Dear colleagues,

The Otto Naegeli Prize for Medical Research was established in 1960 in memory of Professor Ottó Naegeli (1871-1938), distinguished scientist and lecturer of internal medicine at the University of Zurich. It is awarded every two years to researchers in Switzerland, with the aim of recognizing and stimulating outstanding medical and biomedical research. The Otto Naegeli Prize is considered one of the most prestigious scientific awards in Switzerland.

The recipient of the Otto Naegeli Prize 2022 – Dr. Nicolas Thomä from the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (FMI) – has been announced recently.

The recipient of the Otto Naegeli Prize 2020 – Prof. Dr. Christian Lüscher from the University of Geneva – has been announced in April 2020 but has thus far not been awarded his prize in an official ceremony due to the COVID-pandemic.

The Naegeli Foundation – with the support of the FMI – will now recognize both awardees in an Award Ceremony. It is our pleasure to invite you to this event, which will take place on:

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 16:30**

At the Biozentrum of the University of Basel,
Spitalstrasse 41, 4056 Basel, room U1 131

In addition to the laudatios for the awardees and their acceptance speeches, the ceremony will feature a presentation by guest speaker Prof. Aaron Ciechanover, a Nobel Prize laureate. It will last a bit less than 2 hours and will be followed by an apéro. Please see more details in the program attached.

**PLEASE REGISTER HERE** (by June 1)

We are looking forward to seeing you at this celebration.

Kind regards,

Dirk Schübeler,  
Director FMI

Felix Kesselring,  
President of the Otto Naegeli Foundation Board
PROGRAM

16:00  Door opening

16:30  Musical opening

Welcome
Prof. Dr. Dirk Schübeler, Director of the FMI
Dr. iur. Felix Kesselring, President of the Otto Naegeli Foundation Board

Laudatio for Christian Lüscher
Prof. Dr. Silvia Arber, Professor for Neurobiology/Cell Biology, FMI and Biozentrum, University of Basel

Acceptance speech
Prof. Dr. Christian Lüscher

Guest speaker
Prof. Dr. Aaron Ciechanover, Nobel Prize laureate, Distinguished Research Professor in the Faculty of medicine at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel
The ubiquitin proteolytic system – from a curiosity to the center stage of the pharma industry

Musical interlude

Laudatio for Nicolas Thomä
Prof. Dr. Susan Gasser, Director of the Foundation of the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer (ISREC)

Acceptance speech
Dr. Nicolas Thomä

Closing
Dr. iur. Felix Kesselring, President of the Otto Naegeli Foundation Board

Musical closure

18:15  Apéro riche