



The 2019 Red Cross Prize was awarded to the Lichen Sclerosus Association

On 13 June 2019, the General Assembly of the Argau Red Cross took place in Möhlin. The 2019 Red Cross Prize, with prize-money of CHF 10,000, was awarded during the meeting.

Lichen Sclerosus is widespread, often unrecognised, and is a taboo subject.

Monya Todesco Bernasconi, a member of the Administrative Council, presented the award. As Head Doctor of the Obstetrics and Perinatal Medicine Section and Member of the Board of the Aarau Cantonal Hospital, she knows the subject matter of this year's prize-winner very well.

The Lichen Sclerosus Association's objective is to provide information about an almost-unknown, but very common, disease. Lichen Sclerosus is a chronic genital skin disease, which affects one woman in fifty, as well as children and men. As the disease is not sufficiently well-known by doctors, it is often diagnosed at a late stage, if at all. **Since 2013, the Association has been raising awareness of it, in both doctors and the public at large.** The Association won the 2019 Red Cross Prize of CHF 10,000 for its work in this area. Bettina Fischer, a member of the Board of the Association, which is based in Rheinfelden but is now **active throughout Europe**, thanked the Red Cross for its solidarity and its openness about this taboo subject.



Prize-giving (from left to right:
Hans Rösch,
Dr Monya Todesco Bernasconi,
Bettina Fischer and
Regula Kiechle)
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