

SWISS
FOUNDATION
FOR INNOVATION
AND TRAINING
IN SURGERY



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

for Innovation, Training
and Research in Surgery

“ Our vision is excellence.
Our ambition, to become
the best surgical and
interventional training
center in Europe!

Prof. Pierre Hoffmeyer
President of the SFITS



“ The SFITS paves the
way for new standards
of surgical education
and innovation.

Dr. Jelena Godjevac
CEO



Training

Improve surgical
and interventional
practice by offering
continuous training to all
professionals working in
operating rooms

Exchange

Serve as a platform
for interdisciplinary
exchange between
teachers, researchers
and engineers

Innovation

Foster the emergence
of innovative ideas by
bringing the medical
and industrial worlds
together

OUR MISSION

Research

Host research projects
and support the
development of new
interventional and
surgical techniques and
technologies



2016

- Construction site opening

2017

- First training delivered

2018

- Official opening on April 17th

2019

- Face-to-face practical workshops, seminars & conferences
- e-learning modules
- Live stream

2020

- Online events
- Webapp SFITS Calendar
- Online platform & livestream app

2021

- Hybrid events
- Structured curricula
- SFITS online library

2022

- Platform for research projects
- Ecosystem of innovative partners
- Development of new techniques & technologies
- Platform to create cooperation revolving around innovation and research
- Partner for testing, R&D and validation of new concepts

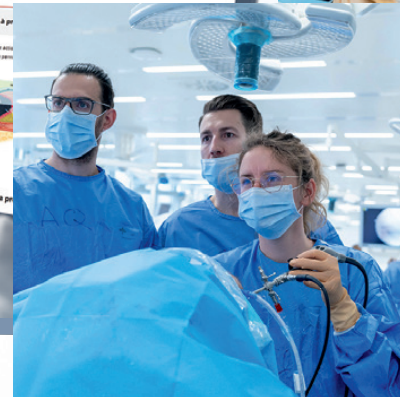
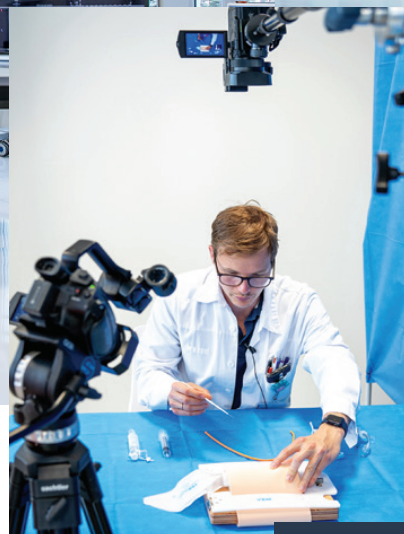
2023

