

## IAESTE – Your partner for international exchange



The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE) is an organization for the exchange of students at higher education institutions wishing to obtain technical experience abroad.

### **The aim of IAESTE is:**

to provide science & engineering students with training experience abroad

that is relevant to their studies to offer Swiss employers well-qualified and motivated foreign trainees to be a source of cultural enrichment for trainees and their host employers.

### **Interested in a traineeship abroad?**

Are you enrolled at a Swiss university or an institute of applied science? Would you like to gain international work experience? Are you open-minded and interested in intercultural exchange? If this applies to you, an IAESTE traineeship is exactly the right choice for you.

### **Interested in foreign interns?**

By employing a foreign trainee...

...you enlarge your international network.

...you strengthen the intercultural competence of your team and enrich your daily working life.

...you contribute to the promotion of Swiss students as young professionals, as for each internship in Switzerland, one internship abroad will be available for a Swiss student.

More information on <https://www.iaeste.ch/en/>

## “Visit each other” at Swiss Universities Initiative



While performing your research in Switzerland, what do you know about other Swiss research institutes and their locations? If the answer is “not a lot”, then you might be interested in the new initiative by the Swiss Young Chemists' Association, that will provide a series of visits at Swiss Universities and Federal Institutes of Technologies followed by a

short city tour and a dinner.

The first event took place at EPFL in Lausanne on November 17, 2018, and in 2019 there are events planned in Zürich and Basel.

Invitations will be sent by mail to all SCS members that are younger than 36 years old and the event will also be announced on the website of the SYCA. In case of any questions or if you are interested in organizing an event at your department do not hesitate to contact Dmitry Vasilyev, SYCA President, at [dmitry.vasilyev@epfl.ch](mailto:dmitry.vasilyev@epfl.ch)

<https://scg.ch/syca>

## Call for nominations for the 2019 Dreyfus Prize



The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation has selected Chemistry in Support of Human Health as the topic of the 2019 Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences.

The Dreyfus Prize, awarded biannually, recognizes an individual for exceptional and original research in a selected area of chemistry that has advanced the

field in a major way. The prize consists of a monetary award of \$250'000, a medal, and a certificate.

“Each Dreyfus Prize highlights major accomplishment in a different area of the chemical sciences. We consider, in addition, the promise of benefit to society,” said Matthew Tirrell, chair of the Dreyfus Foundation Scientific Affairs Committee. “In this spirit, there is no greater benefit that chemistry provides to society than the many profound contributions to the science and technology of human health. The field of the chemical sciences is rich with individuals whose work drives our understanding and betterment of human health.”

The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2019. Further details on the Prize and the nomination procedure are available on the Dreyfus website.

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc., New York  
<https://www.dreyfus.org>

## A Warm Welcome to Our New Members!



Period: 24.09. – 29.10.2018

Devi Prasad Adiyeri Saseendran, Zurich - Stephane Bernhard, Horboung Wihr (FR) - Martin Betschart, Riehen - Patric Bieler, Sissach - Céline Calvino, Fribourg - Nicola Compagnone, Basel - Mohamed Enneymy, Mulhouse (FR) - Kathrin Fenner, Zurich - Isabelle Gallou, Basel - Adrian Gürber, Sempach

- Patrick Hauck, Rheinfelden - Megumi Hoshi, Lausanne - Yevhen Hryshunin, Saint-Sulpice - Emilie Jean-Pierre, Fribourg - Moritz Kälin, Bubikon - Florian Marquet, Marly - Flurin Mathis, Felsberg - Daniel Moser, Rheinfelden - Ksenia Reznikova, Weil am Rhein (D) - Benjamin Schroeder, Zurich - Naomi Tidten-Luksch, Allschwil - Sebastian Ulrich, St. Gallen - Quentin Weber, Corcelles - Simon Williams, Baar - Melissa Wörner, Lausanne

## HONORS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

### Dr. Thibaud Rossel received the Balmer Prize 2018



On the occasion of the dinner during the VSN Zentralkurs Chemie in Solothurn on October 17, 2018, David Spichiger, SCS Executive Director, handed over the medal and the certificate of the Balmer Prize 2018 to **Dr. Thibaud Rossel**, Gymnase français de Bienne, École de Maturité, Spécialisée, for his very original and impressive research

program at the Gymnase Français where he teaches, using simple methods and resources. Even more impressive are the experiments that are shared with high-school students, who are happy to carry-out original research work as part of their training in chemistry.

Thibaud earned his bachelor and master degrees in biology at University Neuchâtel in 2004 and 2006 respectively. From 2006 to 2011 he was a member of the Ward group at University of Basel and got the PhD degree for his research on ‘Artificial Phosphate Transferases and Hydrogen Transferases Based on Biotin-Streptavidin Technology’. During his teaching activities at the Lycée Denis-de-Rougemont Neuchâtel in 2012–13 he earned a master of advanced studies in higher education and started his current position at the Gymnase français de Bienne filière MSP in 2013.