Globally recognized for its expertise in artificial intelligence, the Idiap Research Institute is located in Martigny, Switzerland. Involved in numerous research projects at the national level (SNSF, Innosuisse), international (EU, USA), as well as with numerous companies, the Institute brings together more than 120 researchers and collaborators. All of them fulfil Idiap’s 3 missions: research, education and transfer of technology to stimulate entrepreneurship and to benefit society.

To anticipate the stepping down of its current director in 2020, the Institute is looking for its next

**DIRECTOR OF THE IDIAP RESEARCH INSTITUTE (100%)**

Under the supervision of Idiap Foundation Council and in collaboration with Idiap teams, the successful candidate will have the following **main missions**:

- Lead and manage the Institute in order to maintain its scientific reputation and strengthen its impact worldwide, committing to excellence in research, education, and technology transfer
- Identify and foster outstanding potential and visionary ideas, specify strategic guidelines and address issues in current scientific, technological and societal domains
- Initiate independent and creative research programs. As part of our affiliation with EPFL, the successful candidate is expected to be at the level of a full EPFL professor, and will be granted the equivalent academic title and teaching duties.

We are looking for a person with the following **skills and qualifications**:

- R&D leader in both industry and academia with evidence of participative management skills and fundraising abilities
- Excellent international reputation in the computer and/or engineering sciences, and a proven track record of the highest quality research in relevant areas
- High degree of social competence, assertiveness, and excellent communication and negotiation skills, with both the academic and industrial worlds
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary, multi-lingual and multi-cultural environment, with English and French as working languages.

In return, the Institute offers competitive salary and benefits, as well as a unique structure to develop state of the art projects, with a world leading team.

**Submission deadline**: Screening will start end of June 2019. Applications should be submitted to the ad-hoc Search Committee by e-mail to jean-albert.ferrez@netplus.ch. Questions can be submitted to Dr Jean-Albert Ferrez, chairman of the Search Committee, at the same address. Interested individuals should include their full CV, together with a list of publications, a concise (max 2 pages) statement of research and teaching interests, one page on management skills & project experience, and the names, addresses and e-mails of five references. Idiap is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity.