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Kind regards,

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WHAT'S UP IN SWITZERLAND?

The ÖPG-SPS Joint Meeting was a great success

The [2021 joint conference](#) of the [ÖPG](#) and the [SPS](#), held at the Technology Campus of the University of Innsbruck from August 30 to September 3 2021, will enter in the annals of the ÖPG and SPS as a great success. With nearly 600 participants and an extremely rich program, thanks to the very constructive interaction of all board members of the ÖPG and the SPS, it was possible to organize an in-person event. During the conference, new contacts were made, informal conversations spontaneously arose leading to new ideas in physics, and hopefully to new projects. Successful events like this are very important to motivate younger members to contribute on a longer-term to the two societies and thus to actively shape the future activities of these institutions.

The Swiss Physical Society has a new President

At the General Assembly, held at the [Annual Meeting](#) in Innsbruck on Tuesday August 31, [Johan Chang](#), Professor at the University of Zurich, was elected as new President. Johan is an experimental condensed matter physicist working on superconductivity and strongly correlated electron systems. Johan Chang is taking over from Hans Peter Beck who led the SPS for two mandates and will now support Johan as Vice-President. We warmly thank Hans Peter Beck for the extraordinary work done for the Society and wish the best to Johan Chang for his new role.



The Röntgen Symposium

After the Annual Meeting, September offered more meeting occasions for the members of our society and the **Röntgen Symposium** was certainly an exciting one. On Saturday September 18, a lecture room filled with a very diverse audience ensured for a lively, personal and enriching symposium, worthwhile remembering as a big success. The [website](#) of the event is still active and the



slides of the lectures should be made available soon. Moreover, the participants of the Young Talent Day, that took place in the morning of the same day, had the take part in this interesting event.

Group picture of the participants of the Young Talent Day.

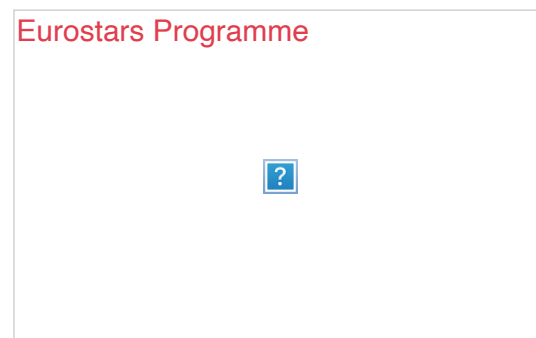
Quantum Industry Day in Switzerland

This year the **Quantum Industry Day** in Switzerland (QIDiS) will take place online on **October 5-6**. As with the former editions, the event brings together several institutions, from the research to the industry world, sharing the same goal: move forward the diverse and rich Swiss Quantum ecosystem. The first day includes sessions on quantum computing, quantum sensing, quantum instrumentation, quantum safe-security, quantum entrepreneurship and for the first time a session focus on “building a quantum career”. The second day focuses on virtual “face-to-face” meetings and offers a 2 hours workshop on quantum computing. All the information are available [here](#).



New Call for the Eurostars Programme

Eurostars is a funding programme for innovative SME (small and medium size enterprises) leading international project consortia, collaborating with like-minded partners on market-driven research, development and innovation projects and growing their business. It is open to SMEs, large companies, research organizations and universities. There are no thematic restrictions. The second call of 2021 was launched on September 2 and the **submission deadline is November 2**. More information are available on the [Innosuisse dedicated website](#) and [here](#).



Latsis Symposium on STEM Learning

Internationally renowned speakers and lively discussions made the **Latsis symposium a full success**, and the organization team around Elsbeth Stern will make the results of the symposium sustainable: the [homepage](#) will be permanent (presentations, articles etc), and further opportunities of collaboration will be explored. Thus, a valuable opportunity to foster physics/mathematics/science education within Switzerland and internationally will be provided.



Einstein Lectures at the University of Bern

This year's [Einstein Lectures](#) are dedicated to the question of the preconditions and the development of human thought and social action. The renowned Irish-Australian philosopher Philip Pettit will address the question of the social nature of our mental life in the course of three evenings. The Einstein Lectures will take place from **October 18 to 20 2021** in the auditorium of the main building of the **University of Bern**. The lectures will be held in English.

CERN'S Alumni Second Collision Event

CERN alumni are invited to come together on **October 1-3** for the second major reunion since CERN's alumni programme launched in 2017. The event will take place online, enabling alumni from across the globe to participate. Today, CERN's alumni network —



also open to those currently working at CERN
— includes just under 7 000 people located in
over 100 countries. All the information are
available [here](#).



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