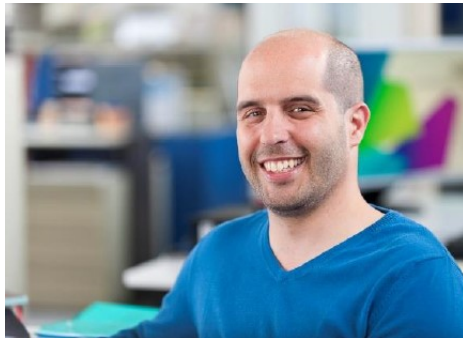


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Biographies of speakers and moderators (in alphabetical order)



Patrick Aebi started his professional career with an apprenticeship as Electronics Technician at the company Ascom in Bern and graduated with the Federal Diploma of Vocational Education and Training. He continued his formation by obtaining the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate at the BFH (Berner Fachhochschule), a Diploma as Multimedia Producer, the Federal Diploma of Higher Education and the Federal Certificate as full-time vocational trainer. After his diploma as Web developer, he worked as Project Manager for the company Pulse communications in Bern before returning to Ascom where he held different functions (Vocational trainer in computer science, Head of computer science in VET-Center). Since 2012, Patrick Aebi is Deputy Managing Director (founder & partner) at the ICT Berufsbildungcenter AG in Bern and Zurich.



Manuel Allenspach is a young, yet experienced Software Engineer. He started an IT apprenticeship as Computer Scientist in 2011 and, two years later, he won his first gold medal at the national SwissSkills competition. He further showed his competence both on the job and by winning several more medals, as for instance by winning the WorldSkills competition in 2017.

He replaced multiple business-critical Access databases with a modern ASP.NET MVC solution, developed and improved a high-throughput ECM system and designed the architecture of several software projects based on microservices.

Today Manuel Allenspach is pursuing a Bachelor of Science ZFH (Zürcher Fachhochschule) in Computer Science and is working for Abraxas AG in St. Gallen as Software Engineer, but plans to be self-employed soon.



Prof. Dr. Frank Baert is the academic director of KU Leuven Sint-Lucas Ghent Campus, Ghent Technology Campus and Aalst Campus. He is also advisor to the rector of the KU Leuven for KU Leuven Integration. Prof. Baert is member of several university boards and was involved in several committees of the Minister of Education. His experience is mainly in higher education and dual education, with several focusses such as 'management and strategy', 'cooperation business-university' and 'internationalization'. Starting from 2018, Prof. Dr. Baert is chairman of the Flemish Partnership Dual Learning.



Hilde Crevits is the current Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister of Education. Previously, she was Minister for Mobility and Public Works (2009-2014) and Minister for Public Works, Energy, Environment and Nature (2007-2009). As a graduated lawyer (University of Ghent), she works as a lawyer at the Bar in Bruges since 1990. In the current legislation, Minister Crevits is – apart from other topics – focused on the implementation of dual learning in Flanders, together with the Minister for Work, Mr. Philippe Muyters.



Mauro Dell'Ambrogio, holder of a Doctorate in Law from the University of Zurich, held a number of public offices in the canton of Ticino from 1979 to 1999 after passing his bar exam: Judge, Chief of the Cantonal Police, Secretary-General for Education and Culture, Project Manager for the creation of the University of Lugano (USI) and Secretary-General of the USI.

After four years of heading a group of private clinics, he was made Director of the University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) in 2003. He has been mayor of Giubiasco, a member of the Ticino cantonal parliament and Chairman of the Ticino electricity works.

From 2008 to 2012, he was State Secretary for Education and Research in the Federal Department of Home Affairs. In January 2013, he was appointed State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation in the newly created Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research.



Niko Demeester is Secretary-General of Voka, Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, since September 2011. He is responsible for impacting public policies via study, lobby, communication and stakeholders management. In 2017, Voka was acknowledged as the 'lobby champion' of Belgium, having the most impact on public policies since 2014. Prior to joining Voka, Niko served as the Chief of Staff for the Minister of Economy and Administrative Simplification. He was also Director-General of Statbel, Belgium's National Statistical Institute, and was active in consulting. He started his career working as an Advisor for the Federation of Enterprises in Belgium. Niko holds a Master's degree in Economics (KU Leuven) and a Certificate of Global Management (INSEAD).



Jonas De Raeve is a policy advisor at Voka, Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Voka advises the Flemish government and parliament on all topics with an impact on the competitiveness of companies. Voka has been actively promoting the dual system in Flanders. Besides policy work, he coordinates education projects across the regional Voka departments. Before Voka, he worked at the cabinet of the Vice-Minister-President of the Government of Flanders.



