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Professor Patrick Aebischer joins Foundation Board, World Economic Forum

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- Patrick Aebischer joins World Economic Forum ' s Foundation Board
- Foundation Board serves as guardian to World Economic Forum ' s missions and values
- The theme of the 43rd World Economic Forum Annual Meeting is Resilient Dynamism. For more information, visit http://wef.ch/Davos

Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, 26 January 2013 - The Foundation Board of the World Economic Forum has elected Patrick Aebischer, President Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne, Switzerland to join its Board.

Professor Aebischer reinforces the multistakeholder concept of the Forum to integrate leaders from all walks of life into the process to shape the global, regional and industry agenda. Professor Aebischer is also an active Member of the Global University Leaders Forum, the premier global community of university presidents on the future of higher education and research.

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