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	Chairperson, EMBO Course Committee	1994-1998
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Short summary in words: Susan Gasser studied biology and biophysics at the University of Chicago and completed her PhD at the University of Basel, establishing in vitro mitochondrial protein import with G. Schatz. As a postdoctoral fellow with U.K. Laemmli, she identified topoisomerase II as a structural component of metaphase chromosomes and a role for AT rich sequences in long-range chromatin organization. Joining the Swiss Institute for Experimental Research in Cancer as a group leader in 1986, she initiated a combined genetic and fluorescence microscopy approach to understand the functional organization of the nucleus. Her laboratory identified mechanisms that position telomeres and silent chromatin in the yeast nucleus, and demonstrated the functional impact of this spatial organization, as well as of interphase chromatin dynamics. This has now been extended to effects during development in C. elegans. In parallel, Susan pioneered the study of RecQ helicases and chromatin remodellers in the repair of double-strand breaks and fork-associated damage, applying quantitative microscopy to examine DNA repair in the context of the nucleus. Dr Gasser held a professorship at the University of Geneva from 2001-04, and at the U. of Basel since 2005. In November 2004, she was appointed the Director of the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research. She served on and chaired a number of boards and advisory councils, including the Swiss National Research Council, the EC Presidents Science and Technology Advisory Council, and the EMBO Council. Among other distinctions, she received the Otto Nägeli Prize in 2006, the International INSERM award in 2011, the FEBS/EMBO Women in Science award in 2012 and the Weizmann Institute Science Award in 2013.

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