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Date 26 October 2021  
Location Langhans Hörsaal and on Zoom

### Program

**14.00 Welcome**

Oscar Franco, Director of ISPM

**14.05 Opening Words**

Claudio Bassetti, Dean of the Medical Faculty, University of Bern

**14.15 Introducing a New Discipline and a Widened Way  
of Thinking about Health**

Theodor Abelin, ISPM Director 1971-2000

**14.40 Reflections on a Journey from A to B**

Matthias Egger, ISPM Director 2002-2018

**15.05 Coffee Break**

**15.30 Public Health in Switzerland: History and Future**

Thomas Zeltner, Founder and first Chairman of  
the WHO Foundation

**15.55 Public Health Worldwide: History and Future**

Michelle Williams, Dean Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**16.20 Closing Words, Vision 2030**

Oscar Franco, Director of ISPM

**17.00 End**