

## Official Communication

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### Idiap Appoints an Interim Management Team as It Looks to the Future

A leadership change is underway at Idiap. The Foundation Council has decided to appoint an interim management team to ensure continuity of the Institute's activities. This committee, made up of four internal members, brings together solid and complementary expertise to run the Institute collaboratively.

The committee comprises Christophe Rossa, Finance and Human Resources Director, who continues to ensure sound financial and personnel management; Professor Sébastien Marcel, a senior research scientist with over 20 years of experience at the Institute and international recognition, who ensures scientific continuity; Aïda El Faiz, Legal Advisor, who provides legal expertise; and Dr. Joël Dumoulin, responsible for technology transfer and industrial relations, who maintains the link between the Institute and its partners.

*"The Foundation Council has full confidence in this committee to lead the Institute's activities until further notice, and thanks them for their determination and commitment"* says Anne-Laure Couchepin, President of the Foundation Council.

The outstanding results of 2024 reflect the quality of work carried out at Idiap. The 2024 annual report presents a selection of projects completed or initiated during the year, showcasing the diversity and excellence of the Institute's activities – ranging from human-machine interaction to the AI-applied detection of diseases such as tuberculosis and cancer. Idiap also received exceptional recognition at the end of 2024 with an increased budget granted by the Swiss Confederation, along with renewed support from the Canton of Valais and the City of Martigny.

The beginning of 2025 confirms this positive momentum with several key milestones: Professor Daniel Gatica-Perez received the award for Best Professor in the field of Digital Humanities at EPFL; Professor Sébastien Marcel was named IEEE Fellow; the Distinguished Lectures series was launched with Samy Bengio, former Idiap researcher and now Senior Director of AI and Machine Learning at Apple; and three European projects were initiated, with a total value exceeding 3 million Swiss francs.

The Institute thanks the former Director, Professor Cavallaro, for his scientific excellence and commitment.

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## About

The Idiap Research Institute, located in Martigny, Switzerland, is a Swiss and world leader in artificial intelligence (AI) since 1991. With almost 200 employees, the Institute is specialized in several fields of AI, organized into four research programs: Human-AI Teaming, Sustainable and Resilient Societies, AI for Life, and AI for All. In addition to its cutting-edge research, Idiap actively participates in local, national, and international projects, fosters collaborations with companies, and drives continuous innovation in the field.