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○ **Opening Keynote**

Prof. Dr. sc. nat. Michael Schaepman studied Geography, Experimental Physics and Computer Science at the University of Zurich, where he earned his doctorate in 1998 at the Department of Geography. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Arizona in Tucson, USA, he returned to the University of Zurich in 2000 as Head of a Research Group at the Department of Geography.

In 2003, he was appointed Professor of Geographic Information Science at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, where he became Scientific Director of the Center for Geo-information in 2005.

Since 2009, Professor Schaepman has held the Chair of Remote Sensing at the Department of Geography of the University of Zurich. His research focuses on Earth observation, remote sensing and spectroscopy, with a particular emphasis on measuring and monitoring biodiversity. In 2016, he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Zurich. From 2017 to 2020, he served as Vice President for Research, Innovation and Early Career Researchers. Since 1 August 2020, Professor Michael Schaepman has served as President of the University of Zurich.