

ETH Zurich Executive Board 2023

as of 31 December 2023

Joël Mesot (1964)

was appointed Adjunct Professor at ETH Zurich in 2007 and a year later became Full Professor. Since August 2008 he has held a joint professorship in physics at ETH Zurich and EPFL. From 2008 to 2018 Mesot was Director of the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) in Villigen. He became President of ETH Zurich in January 2019.



Secondary employment

Member of the Governing Board of Geneva Science-Policy Interface; Co-Chair of the Academic Forum Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator; Member of the Advisory Board of the University of Geneva Development Plan "Campus 2032".

Günther Dissertori (1969)

came to ETH as Assistant Professor in 2001 and was appointed Full Professor of Particle Physics in 2007. Dissertori made a name for himself as a researcher in connection with the CMS experiment at CERN. He has received several awards for his teaching. He has been Rector of ETH Zurich since February 2022.



Editor in Chief of European Physical Journal C epj.org / Springer; Chair of the Foundation Board of Rotary Club Oerlikon; Chairman of the Advisory Board of Positrigo AG; Consultant for Spherene AG.

Christian Wolfrum (1972)

started out at ETH as Assistant Professor from 2008 to 2010. He went on to become Associate Professor from 2010 to 2016 and Full Professor of Translational Nutrition Biology at the Institute of Food Nutrition and Health at ETH Zurich with effect from 2017. His research focuses on the principles of adipocyte development and the associated progression of metabolic disorders. He has received several awards for his research. In addition to his role as full professor, he holds the post of Vice President for Research.



Editor of the Journal of Molecular Metabolism, Elsevier; Vice President of the German Society for Fat Science; PR Officer for the International Conference on the Bioscience of Lipids; Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Institute of Human Nutrition; Member of the Swissmem Research Committee; Trustee of the Schweizerisches Forschungsinstitut für Hochgebirgsklima und Medizin; Member of the Advisory Board of the Swiss Drone and Robotics Centre.

Vanessa Wood (1983)

was Assistant Professor from 2011 to 2015 and Associate Professor from 2015 to 2019. She has been Full Professor of Materials and Device Engineering at ETH Zurich since 2019. She was Head of the Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering from 2018 to 2020. Since 2021, in addition to her full professorship, she has been Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations.



Scientific Advisor to Batttrion AG; Member of the Senate of the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft; Member of the Advisory Board of eightinks AG.

Stefan Spiegel (1970)

has a Degree in Theoretical Physics from the University of Zurich, and Executive MBAs from Vienna University of Economics and Business and the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. He has over 20 years' management experience as a CFO, head of controlling and project manager specialising in organisational development of national and international companies. Before joining ETH, he was Chief Financial Officer and Member of Management of SBB Cargo AG. He has been Vice President for Finance and Controlling at ETH Zurich since April 2023.



Speaker, moderator and lecturer in his own name; Ambassador for Zurich Board London FP&A Club Ltd.

Ulrich Weidmann (1963)

has been Full Professor of Transport Systems at ETH Zurich since June 2004, and also served as Head of the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering from 2013 to 2015. He was Vice President for Human Resources and Infrastructure from 2016 to 2019. He has been Vice President for Infrastructure since 2020 and was also interim Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership from January to November 2020.



Member of the Board of Directors of VBG Verkehrsbetriebe Glattal AG; Trustee of the Board of Fachstelle für hindernisfreies Bauen; Member of the Board of Directors of Auto AG Schwyz; Member of the Expert Advisory Board for SBB Large Infrastructure Projects; Member of Senior Project Management for Regelwerk Technik Eisenbahn, Verband öffentlicher Verkehr; Member of the FDP Education Committee for the canton of Zurich; Education Committee of FDP Switzerland.

Julia Dannath (1977)

holds a doctorate in psychology and has been Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership since November 2020. Previously she worked for 12 years as a psychologist and most recently as the CEO of a consulting company supporting international organisations in developing their leadership and corporate culture.



Member of the supervisory boards of Mediclin AG and Rhön Klinikum AG; Founding Partner, Member and Vice President of the Board of Directors of Alsia & Partners AG; Board Member of Executive MBA 54 Community, University of St Gallen.

Robert Perich, Vice President for Finance and Controlling, stepped down from the ETH Executive Board on 31 March 2023 at his own request to take on a new role as Professor of Practice in the Department of Management, Technology, and Economics. Under his leadership a modern and future-proof finance and resource platform based on SAP S/4HANA was introduced, along with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

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Organisation Chart

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University Assembly →

Management and central administration

Executive Board and General Secretariat							
President Professor Joël Mesot							
	Rector Professor Günther Dissertori	Vice President for Research Professor Christian Wolfrum	Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations Professor Vanessa Wood	Vice President for Finance and Controlling Stefan Spiegel	Vice President for Infrastructure Professor Ulrich Weidmann	Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership Dr Julia Dannath	
							Secretary General Katharina Poiger Ruloff
Vice Rectors							
	VRs for: – Study Programmes – Curriculum Development – Doctoral Studies – Continuing Education						
Associate Vice Presidents							
	AVPs for: – Sustainability – Digital Transformation – IP Policy						
Staff units							
– Office of the President – Office for Faculty Affairs	– Rector's Staff	– Office of Research	– Office of Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations	– Office of Finance and Controlling	– Office of Infrastructure	– Office of Personnel Development and Leadership	– Legal Office
Administrative departments							
– Corporate Communications	– Academic Services – Student Services – Educational Development and Technology			– Controlling – Accounting – Financial Services	– Real Estate Management – IT Services – ETH Library – Safety, Security, Health and Environment – Facility Services – Campus Services – Engineering and Systems	– HR Consulting – Consulting for Professors – Development and Leadership – Diversity and Collaboration – HR Operations	
Academic departments							
Architecture and Civil Engineering	Engineering Sciences	Natural Sciences and Mathematics	System-oriented Natural Sciences	Management and Social Sciences			
Architecture	Mechanical and Process Engineering	Mathematics	Earth Sciences	Management, Technology, and Economics			
Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering	Information Technology and Electrical Engineering	Physics	Environmental Systems Science	Humanities, Social and Political Sciences			
	Computer Science	Chemistry and Applied Biosciences	Health Sciences and Technology				
	Materials	Biology					
	Biosystems Science and Engineering						

Competence centres and teaching and research facilities outside the academic departments:

