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Patrick Aebischer is Vice Chair of the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator. He served as president of EPFL, one of the world's leading research universities, between 2000 and 2016.

He holds degrees in medicine from the University of Geneva in Switzerland (1980) and in neuroscience from the University of Fribourg (1983). Between 1984 and 1992, he served as a faculty member at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, USA. Returning to Switzerland in the autumn of 1992, Aebischer received the title of Professor and became Director of the Surgical Research Unit and Gene Therapy Center of the Lausanne University Hospital. Patrick Aebischer is a member of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering, the Swiss Academy of Medicine, and the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences.

Founder of three biotechnology companies, Patrick Aebischer currently sits on the boards of directors of Lonza, Nestlé and Logitech. He is also Chair of the Novartis Venture Fund and senior partner of NanoDimension-III, a venture capital firm with headquarters in Silicon Valley and Lausanne.