

# Zurich School of Occupational Therapy 1957-2009

Schule für Ergotherapie Zürich | 1957-2009 | « SETZ »



The Zurich OT school played an outstanding role for 52 years in the development of multi-lingual **Swiss OT** - with smaller OT schools in Lausanne, Bienne and Manno (TI). Starting out, 1957, in scattered premises, the school settled 1960 in **Zurich**. In 1994, it moved to its own, bright and functional building on the lake of Zurich. From 1959 to 2009, **1'200 occupational therapists** left the school with a diploma after a **3 years** fulltime study.



Gertrud  
**Stauffer**  
Director  
1957-1982  
OT Pioneer



Martha  
**Ribl**  
President  
1978-1983  
Swiss M.P.



Meinrad  
**Schaer**  
President  
1983-1995  
Health Prof.



Maria  
**Schwarz**  
Lecturer  
1975-2005  
Pres. WFOT

«SETZ» was always on the look-out for new methods like **Problem Based Learning**. Its OT expertise was granted by the relentless participation of its faculty in OT bodies like **ENOTHE** [European Network of OT in Higher Education] and **WFOT** [World Foundation of OT]. Due to their extended practice and successful field work, many SETZ students got broad esteem for their sense of feasibility, e.g. in projects of **WHO** [World Health Organization].

When moving OT studies to the level of **University of Applied Sciences** [UAS], Zurich was chosen, based on a in-depth Peer Review of concepts, methods, practice & faculty of «SETZ» by **international experts** in 2005. Thus, the high standards were confirmed.



The last students left «SETZ» in 2009. Since 2007, ZHAW offers academic BSc and MSc studies in OT. **Zurich University of Applied Sciences**, «ZHAW», is located in Winterthur.  
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