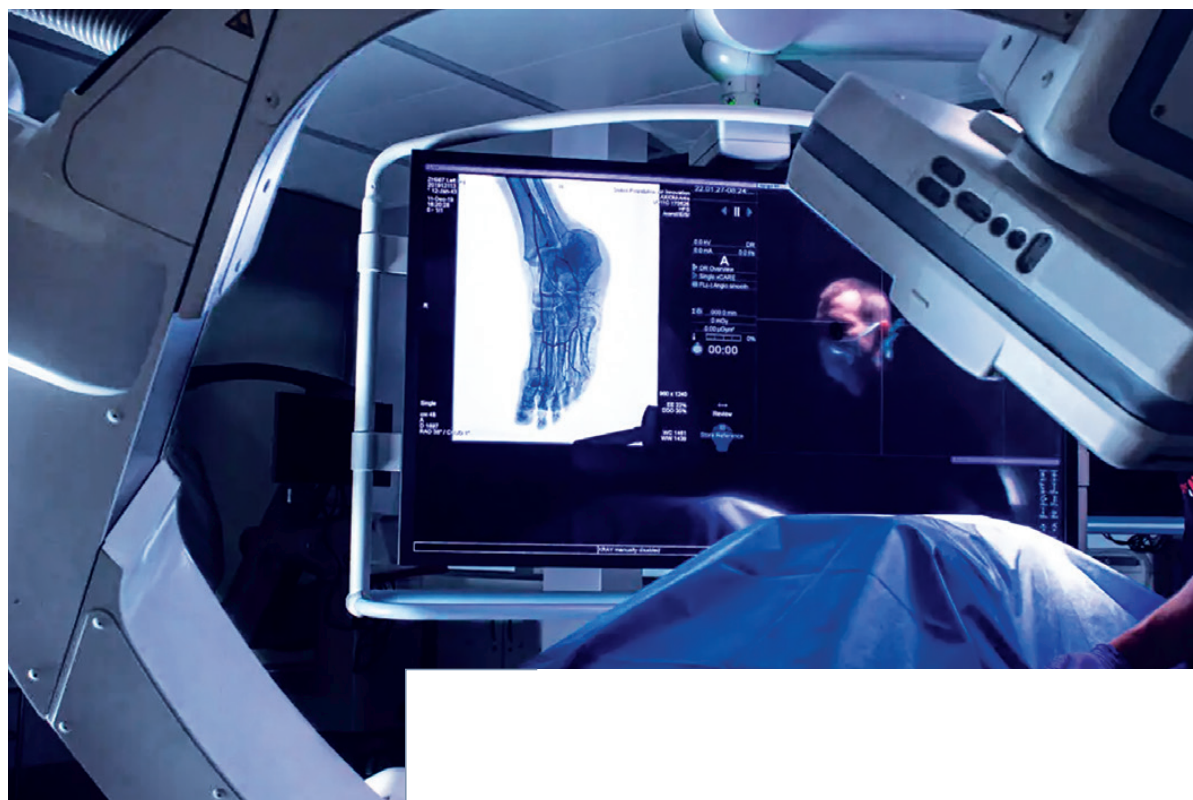
- Platform to create synergies around innovation and research
- Platform to test and validate concepts
- SFITS On-Demand

2025

2024

- Center of excellence with training standards
- Ecosystem for innovative startups





Who we are

The SFITS is a not for profit foundation, based in the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) complex in Switzerland.

We are specialized in hosting and organizing face-to-face, online and blended surgical and interventional training sessions and events for hospitals, medical associations and private companies. With a versatile modular space, our facility can easily be adapted to a wide range of learning modalities.



The SFITS offering is unique

- Almost real conditions
- A totally controlled environment
- Ethical access to anatomical specimens, organic parts, synthetic models
- Modern and well equipped infrastructure to host face-to-face, online and hybrid events
- Specific know-how and professional teams

The 5-star training and innovation center of excellence



Where you can

- Organize custom-made practical workshops, hybrid events, and conferences from A to Z
- Train your delegates in a secure environment, with no patient risk
- Configure your events in the right infrastructure
- Deliver best-in-class training experience, in adapted settings
- Benefit from a fully equipped and modern infrastructure, tailored to your needs
- Be at ease and rely on experienced and resourceful professionals for 5-star services
- Rely on our ethically managed anatomical specimens and organic parts
- Network and discuss with experts and OR professionals, engineers, academic researchers
- Test your concept, validate your innovation, get direct feedback



Our 3 pillars
for the
best-in-class
training experience

Unique know-how

- Experienced and resourceful teams
 - in wetlab preparation and assistance
 - in logistical coordination
 - in technical and biomedical assistance
 - in audiovisual engineering
 - in communication and accreditation management
 - in project and event management
 - in education management
- Efficient cross-functional processes
- Ethical management and strict medical codes of conduct

Versatile infrastructure

- Controlled and secured environment to safely practice
- Wetlabs fully equipped with modern biomedical equipment
- Hybrid room equipped with robotic arm and advanced 3D imaging system
- Imaging systems and radioprotection available in the center
- High-performance audiovisual routing system, with a control room
- Ultra-modern 50-seat auditorium connected to the center and external OR
- Modular conference rooms
- Luminous and comfortable lounge, for breaks and lunches

5-star services

- Customized wetlab services
- Full logistical and technical support
- Ethical management of anatomical specimens
- Organization of tailor-made practical workshops and events from A to Z
- Pedagogical engineering for face-to-face workshops, online modules and hybrid events
- Conception of instructional videos
- Catering and hospitality services





The open platform
to boost your
innovation strategies



The **SFITS Innovation Program** drives two initiatives to support and accelerate the emergence and development of new interventional and surgical techniques and technologies.

