New Catalysts*
- 10:05 *Coffee break*
- 10:40 Discussion: How should scientific and educational excellence be evaluated in the future? Moderated by Michelle Frei and Jutta Toscano
- 11:20 **Angela Steinauer** (EPFL) *Engineering Protein Cages for RNA Delivery.*
- 11:50 *Lunch break*
- 13:30 **Sascha Feldmann** (EPFL) *Tracking charge, spin and light polarization in space & time in emerging semiconductors*
- 13:50 **David Reber** (Empa/Uni BE) *Batteries for stationary energy storage*
- 14:10 *closing remarks by JT, MF, PS, LM*
- 14:20 end/departure