

The following two candidates are proposed as new board members of Swissphotonics replacing Ulrich Stärker and Valerio Romano

Dr. Selina Casutt - Managing Director Innovation Booster Photonics



Selina Casutt has more than 10 years of experience in the photonics industry. She has a background in physics and holds a PhD in ultrafast laser physics (both ETH Zürich, PhD in Ursula Keller's research group). She used to work as a project manager and team leader in R&D, responsible for the product development of optical systems. She knows how to manage customer relationships for technical aspects and customizations and to provide appropriate innovative solutions. Selina Casutt manages the Innovation Booster Photonics to foster innovations in photonics with her broad network and proven experience within the photonics community, both industry and science. The [Innovation Booster Photonics](#) is powered by Innosuisse, with the leading house Swissmem. **LinkedIn:** [Selina Casutt](#)

Prof. Dr. Beat Neuenschwander - Professor of Applied Laser Technology an BHF



Beat Neuenschwander studied physics at the University of Bern and realized 1996 his PhD at the Institute of Applied Physics in the field of diode pumped solid state lasers. From 1997 to 2002 he joined the company Numerical Modelling and since 2000 he is also at the Bern University of Applied Sciences BUAS where he lectures physics and applied laser technology. There he built up the laboratory for laser micro machining and laser surface engineering and became full professor in 2005. His main research topic, where he published more than 55 papers, is laser micromachining with ultra-short pulses and its industrial application. He is founder member of the national thematic network NTN swissphotonics, which he headed from 2008 – 2011 as managing director. Actually, he is expert for the funding agency Innosuisse, head of the optics section of the Swiss Society for Optics and Microscopy SSOM and chair of the LASE symposium at Photonics West. **LinkedIn:** [Beat Neuenschwander](#)