The Corporate R&D Program supports Medtech companies and R&D departments, eager to continue research and development of innovative solutions, and to test and improve in a clinical setting, thanks to the SFITS real-life conditions and specific capabilities.



The Startup Accelerator Program is designed to bring together the entrepreneurial, medical, industrial, and financial communities, creating a dynamic ecosystem where innovation can thrive. It represents a significant opportunity for startups in the surgical and interventional technology space, providing the resources, connections, and expertise needed to bring innovative solutions to the market.

The Corporate R&D Program

offers Medtech companies

- Immersion in a vibrant and creative environment with selected researchers and startups to nurture innovation
- Support to leverage a rich and fertile ecosystem of engineering schools and universities to build and feed your innovation pipeline
- Assistance in developing the best collaboration format with relevant stakeholders for your specific objectives
- Top-notch infrastructure, expertise and services to accelerate the development and testing of new surgical technologies with high confidentiality
- The right place to monitor technology and market trends related to the interventional medicine

The Startup Accelerator Program

facilitates the development and deployment of disruptive surgical technologies, by

- Providing top-notch infrastructures, expertise and services
- Encouraging market adoption and changes in operating practices
- Fostering collaboration between innovators, healthcare professionals, Medtech companies and investors
- Promoting innovative startups and solutions in the medical community and on the international stage



The SFITS Calendar is a free webapp made available to you to register for courses, to access e-learning modules and to download your training history (Logbook).

SFITS CALENDAR



SFITS Academy



Surgical Training Center of Excellence

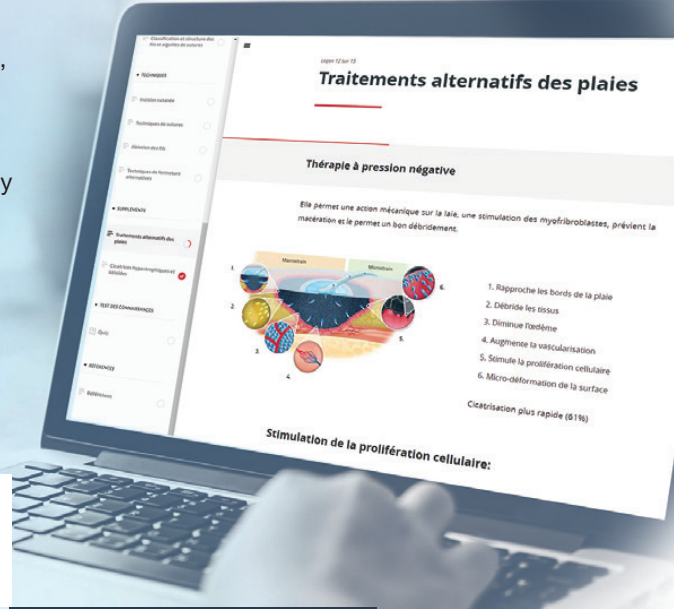
Theoretical and practical workshops of quality, in a secured environment that is close to the reality

- For all specialties
- For all levels (from basic to expert)
- For all OR professionals
- **Training center accredited by NASCE and GESEA**
- **Courses accredited by Swiss and European societies**



Access our e-learning modules to support your daily practice, wherever and whenever you want, at your own pace.

All modules are created and produced by the SFITS team, and accredited by the Swiss Society of Surgery.



SFITS E-LEARNING LIBRARY



The turnkey solution for your training needs

- Do you have specific training needs for your residents and staff?
- Do you wish to be assisted in implementing track-record workshops within your hospital?
- Do you have a dedicated room?
- Do you have inhouse faculty ready to dedicate time to train?

We take care of the rest!



