BACKGROUND AND MISSION
The Swiss Society of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology (SSTMP) was created in 1965 as a successor to the Swiss Society of Tropical Medicine. It works to represent and bring together individuals and organisations conducting research and working in the field of tropical medicine and parasitology. It coordinates individual initiatives and activities to improve interactions between the three domains of basic and applied research in parasitology and tropical medicine.

AREAS OF INTEREST
- Tropical medicine and parasitology
- Representation of professionals working in the fields of tropical medicine and parasitology
- Neglected tropical diseases
- Malaria

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES
SSTMP supports research into tropical medicine and parasitology. SSTMP also organizes an annual assembly, an annual scientific meeting, and annual young investigator meetings with an emphasis on the interdisciplinary aspects of the different domains, as well as the critical dialog between them. It represents its members in national and international collaborations with other scientific organizations, governmental and educational bodies. Working groups prepare documents and propositions on specific topics related to tropical medicine and parasitology. A working group on diagnostics is researching questions surrounding the diagnostics of parasitic infections.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF
The SSTMP's activities are coordinated by a 6-member committee, headed by the President Dr Jürg Utzinger.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET
SSTMP is financed through membership fees, paid by its approximately 250 members as well as the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT). Medical doctors, veterinarians, parasitologists and scientists are eligible for membership and the annual fee amounts to CHF 50.