

# Switzerland

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## Hospital schools and hospital teachers

### Hospital Schools

There are **38** hospital schools in my country.

Sometimes one school works in many hospitals.

How many schools function according to this system? **None**

How many hospitals caring for children are there without a school?

**There is no specialised hospital for children without a hospital school but there are small local hospitals with paediatric departments without hospital schools (I guess about 5 - 10)**

### Hospital teachers

There are **around 90 mostly part time** hospital teachers in my country. **No** voluntary teachers or organisations.

**There are volunteers in hospitals who entertain children and adolescents but no teachers.**

### Organisation of the Hospital Education

Which authority pays your salaries? Local, government or both?

**It depends on the “Kanton” (district, county, “Bundesland”, prefecture... however it is called in other countries). In some hospitals the teachers are employed by the Ministry of Education or Ministry of Health, in others by the hospital itself (sometimes they get grants from the Ministry of Education or Health or from both). Few hospital teachers are paid by local public schools. In our hospital (University Children’s Hospital Zurich) we are paid by the hospital itself but the hospital gets funds for our salaries (from the Ministry of Education) and can ask money from the community where the sick children are coming from (from the local public school community).**

Who is your employer, state, council, municipality, hospital, other (explain)?

**Again: It depends on the Kanton: Ministry of Education of the Kanton, a local public school (municipality), the hospital itself...**

Is the right to education when ill or handicapped laid down in a legal document?

**I know only one Kanton where the right to education when ill is laid down officially in the law. This is the Kanton of Zurich.**

Do you know which one(s), §§ ? Is it possible for you to summarize?

**Kanton Zurich: § 33 Sonderklassenreglement zur Sonderschulung  
§ 15 lit. b says that the local school (where the patient comes from) has to cover the costs for school lessons in the hospital.**

Are there new developments in your country concerning the educational care of sick children and adolescents? If yes, which is the current development?

**After years during which hospital schools were closed, now there is a surprisingly high number of new hospital schools especially in newly opened paediatric departments of psychiatric hospitals / institutions or specialised hospital for psychosomatic problems in children and / or adolescents.**

### **Subscription of HOPE members**

- I centralise the subscription for HOPE **Yes, I do.**
- I send the total amount of the subscription to the treasurer and transmit the member’s list to the treasurer and the secretary by 1 September. **Yes, I do.**
- The fee is **not regarded as too high. I always make the members aware of the fact that the fees are very low so that members in economically not so well situated countries can be members as well but that we are a sort of expected to pay more in order to support other HOPE members. Fortunately, lots of members follow this appeal which is wonderful!**

### **Looking for new HOPE members**

- It is **difficult** to find new HOPE members  
**Yes, it is! Especially because of the fact that from almost every hospital school there is at least one teacher member of HOPE or there is a collective membership so that the “market is saturated”.**

- The amount of HOPE members has **increased** during the last two years. **Yes, it has.**  

Year:	Single members:	Collective members:	associated members:	Total:
2004	8	5	0	13
2005	5	7	0	12
2006	8	9	1	18
2007	10	9	2	21
2008	12	10	2	24
- Membership varies with the contents of the European Days of Congresses  
**No, it does not. I think it much more depends on my engagement of finding, gathering and forwarding information and facts. I do that with information from HOPE but also from other sources.**
- In my country there is **interest** in the work of HOPE
- In my country there is little of less interest in the work of HOPE?  
**There are some very interested members but only a few and unfortunately they have not been active for HOPE (as Board or Committee members or participants in workshops...). However, the members are interested in getting general information about hospital schools, education of ill or handicapped children and adolescents**  
**Unfortunately, there is nobody involved in a workshop of HOPE.**  
It is **difficult** for members in my country to find money to attend seminars, the European Days or Congresses.  
**Yes, it is. Most of the expenses have to be covered by the participant himself / herself.**
- How can people in my country be supported to find funding?  
**The hospitals should be aware of the fact that not only is it important to send physicians to international congresses but also hospital teachers and other staff should be enabled to attend international congresses and workshops.**

### **Dissemination of information**

- I spread information by mail/letters and digitally  
**Information is mostly spread by e-mails.**
- I spread information during meetings of the national organisation(s)  
**This is important too. At every annual meeting I pass on information from HOPE and from other international events.**
- I or members of HOPE in my country have sent articles and/or information to the editor of the Newsletter of HOPE during the last two years  
**I only sent one article during the last two years. Sorry, there were not more!**
- I don't have **difficulties** contacting HOPE members in my country  
**It is easy thanks to e-mail.**
- I include the flyer of HOPE, and the homepage of HOPE in the information package  
**From time to time I make aware of the homepage of HOPE or even of a specific part on the homepage.**
- The new Newsletter of HOPE, edited per country, has interested the members. **It depends on the topics and the kind of hospital where the teachers work. Some were interested others not so much.**

**There is no national organisation in Switzerland. However, every year another hospital organises a national meeting (one day). There are**

**presentations of external experts on the chosen topic and there are parts during which we exchange experience and information.**

**Comenius or other projects in your country**

**There are no Comenius or other international projects in my country.**

**Candidate for the Board of HOPE**

**Sorry, I could not find anybody.**

**Other remarks or themes you like to discuss during the Committee Meeting in Tampere, June 2008**

**I always think about ways how we could attract more (single) members. It is important for me that I can forward information via e-mail so that the members realise that it is worth to pay for the membership fee. So perhaps we could find a way to share more information within the countries with the same language(s) or neighbouring countries. It would mean that the Committee Members are more active in exchanging information.**