Dear postdoctoral fellows,

We are pleased to announce the call for applications for the session

“PIs of tomorrow: The Future of Swiss Research”

at the next LS2 Annual Meeting 2021, taking place in Geneva, 18-19 February.

This session offers postdocs interested in an academic career an opportunity to present a plenary talk similar in format to a professorship interview seminar. Please, find all the information about the last PIs of tomorrow 2020 at https://annual-meeting.ls2.ch/specials/pis-of-tomorrow. The 2021 edition and call will be published in September under the same link.

Selected participants will have the chance to get a slot for a 15-minute presentation, which should appeal to a broad audience and in which both the achievements accomplished and the proposed future research are to be explained. The talk will be followed by a 10-minute discussion on various aspects of the proposed activity, as well as on career-oriented aspects of the presenter. A knowledgeable jury panel of professors will evaluate the presentations.

The best presentation will be awarded a prize. However, everyone is a winner as all presenters in the session will receive feedback from the jury in a one-to-one private session afterward. Moreover, as a participant in the LS2 Annual Meeting 2021, you will have the opportunity to expand or refresh your network in Switzerland, to interact with scientists in and outside your field. Only applicants having ties to Switzerland will be considered (i.e. Swiss citizenship, Swiss residency, past or on-going affiliation with a Swiss institution of at least two years by the 2021 meeting). Independent position holders are not eligible.

The following documents are required for the application:
1. Cover letter highlighting your interest and eligibility (max. 1 page)
2. Research statement including past work and future research plans with their scientific impact and significance (max. 300 words)
3. CV with a publication list (max. 2 pages)

Selection criteria:
- Scientific quality of proposed research
- Novelty and creativity
- Relevance and impact
- Research output

- Collaborations, networks and outreach
- Teaching and leadership
- Mobility
To apply, please follow the guidelines in the application link below, where you will be asked to upload your documents as a single pdf file (max. 5 MB) before November 1st, 2020 (23:59 CET):

https://form.jotform.com/PIOT2021

Questions about the session should be addressed to postdocsession@gmail.com.
If you are selected, your travel and accommodation fees will be paid by the LS2 organisation.

We are looking forward to your application and hope to welcome you in Geneva!

Yours sincerely,

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