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Jan Bonhoeffer is Vice-Chair of the Department of Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Vaccines at the University of Basel Children's Hospital, Switzerland. The department provides in- and outpatient clinical services, regional and national advice, and medical education. It also conducts research with a focus on respiratory infections, antimicrobial drug utilization, pediatric vaccines and vaccine safety.

He is President of the Brighton Collaboration Foundation, an international not-for-profit organization harmonizing, conducting, and promoting high quality vaccine safety research. During the last 15 years of his work, he was instrumental in building-up the network and coordinating research at the Brighton Collaboration. He co-developed multiple internationally accepted vaccine safety research standards. This includes widely endorsed and used standard case definitions, terminologies, and ontologies, as well as frameworks of applied semantic logics for automated data classification. He also co-developed electronic tools facilitating online collaboration and data processing and has coordinated multinational epidemiologic studies investigating vaccine safety concerns. He is currently leading the GAIA consortium inspiring this meeting.

He has co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed articles in Journals including BMJ, Lancet ID, PLOSone, CID, Pediatrics, Vaccine and PIDJ. Leading public health organizations including WHO, CDC, ECDC, EC/DG Research, IMI, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation fund his work. He is a Planning Group Member of the WHO Global Vaccine Safety Initiative (GVSII) implementing the vaccine safety strategy of the Global Vaccine Action Plan. His mission is to provide high quality scientific evidence through collaborative efforts for trusted and timely public and private decision making related to immunizations.