Thomas Emch started his professional career with an apprenticeship as an Electrician in 1978. Additionally to the Federal Diploma of Electrician, he also obtained the Federal Diploma 'Electrical Installation' and the Federal Diploma 'Economics SME'. In 1982, he started to work as Electrician at Gfeller AG in Bern and as of 1985 as Project Manager Electrical Installation at Elektro Emch AG also located in Bern. In 1989, he became the owner and CEO of the Elektro Emch AG where he is still active today. From 2008 to 2017, Thomas Emch was President of the Association of the Electrical Installation Companies of the canton of Bern and is currently Chairman of the Board of the Swiss Cooperative Society of Purchase and Marketing of the SME Electrical Installation Companies.



Eva Kyndt, PhD, is professor of Human Resource Development and Management at the Research unit for Occupational & Organisational Psychology, and Professional Learning (KU Leuven - University of Leuven, Belgium). Her research focuses on (informal) workplace learning, transfer of training, social networks in organisations, and the transition from education to work. She has published in leading education and occupational psychology journals and is currently coordinating the special interest group 'learning and professional development' of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI).



Carl Lamote, PhD, works at the Department of Education and Training, Ministry of Education, since 2013. Within the Ministry, he is involved in the link between secondary education and labor market, with a specific focus on apprenticeships, dual learning and internships of students. Due to this focus, Carl Lamote was one of the authors of the regulation of dual learning in Flanders. Before 2013, he worked at the University of Leuven, where he obtained a PhD in Educational Sciences.



Irina Tuor is 21 years old and comes from Brigels in the canton of Grison in Switzerland. After her regular school years in her community, she was inspired to pursue an apprenticeship as a Healthcare Assistant in the hospital of Chur. She received her Federal Diploma of Vocational Education and Training in 2016. Later that year, Irina Tuor decided to continue her education by starting the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate, which she completed in June 2017. She participated in 2016 at the Swiss Championship of Healthcare Assistants and reached the first place. This victory led her to the Worldskills competition of 2017 taking place in Abu Dhabi, where she won the gold medal in the Health and Social Care category. After the Worldskills she travelled abroad to learn English for half a year. She is currently working in a hospital in Chur as a Healthcare Assistant and will start in October the preparation for the University Aptitude Test.

VALENTIN VOGT (1960)



Position

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Education

Lic. oec. HSG St. Gallen, Switzerland

Professional background

Since 2011	Self-employed, Switzerland
2000 – 2011	CEO, Burckhardt Compression Group, Switzerland
1992 – 2000	General Manager, Sulzer Metco AG, Switzerland
1989 – 1992	CFO, Sulzer Metco Division, Switzerland
1986 – 1989	CFO, Alloy Metals, USA
1985 – 1986	Controller, Sulzer AG, Switzerland

Duties and responsibilities

- Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Strategy Committee

Other activities and commitments

- Board member, Bucher Industries AG, Switzerland
- Board member, Kistler Holding AG, Switzerland
- Board member, Ernst Göhner Stiftung Beteiligungen AG, Switzerland
- Chairman of the Swiss Employers' Association, Switzerland
- Member of the Economic Advisory Board, Swiss National Bank, Switzerland



Marion Vrijens is the Deputy head of cabinet of Hilde Crevits, Vice Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister of education. Within the cabinet, Marion Vrijens is in charge of the policy preparation on the transition between education and labor-market and on social dialogue.



François Wolfisberg started his professional career with an apprenticeship as Baker/Pastry-Maker and obtained in 1981 his Federal Certificate of Capacity. A year later, he also obtained the Federal Certificate of Capacity as Pastry-Confectioner. From 1987 until 1989, he worked as Pastry Chef for different renowned hotels in Switzerland. During the years 1989 until 1996, he was the Head of Laboratory in the family owned bakery. As of 1996, he took over the family business from his father and became the new CEO and owner. In 1998, François Wolfisberg obtained the Federal Master Craftsman as Baker/Pastry-Confectioner and won numerous competitions (European Cup in 1999). He developed and enlarged the family business while retaining the traditions and high quality. Today the enterprise counts 65 employees, of which seven are apprentices. François Wolfisberg is also an expert for the Federal Certificate of Capacity as well as for the Master Certificate as Baker/Pastry-Maker.



Emanuel Andreas Wüthrich graduated from the University of Fribourg with a Master Degree in “social and VET pedagogy” in 2008. Earlier he obtained his BA from the University of Applied Science in Social Work in Bern and worked during his studies and afterwards with socially disadvantaged youth. In 2009, he started to work at Swiss Federal Institute for VET (SFIVET) in the Research and Development unit. For several years he was responsible for the accompaniment and development of the health care professions in VET of Switzerland and advised on the development of curricula and implementation methods and tools. He became a Senior Lecturer for VET Pedagogy at the University of Fribourg mandated by SFIVET and started to work in the international field and as a Senior Advisor in the International Relations Unit of SFIVET where he now advises on labour market oriented curriculum development, situation based teaching and instruction and - on a systemic level - on the development of efficient VET systems. He is currently involved in mandates in Singapore, India, Serbia, Albania and Ivory Coast.