



# Proposal

## Establishing a Suisse-Romandie Chapter of the Basel Biometric Society

### Abstract

This proposal aims to establish a new chapter of the Basel Biometric Society in Suisse-Romandie (a French speaking area of Switzerland) to engage local professionals and students in statistics and its applications, enhancing access to resources, networking, and professional development.

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## 1. Executive Summary

This proposal aims to establish a new chapter of the Basel Biometric Society in *Suisse-Romandie*, the French-speaking region of Switzerland. The goal is to extend the society's reach and impact by engaging professionals, researchers, and students interested in statistics, biostatistics, and their applications, including but not limited to clinical studies, drug development, biometrics, and regulatory affairs. Establishing a local chapter will enhance access to resources, networking opportunities, and professional development for individuals in the area.

## 2. Purpose

The establishment of a *Suisse-Romandie* chapter will enhance the society's presence and foster a sense of community among local professionals. This chapter will provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and professional development. The benefits of these establishments are as follows:

- a. **Increased Membership:** Attracting current or new members who may find it challenging to participate in events centered in German-speaking region of Switzerland.
- b. **Local Engagement:** Fostering a sense of community and providing opportunities for members to connect, collaborate, and share ideas through regular meetings and social events.
- c. **Advocate for the Field:** Helping the BBS reach a broader audience and promoting the importance of biostatistics and biometrics in clinical research and drug development.
- d. **Support Professional Development:** Offering training sessions and career guidance to help members advance in their careers.
- e. **Promote Knowledge Sharing:** Organizing events such as gatherings, seminars, workshops, and conferences to disseminate the latest advancements and methodologies in statistics and biostatistics.

## 3. Proposed Structure and Plan:

- a. **Leadership:** The chapter will be led by a committee comprising a Local Chair, Local Vice-Chair, Local Secretary, and Local Treasurer. These positions will be filled through elections held among the chapter members once the local chapter is established and members are gathered.

- b. **Membership Recruitment:** A membership drive will be launched targeting industry professionals and research institutions at first, then possibly reach out to universities in *Suisse-Romandie*. An invitation for the first kick-off gathering event will be sent to gauge interest.
- c. **Activities and Events:** The chapter will organize regular seminars, workshops, and networking events. Collaborations with local institutions will be sought to host joint events and promote the society's mission.

## 4. Support and Resources:

To successfully establish the new chapter, the following support is requested from the board:

- a. **Approval and Endorsement:** Formal approval to establish the Swiss Romandie chapter and endorsement from the Basel Biometric Society.
- b. **Guidance and Mentorship:** Assistance from the board in setting up the chapter and guidance on best practices for running a successful chapter.

## 5. Conclusion:

The establishment of a *Suisse-Romandie* chapter will significantly enhance the Basel Biometric Society's presence and impact in Switzerland. This initiative will bring valuable opportunities for professional growth and collaboration to the region.

## 6. Appendix:

### 6.1. Potential Founding Members

- Bristol Myers Squibbs (Boudry, Neuchatel)
- Cytel (Geneva, Geneva)
- Philip Morris International (Neuchatel, Neuchatel)
- CSL Vifor (Villars-sur-Glâne, Fribourg)
- Debiopharm
- École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- Unisanté (Lausanne, Vaud)

### 6.2. Potential Interested Members

- Incyte
- Nestle
- University of Neuchatel
- University of Lausanne
- University of Geneva
- CHUV

### 6.3. Example Activities

#### 1. Networking Events:

- o **Meet-and-Greet Sessions:** Informal gatherings to help members network and share ideas.
- o **Annual Conferences:** Larger events that bring together members from different regions to discuss advancements and collaborate on projects.

#### 2. Seminars and Workshops:

- o **Educational Seminars:** Regular seminars on current topics in biostatistics and biometrics, featuring guest speakers from academia and industry.
- o **Hands-on Workshops:** Practical workshops on statistical software, data analysis techniques, and emerging technologies in biometrics.

#### 3. Collaborative Projects:

- o **Research Collaborations:** Initiatives to promote joint research projects among members and with local institutions.
- o **Industry Partnerships:** Collaborations with pharmaceutical companies and research organizations to address real-world challenges.

4. **Educational Outreach:**

- **Student Engagement:** Programs to involve students from local universities, including mentorship opportunities and internships.
- **Public Lectures:** Events aimed at educating the general public about the importance of biostatistics and biometrics in healthcare.

5. **Professional Development:**

- **Career Development Workshops:** Sessions on resume writing, interview skills, and career planning.

6. **Publications and Resources:**

- **Newsletter:** A regular newsletter to keep members informed about upcoming events, recent research, and society news.
- **Resource Library:** An online repository of educational materials, research papers, and recorded seminars.