



# FUNDING PROGRAMS

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- ✔ Individual and Project Grants
- ┌ Accelerated Translational Program (ATP)
- ┌ Special Projects

# INDIVIDUAL AND PROJECT GRANTS

Annual Call



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(15-20/Y)

Based on these recommendations, Wings for Life then decides which projects will be funded.

# INTERNAL BOARD



**Jan Schwab, MD, PhD**  
Scientific Director



**Ludwig Aigner, PhD**  
Paracelsus Medical University



**Claudius Thomé, MD**  
University Hospital Innsbruck

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# PEER-REVIEW PROCESS

**MORE THAN 700 INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS  
REVIEWED FOR WINGS FOR LIFE**

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# SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD



**Michael Sofroniew, MD, PhD**  
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Harvard Medical School



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Yale University



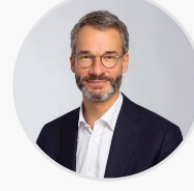
**Hans Lassmann, MD**  
University of Vienna



**Philip Van Kerrebroeck, MD, PhD**  
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**Andrew Maas, MD, PhD**  
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**Manuel Friese, MD**  
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**Aileen Anderson, PhD**  
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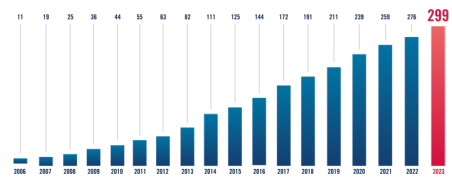
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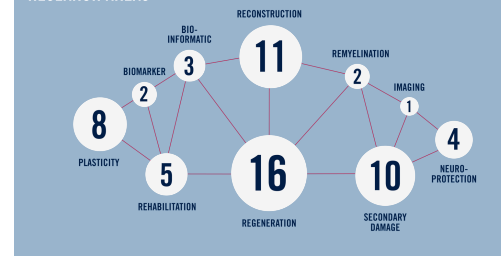
**FYI: these data include ATP trials!**



**TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

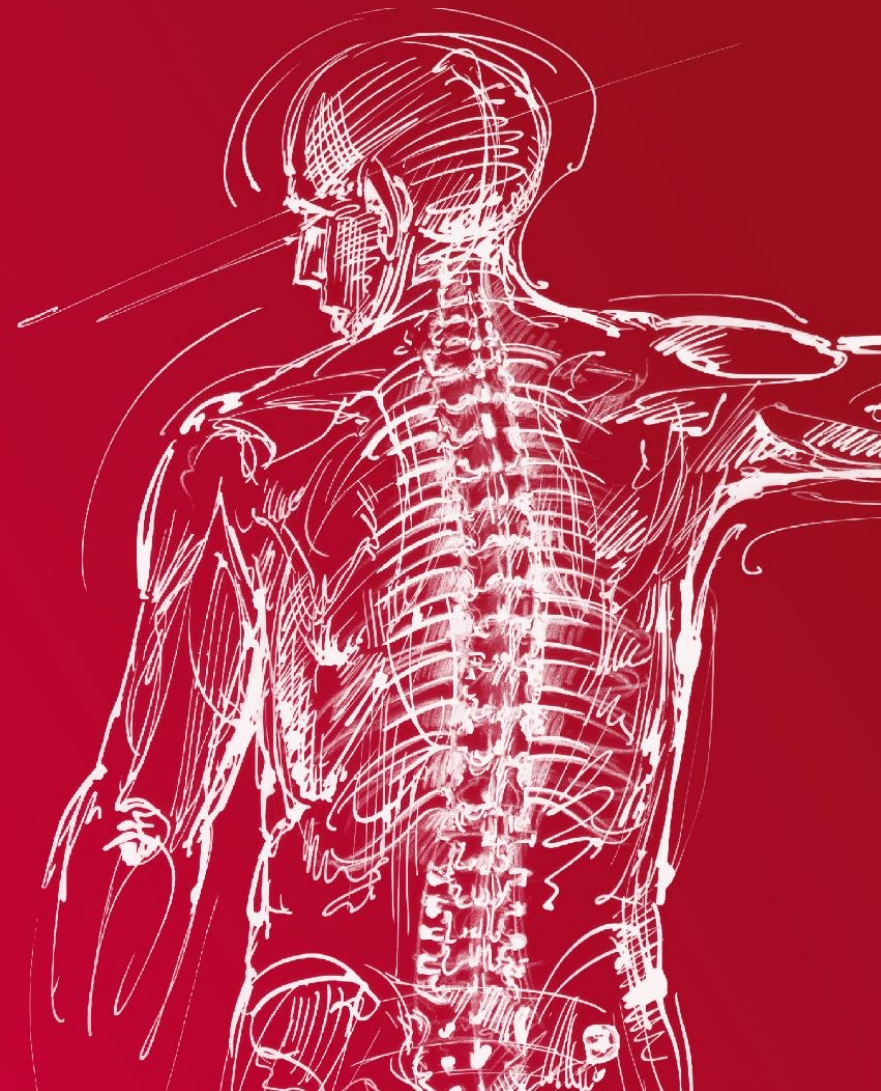


**MANY DIFFERENT RESEARCH AREAS**



# ACCELERATED TRANSLATIONAL PROGRAM

For clinical trials.



