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MEDIA RELEASE

Luca Jelmoni new Director of the Swiss Paraplegic Centre – Mirjana Bosnjakovic new Managing Director of ParaHelp

Nottwil, 18 December 2020 – At the request of the Swiss Paraplegic Centre (SPC) Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation has appointed Luca Jelmoni as the new SPC Director. He will succeed Hans Peter Gmünder, who is retiring early. Mirjana Bosnjakovic has also been chosen as the new Managing Director of ParaHelp.

Luca Jelmoni will assume his role as the new director of the Swiss Paraplegic Centre on 1 August 2021. He will succeed Hans Peter Gmünder, who has been director of the SPC since 2011 and will be retiring early in the summer of 2021. “Over the past ten years, Hans Peter Gmünder has led and shaped the SPC with prudence, determination and enormous commitment. Together with his team, he has succeeded in developing the SPC into a modern and globally unique clinic”, says Markus Béchir, Chairman of the Swiss Paraplegic Centre’s Board of Directors. “Luca Jelmoni has the perfect credentials to ensure that the SPC continues to be successful in the future. His excellent networking in the Swiss healthcare system and his exceptional track record are the perfect complement to his profile.”

Until he takes up his new role, Luca Jelmoni, who is 53 and from Pura (Canton of Ticino) will continue in his position as Director of the Ospedale Regionale di Lugano, the Institute of Clinical Neurosciences of Southern Switzerland and the Institute of Pharmacological Sciences of Southern Switzerland. He was previously a member of the General Management Committee of Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale (EOC), CEO at ProCrea Group and Manager Transaction Services and Corporate Finance at KPMG in Zurich. Jelmoni has a degree in engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Northwestern-Kellogg School of Management. He is married with two children.

Mirjana Bosnjakovic appointed as new Managing Director of ParaHelp

Mirjana Bosnjakovic will assume the role of Managing Director of ParaHelp as of 1 January 2021, taking over from Nadja Münzel, who has served six years in the role and has decided to become self-employed. Mirjana Bosnjakovic, who is 40, was previously Head of Performance Management and a member of the Management Team at Hirslanden Bern AG. She has also held management positions in the cantonal hospitals of Aarau, St. Gallen, Bruderholz and in the Regionalspital Emmental. Bosnjakovic is an expert in anaesthetic nursing and a qualified adult educator. She holds a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Adult & Professional Education and is currently studying for an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) in Healthcare. Mirjana Bosnjakovic lives in Bern and is the mother of a 10-year-old son.

“We were extremely impressed with Mirjana Bosnjakovic during the application process. She brings on board all the prerequisites to successfully position ParaHelp in the market, both strategically and operationally”, Sonja Bietenhard, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ParaHelp, states with conviction.

Luca Jelmoni and Mirjana Bosnjakovic were put forward by the respective Boards of Directors of their companies and selected by the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation's Board of Trustees. "We are delighted to have been able to recruit two such proven leaders in the Swiss healthcare sector as Luca Jelmoni and Mirjana Bosnjakovic for these important positions", says Heidi Hanselmann, President of the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation. "We are convinced that the personal values and strategic intuition possessed by both Luca Jelmoni and Mirjana Bosnjakovic will successfully advance the SPC and ParaHelp for the benefit of those with a spinal cord injury."

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Swiss Paraplegic Foundation

The Swiss Paraplegic Foundation (SPF) is the umbrella organisation of the Swiss Paraplegic Group and is one of the largest non-profit solidarity networks in Switzerland. The combination of complete services for people with spinal cord injuries from the scene of the accident through to medical care and rehabilitation, and lifelong support and advice is unique. Through their membership in the Benefactors' Association of the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation, 1.8 million people ensure a sustainable financial basis for the work of this solidarity network. Every day, around 1800 employees are committed to fulfilling their challenging tasks. The SPF was founded by Dr Guido A. Zäch in 1975. Further information is available at www.paraplegie.ch.

Swiss Paraplegic Centre

The Swiss Paraplegic Centre (SPC) in Nottwil (Canton of Lucerne) is a nationally and internationally recognised private specialist clinic for spinal cord, back, and respiratory care, offering acute treatment and rehabilitation for life. The SPC has 204 beds available. The SPC employs more than 1200 members of staff and belongs to the Swiss Paraplegic Group, which provides an integral network of services for the comprehensive rehabilitation of people with a spinal cord injury. Further information is available at www.paraplegie.ch/spz.

ParaHelp

ParaHelp, a subsidiary of the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation, offers specialist, individual, and targeted advice across Switzerland to people with a spinal cord injury and those around them. ParaHelp provides support on care topics such as avoiding complications and adapting to changed life situations. It also takes on the coordination of healthcare tasks for clients and promotes self-determination into old age. Further information is available at www.parahelp.ch (in German, French and Italian)