

CHAPS news (based on 09/2023 meeting)

- **CHAPS structure**

- Philippe Jetzer (UZH) is SCFA president and CHAPS chair.
- [SSAA/SGAA](#) corresponds to CHIPP (but separate president: Margit Haberreiter, PMOD).
- [CHAPS](#) (tenured astronomy professors) ~ CHIPP Board
- [SCFA](#) (Swiss Commission for Astronomy, committee of SCNAT) ~ CHIPP Executive Board

- **CHAPS membership**

- CHAPS members are (astronomy) professors with a permanent position in Switzerland. This includes titular professors but excludes, e.g., SNSF and ERC professors.
- A professor is in principle either a member of the CHIPP Board or of CHAPS, but not of both.

- **CHAPS activities**

- CHAPS defines strategic priorities for the Astronomy Roadmap and FLARE funding (as CHIPP for PP).
- [Swiss Astronomy Roadmap 2025 – 2028](#) (completed in 2022).
- Update situation unclear at meeting (but [SCNAT received mandate by SERI](#) at end of 2023 for update by end of 2024). Request to CHAPS members to join themes:
 - 1) Fundamental physics, 2) Origins: stars, galaxies and the evolving Universe, 3) Planets and search for extra-terrestrial life, and 4) Our home and its space environment.