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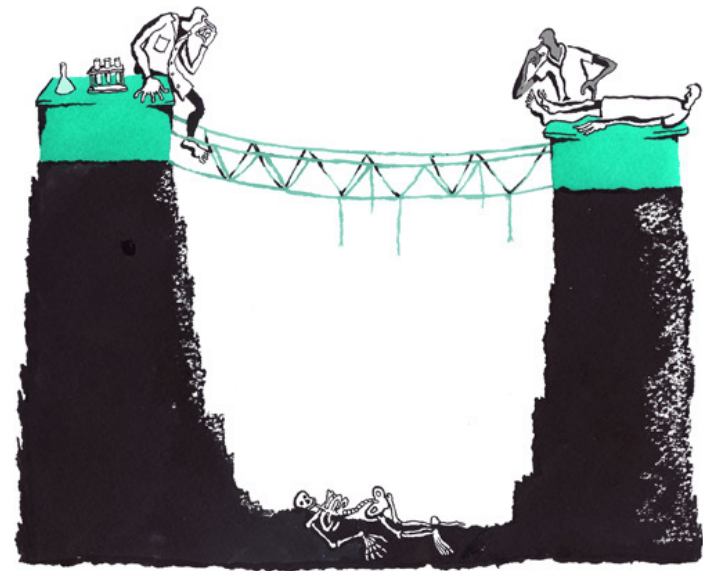
## **C** ATP

The Wings for Life Accelerated Translational Program (ATP) has been specifically designed to be able to accommodate obstacles to efficient clinical translation.

This grant covers costs of a clinical trial and/or its preparation. No predefined limits of budget and time.

## Hurdles of effective translation

- Preclinical approaches
- Regulatory hurdles
- Complexity of study design
- Mentoring
- Coordination
- Legal hurdles
- Financial hurdles



'Valley of Death' between basic research and clinical trials

## ACCOMMODATING OBSTACLES TO EFFICIENT CLINICAL TRANSLATION



- ✓ Funding of early phase clinical trials
- Support Network
- Mentoring and guidelines
- Flexible application deadlines
- Flexible financial framework

# ATP CORE TEAM



**Armin Curt, MD**  
Clinical Director



**Jane Hsieh**  
ATP Executive Director



**Verena May**  
Scientific Coordinator



**Beatrice Sandner**  
Scientific Coordinator

# ATP EXECUTIVE BOARD



**Anita Gerhardter**



**Heinz Kinigadner**  
Founder



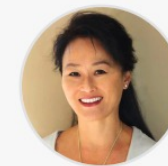
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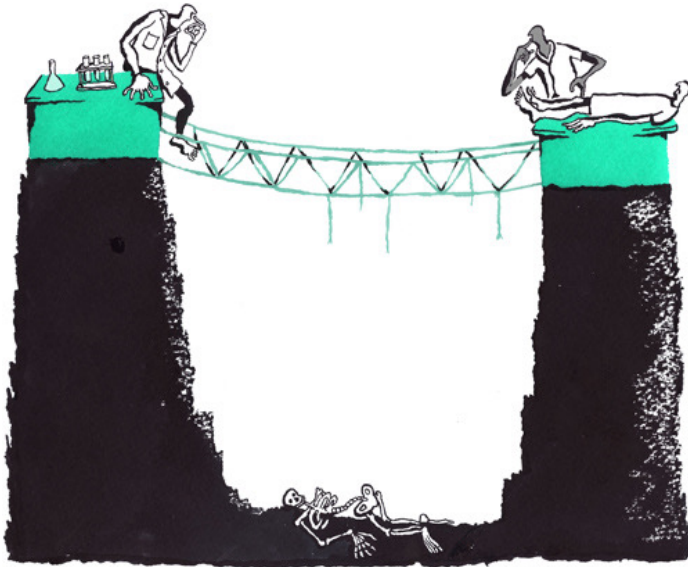
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## CATEGORIES



- ✓ **CURE/REPAIR** of the nervous system
- ▬ **PROMOTION OF RECOVERY** through facilitation of function in residual neural tissue
- ▬ **UNMET NEEDS** including treatment of secondary complications that are novel and significantly beneficial to SCI

## SPECIAL FEATURES



### ✓ ADDITIONAL LEARNINGS

### ▬ ATTRACTION of CO-FUNDING

### ▬ CONTRACTS

- Milestone-driven
- In case of commercialization: donate back to WfL

### ▬ THINK TANK

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

By invitation



## Special Projects

## PAST & PRESENT

- ✓ INSPIRED
- STUDI/SCITT
- ERA-NET
- ODC-SCI
- Neurotrauma Summerschool
- SCOPE
- Co-sponsoring of conferences



# FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

✔ Strategy Meetings 2024

Further collaboration





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