

**GISOU VAN DER GOOT APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE LOUIS-JEANTET FOUNDATION
FROM THE 1ST OF JANUARY 2027**

Geneva, 15th September 2026 – The Louis-Jeantet Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor GISOU VAN DER GOOT as President of the Board of Trustees with effect from the 1st of January 2027.



Gisou van der Goot is an internationally renowned scientist who specialises in both molecular mechanisms of cell organisation and communication, and in rare genetic diseases.

She is currently a professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), where she has also held key academic roles, notably as Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences (2014–2020) and subsequently as Vice-President for Responsible Transformation (2021–2024), in which capacity she worked to strengthen inclusivity and sustainability within the institution.

Her career has been characterised by her commitment to training, mentoring and supporting young researchers. She has received numerous prizes and honours, notably being the first woman to be awarded the Marcel Benoist Prize, and she was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Gisou van der Goot has been involved with the Foundation for many years, and will bring an in-depth knowledge of its history, values and mission to her new role, as well as a detailed understanding of the scientific, societal and institutional issues that shape its work today.

From the 1st of January 2027, she will succeed Professor Denis Duboule, to whom the Foundation's Board of Trustees extends its deepest gratitude for his unwavering commitment to the Foundation during his two terms as President.

About the Louis-Jeantet Foundation

For over forty years, the Louis-Jeantet Foundation has been supporting biomedical research in Europe, in both its clinical and fundamental aspects. Through its awards and initiatives, it encourages the pursuit of innovative research at every stage of researchers' careers.