

Otto Naegeli Prize 2026

Invitation to the Award Ceremony

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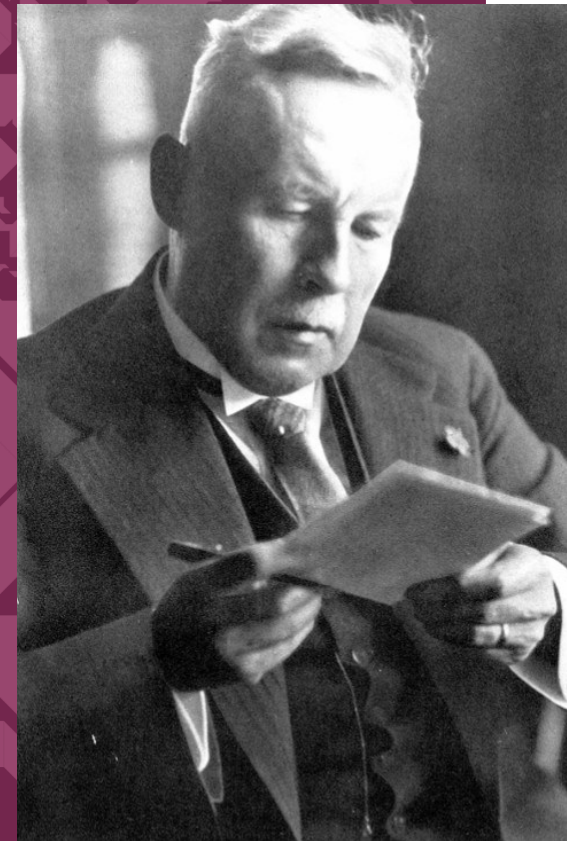
Tuesday, 19 May 2026

Time

4.30 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.)

Location

ETH Zürich
Rämistrasse 101
Audi Max, HG F 30



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Otto Naegeli Prize

The «Otto Naegeli Prize» was established in 1960 in memory of Professor Otto Naegeli, distinguished scientist and teacher of internal medicine at the University of Zurich, who passed away in 1938. The «Otto Naegeli Prize» for Medical Research is one of the most highly esteemed biomedical awards given in Switzerland. It enjoys significant international attention. The «Otto Naegeli Prize» aims to stimulate and recognize outstanding medical and biomedical research and is awarded every other year to researchers in Switzerland.



Recipient of the Otto Naegeli Prize 2026

Prof. Dr. Paola Picotti

Paola Picotti was born in Udine, Italy, in 1977. After studying medicinal chemistry at the University of Padua, she obtained her PhD in biotechnology in 2006. She then joined Ruedi Aebersold's group at ETH Zurich as a postdoctoral researcher, where she played a major role in developing targeted proteomics based on selected reaction monitoring. In 2011, she was appointed to the faculty at ETH

Zurich, first as an assistant professor at the Institute of Biochemistry and subsequently as an associate professor and full professor at the Institute of Molecular Systems Biology.

Paola Picotti and her group are best known for the development of mass spectrometric technologies that enabled global protein structural analysis directly from clinical and biological samples and for the application of these tools to the study of neurodegenerative diseases.

Prof. Picotti has authored 120 Publications, many of which have appeared in leading scientific journals. For her research achievements, Prof. Picotti has received numerous prestigious awards, including the EMBO Gold Medal, the Cotter Award of the US-HUPO, the World-HUPO Discovery in Proteomics Sciences Award, the SGMS Award, the Friedrich Miescher Award, the Juan-Pablo Albar Award of the European Proteome Association and the Rössler and Latsis Prizes of ETH Zurich. She is a member of the Leopoldina and EMBO and the recipient of a Starting grant and a Consolidator grant from the European Research Council.



Guest Speaker

Prof. Dr. Kathryn S. Lilley

Kathryn S. Lilley is Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Cambridge and Director of the Cambridge Centre for Proteomics. She is an elected member of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and a Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. An internationally recognized leader in proteomics, her research focuses on developing advanced mass spectrometry-based

approaches to investigate the spatial organization and dynamics of proteins within cells.

Musical Performance

Galatea Quartet - Yuka Tsuboi (Violin), Sarah Kilchenmann (Violin), Hugo Bollschweiler (Viola)
Julien Kilchenmann (Cello)

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Program

4:00 p.m. Doors open

4:30 p.m. Musical Opening

Opening Remarks

Prof. Annette Oxenius, ETH Vice President for Research

Dr. Marco Cereghetti, President of the Otto Naegeli Foundation Board

Laudatio for Prof. Dr. Paola Picotti

Prof. Dr. Markus Stoffel, Head of ETH Department of Biology

Award Ceremony and Acceptance Speech

Prof. Dr. Paola Picotti, Professor at the ETH Department of Biology

Musical Interlude

Guest Speaker

Prof. Dr. Kathryn S. Lilley, Professor of biochemistry at the University of Cambridge

"Beyond protein expression: unravelling the complexities of the proteome"

Musical Interlude

Closing Remarks

Dr. Marco Cereghetti, President of the Otto Naegeli Foundation Board

Musical Finale

6:00 p.m. Apéro riche

Registration

Please register by 30 April 2026 using the QR code.

