

Dr Sabina Schaffner

Personal profile

I have worked as an academic manager, language specialist, (language) teacher (trainer) and professional coach in different contexts.

Apart from my managerial skills and experience as President of the Swiss association SSH-CHES, I bring to the office of President my experience stemming from multiple previous activities in CercleS as a CercleS Conference co-organiser, member of the CercleS Focus Group Management & Leadership, workshop speaker and conference author.

Together with the Executive and Co-ordinating Committee, I follow a strategy focused on contributing to a diverse European community in Higher Education by investing in cooperation and innovative multilingual training and research that will have an impact on all member associations and their members.

Languages

German (native), French, English, Russian, Polish

Professional experience

- 2005 - Director of the Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich (www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch)
- 2013 - Professional coach (www.sabinaschaffner.ch)
- 2008-2010 President and Co-President of SSH-CHES (<https://ssh-ches.ch/en/>)
- 1997-2005 Teacher trainer and head of the Life-Long Learning Section of the Academy of Adult Education in Lucerne
- 1996-2004 Lecturer of Polish at the Slavonic Department of the University of Basel
- 1992-1996 Co-manager of a teacher-trainer project in language education run by the Swiss government in Poland
- 1983-1991 High-school teacher of French and Russian in Basel and Muttenz, Switzerland

Education and research

- 2003-2005 Research associate in the Fascism in Poland 1930-1939 project run by the Swiss National Science Foundation
- 1993 PhD in Russian Literature, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 1987 Teaching Diploma for French and Russian in high-school education
- 1984-1985 PhD Studies in Moscow (Lomonosov University) and in the USA (Harvard University)
- 1978-1983 Master studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures, in French Language and Literature, and in General History, University of Basel

Advanced training

- 2013 Master of Advanced Studies in Coaching (Northwestern University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland)
- 2010-2011 Coaching (Certificate, Trigon)
- 2001-2009 Study course in Human Resources (<http://www.trigon.at/academy>) Organisational Development (Certificate of Advanced Studies: Northwestern University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland)
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