

Climate Change and Health

The new Research Group at OCCR and ISPM

Invitation to the OCCR and ISPM Symposium

Date: 15.02.2019
Location: Mittelstrasse 43, room 224

Dear colleagues at ISPM and OCCR

Climate change leads to severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems. Extreme events, in particular heat waves and droughts, will increase in intensity and frequency. Adaptation to climate change is essential, but in many regions difficult or even impossible. There is urgent need for a better understanding of the impact of climate change. Some of these effects are already manifest including cardiovascular, respiratory and mental health disorders, undernutrition and a change in the distribution of vector-borne diseases. The health-climate change nexus must therefore become a research priority. The University of Bern, including Insel Hospital, is in a unique position to jumpstart this research owing to decades of investments in both health and clinical research as well as climate change research that have positioned the respective groups at the top international level.

To join forces OCCR and ISPM, with the support of the medical faculty, are establishing the new research group "Climate Change and Health".

Four candidates who have applied as group leaders will present and share their ideas on how to explore this important research field.

Program

9.20 – 9.30	Welcome and introduction
9.30 – 10.00	Magda Cepeda: <i>Health effects of climate change: understanding and communicating the role of ambient temperature and urban built environment</i>
10.00 - 10.30	Samuel Fuhrmann <i>Pesticide exposure and health effects in relation to climate change among populations in low- and middle-income countries</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Ana Vicedo Cabrera <i>Adaptation to climate change: current gaps, future challenges</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Ben Spycher <i>Giving climate change a human face</i>

We are looking forward to an exciting morning and hope to see you all there.