

Claire-Anne SIEGRIST

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Claire-Anne Siegrist is Professor of Vaccinology, Director of the Pediatrics Department at the University of Geneva (Switzerland), Director of the Center of Vaccinology of the University Hospitals of Geneva, Head of the WHO's Collaborating Center for Neonatal Vaccinology and President of the Swiss Advisory Committee for Immunizations (CFV/EKIF).

Born in Zurich in January 1958, Claire-Anne Siegrist studied medicine in Geneva and obtained a PhD from the University of Geneva in 1983, where she pursued her clinical education in pediatrics and infectious diseases. After a period in Marseilles (France), where she obtains an Advanced Diploma in Immunology, she is back in Geneva and, in 1994, she initiates a new research group for Vaccinology and Neonatal Immunology, identified as Collaborating Center of the WHO in 1996. After her Privat-Dozent, she participates to the creation of the first European Chair in Vaccinology, where she is nominated in April 2000. Her nominations at the Swiss Academy of Medicine in 2002 and at the Research Board of the Swiss National Scientific Fund in 2004 attest to the quality of her scientific path and to the high quality of her researches.

Claire-Anne Siegrist is passionate for all aspects of vaccinology, from fundamental immunology research works, more particularly vaccines for newborn babies and infants, to clinical research, public health and communication challenges to the general public. Consultant for numerous national and international committees, among which the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization which advises the British government and the prestigious Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) of WHO, Claire-Anne Siegrist takes an active part in informing and training both health professionals and the general public in the field of immunizations. She initiated numerous successful projects, including the InfoVac (www.infovac.ch) expert network, the viavac expert software and the Swiss electronic immunization record (www.myvaccines.ch).

The quality and the objectivity of her engagement for the promotion of evidence-based vaccinology is recognized and appreciated worldwide.