Choose a practical workshop from our large variety of training, whether on synthetic models (Drylab), or on organic parts:

- Sutures
- Laparoscopy
- Surgical simulators (arthroscopy, laparoscopy, gastroenterology...), or
- Any other training from the SFITS Calendar (that meets the selection criteria)

We deliver to you the SFITS methodology to organize a 1-day hands-on workshop, on either dry synthetic material, or on organic parts, following the SFITS standards of excellence.

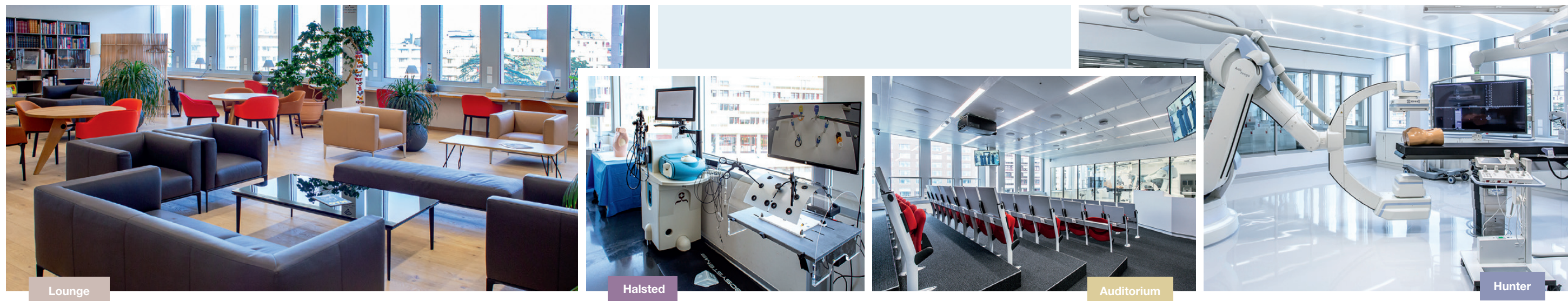
Train your residents with the SFITS standards of excellence!



Original Audio-Visual services

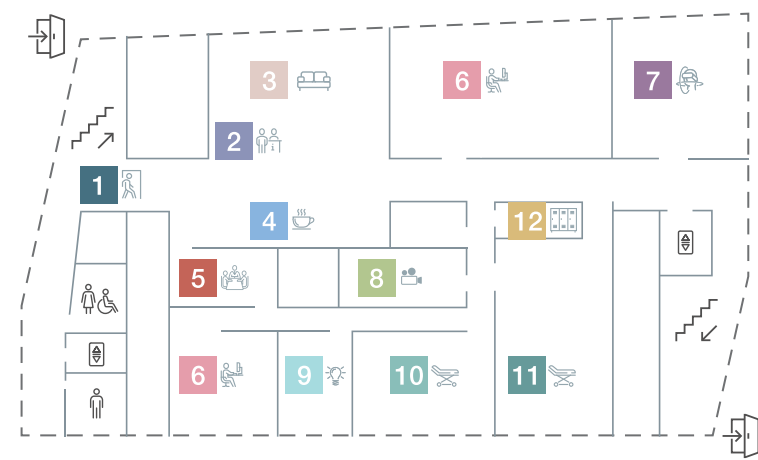
We assist you in creating, developing, editing, and publishing your online resources.

- **Anatomical illustrations:** Original anatomical drawings, illustrations and animations
- **Hybrid events:** event that combines the components of a TV-broadcast for in-person audience and a social and interactive live stream event for remote participants. Animation of online event, theoretical presentations, group discussions, Q&A, virtual break-out room sessions (online platform)
- **Live stream services:** intervention on patient in any fully equipped OR theater or anatomical dissections from one of our wetlabs
- **Video recording services:** in the HUG OR theater on a patient (upfront patient consent mandatory), or with built-in cameras (such as microscopes, surgical lights, endoscopes, navigation) or through 2D/3D Imaging equipment or any compatible biomedical equipment
- **Video editing services:** Storyboard, voice-over, technical captions



