

Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center – Office

Management



Manuela Dahinden

[Managing Director](#)

Head of Research and Outreach

25 years expertise in research management, fundraising and science communication.

PhD in Molecular Biology.

At PSC since 2008.



Melanie Paschke

[Managing Director](#)

Head of Education, Science & Policy Dialogue

25 years expertise in higher education, curriculum design, research management and fundraising. PhD in Ecology and CAS in Political Communication. At PSC since 2008.



Romy Kohlmann

[Research Program Coordinator](#)

15 years expertise in research project management and financial administration.

M.Sc. in Political Science and CAS in

Research Management. At PSC since 2012.



Jelena Mladenovic

[Assistant](#)

4 years expertise in project management.

M.Sc. Environmental Sciences. At PSC since 2025.

Education



Luisa Last

[PhD Program Coordinator](#)

14 years expertise in PhD education, and EU project and fellowship management.

PhD in Agricultural Science.

At PSC since 2015.



Bojan Gujas

[PhD Program Coordinator](#)

10 years expertise in managing research projects and providing training in higher education. PhD in Plant Molecular Biology.

At PSC since 2024.



Jelena Rajkov

[PhD Program Coordinator](#)

10 years of experience in international higher education and science outreach.

PhD in Zoology. At PSC since 2023, in Basel.



Daniela Gunz

[feminno Program Coordinator](#)

10 years expertise as career coach and mentor for innovation and career development. PhD in Biology. At PSC since 2020.

At PSC since 2020.

Outreach



Juanita Schläpfer

[Outreach Manager](#)

25 years expertise in exhibition design and art & science communication and fundraising. PhD in Transdisciplinary

Research. At PSC since 2012.



Beatrice Kiser

[Outreach Project Coordinator](#)

3 years experience in science communication, event management and project coordination. M.Sc. in Landscape

Architecture. At PSC since 2023.



Savannah Goetsch

[Outreach Project Coordinator](#)

2 years experience in science education.

M.Sc. in Biology. At PSC since 2025.



Valentina Huwiler

[Continued education](#)

Master's degree in Food Science from ETH, a PhD in Nutritional Medicine from University of Basel. At PSC since 2025.