Aerobiology and Allergology



ALLERGOLOGISTS ARE THE "SENTINELS" OF THE AEROBIOLOGICAL CHANGES

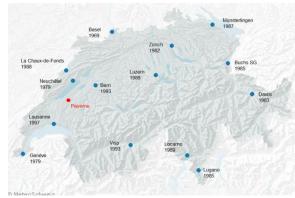
IDENTIFYING THE CAUSE OF SYMPTOMS IN PATIENTS

Beginning in the early development of clinical Allergology, establishing correlations between the environment and the symptoms of the patients has been the primary goal of allergy investigations.

For pollen allergies, understanding the composition and seasonal variations of pollen flight is essential.





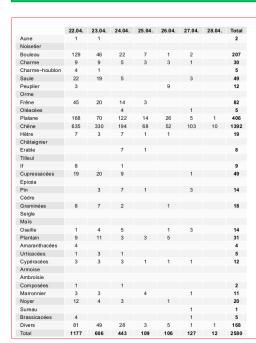


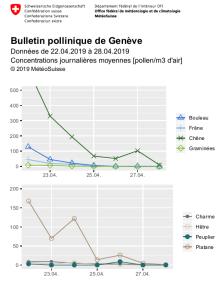
AEROBIOLOGICAL SURVEY IN SWITZERLAND

Since 1974, allergologists in association with biologists and palynologists [GTSA → SSA/SGA] have developed a "pollen survey network".

Since 1993, this specialised task has been taken over by the Swiss Confederation and is under the responsibility of MeteoSwiss.

Then both maintenance and development of the pollen network as well as the diffusion of information to the users are ensured. Thanks to an active R&D, MeteoSwiss is soon on the way to install the first national network of automatic pollen stations in Europe.





MeteoSwiss analysts can identify up to 47 pollen taxa in air samples.

Emerging pollen taxa or changes in seasonal dispersion can be observed precisely

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