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## Save the Date – Kick-Off Event on 20 April 2021

Zurich, 16. December 2020

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

The LOOP Zurich, the new medical research center in Zurich, is a joint initiative of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich as well as the University Hospital Zurich, the University Children's Hospital Zurich, the University Hospital Balgrist and the University Hospital of Psychiatry Zurich. The goal of The LOOP Zurich is to promote patient-focused research projects and transfer new medical insights into clinical practice within the field of precision medicine. LOOP projects are cross-institutional and interdisciplinary by design, combining basic biomedical research and medical technology, bioinformatics as well as clinical research.

The first call for proposals is currently open. Research consortia including internationally renowned specialists from the initiative's founding institutions are developing major projects. These projects aim to bolster precision medicine at the Zurich research hub in the long term and raise its profile on the international stage. Two large-scale research projects will be selected from among all entries in spring 2021. Funding in the amount of CHF 5 million is available for each winning project. Further calls for proposals will follow in the years to come.

To celebrate the importance of The LOOP Zurich as a strategic initiative and mark the occasion of the first-ever LOOP research projects, we have organized a kick-off event, to which you are cordially invited.

The event is scheduled to take place on

**20. April 2021, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.**

At the event, the two lead applicants of the new LOOP research projects will present their projects and highlight their significance for medical research in Zurich, within Switzerland and abroad.

When it comes to planning the strategic direction of The LOOP Zurich, the Scientific Advisory Board, which comprises internationally acclaimed experts in their respective fields, plays an important role. It is our great pleasure to announce that two members of the Scientific Advisory Board have agreed to share their experiences with us at the event:

Prof. Markus Schwaiger, Medical Director at Rechts der Isar Hospital in Munich and Founding Director of the Central Institute for Translational Cancer Research at the Technical University of Munich (TranslaTUM)

and

Prof. Nicholas Schork, Director of the Quantitative Medicine and Systems Biology Division at the Translational Genomics Research Institute in Phoenix, Director of Human Biology at the J. Craig Venter Institute in La Jolla and Adjunct Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health at the University of California in San Diego

These two researchers from Germany and the USA are experts at the vanguard of their fields. They exemplify how technology and cutting-edge methods can not only enhance medical research but also be used to benefit patients on a daily base.

The kick-off event is being planned as an on-site event in the Careum Auditorium (Pestalozzistrasse 11, 8032 Zurich). Should this not be possible due to measures taken to combat the pandemic, the event will be held as a virtual meeting. We will provide you with up-to-date information in due course.

Please save the date for this kick-off event. We look forward to seeing you on 20 April 2021 – either in person or online.

Sincerely,



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