Our center

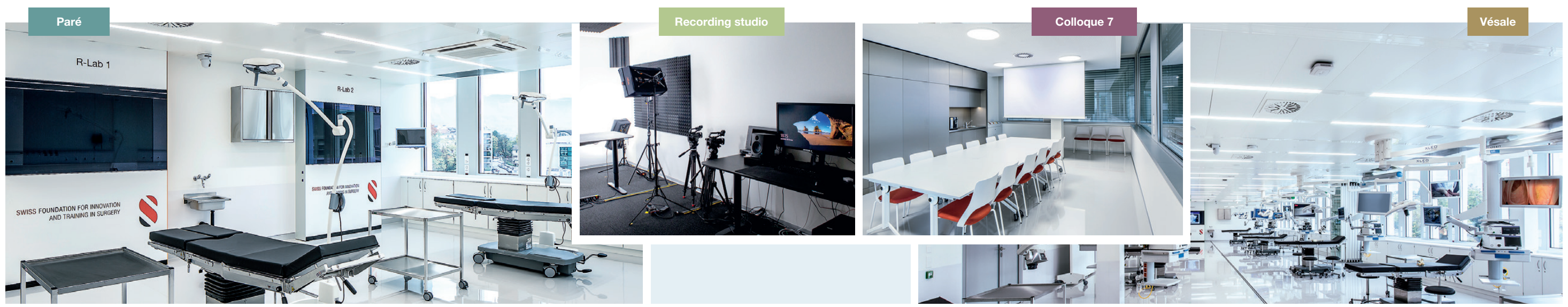
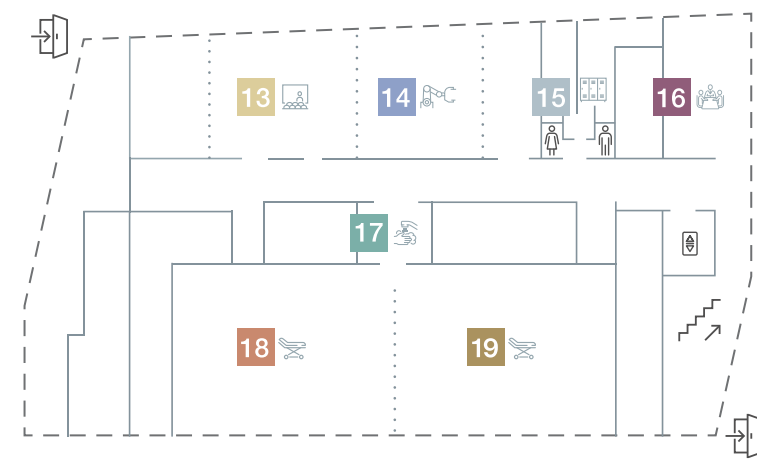
8th Floor



- 1 Main entrance
- 2 Reception
- 3 Lounge
- 4 Lunch area
- 5 Colloque 8 (Meeting room)
- 6 Offices
- 7 Halsted (Simulation room)
- 8 Studio
- 9 InnoLab
- 10 Kocher (Organic and Drylab)
- 11 Paré (WetLab)
- 12 Cloakroom

7th Floor

- 13 Auditorium
- 14 Hunter (Hybrid room)
- 15 Cloakrooms
- 16 Colloque 7 (Meeting room)
- 17 Scrubbing
- 18 Vésale 1 (WetLab)
- 19 Vésale 2 (WetLab)



How to get to the SFITS

By car	From Geneva main train station	From Geneva airport
Follow the <i>Hôpital</i> directions from the exit of the motorway	Bus n° 1, n° 5, n° 7, n° 35 Bus stop <i>Hôpital</i>	Train to Geneva train station (every 10 min) and bus n° 1, n° 5 (Bus stop <i>Hôpital</i> or train stop <i>Genève-Champel</i>))
PARKING Lombard	Bus n° 3 Bus stop Claparède	Taxi available
	Tram n° 12, 18 Bus stop Augustins	
	Taxi available	
	Train stop Genève-Champel	











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