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Although 2020 was a year marked by the pandemic of COVID-19, for me it was also the year I went to Switzerland for my amazing adventure with IAESTE. In August I joined as an intern the Seed Quality department of AGROSCOPE in Zurich, where I worked with seed testing intended for conventional and organic agricultural production. My work consisted of germinating seeds in growth chambers, supporting a research project, and evaluating the phenotype of some soybean and corn varieties on the field.



While I was working, I was always confident because preventive measures were taken against COVID-19. Contrary to my expectations, the situation hardly affected the work environment and the quality of the work. This experience allowed me to get in touch with the job market and increase my network, which will be an asset to my professional life.



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Outside the work environment the internship exceeded my expectations because it allowed me to meet new people from different parts of the world through the vast IAESTE network, travel to the countless and fascinating corners of Switzerland, involving hiking, swimming, climbing and cycling all over the country. For this, and for the exceptional support before and after the internship, I would like to thank IAESTE and my supervisor Dr. Thomas Hebeisen.

