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Swiss Talent Forum 2011



The Future of Health

5 – 8 September 2011



Swiss Talent Forum

The Swiss Talent Forum (STF) is an exciting event organised by the foundation «Swiss Youth in Science». It aims at promoting the best talents from Switzerland and the whole of Europe.

At the Forum, 100 talented and motivated young adults will discuss with high-profile personalities from business, science, society and politics the pressing issues of our time and will work together with a view to developing new solutions.

- 4 exciting days
- 100 motivated young people
- 1000 new ideas
- Countless new insights

Theme 2011

The theme selected for the second Swiss Talent Forum will be:

The Future of Health

Ten different working groups will draw on the open-minded, impartial approach of the participants to develop new ideas and possible solutions.

STF Workshop

As a preparation for the International Forum (STF), a Workshop with 40 young students from Switzerland had been organised in September 2010. During these three days, the workgroups developed the most important issues of the 10 workshop topics. The participants of the main Forum will use these results as a starting point for their work.



Swiss Youth in Science

The foundation «Swiss Youth in Science» is an independent non-profit organisation, which is not tied by religious or political doctrine. It is officially recognised and supervised by the Swiss federal government. «Swiss Youth in Science» is intent on enhancing young people's interest and joy in science and encourages them to take on big and challenging tasks.

Aims and benefits

As a young people's think tank, the STF aims to assist highly motivated students wishing to help solve today's problems by providing them with a platform of international dimensions. This will put their visions and solution approaches in the focus of public and political attention and help

- draw the blueprint of our future
- make change happen
- promote and strengthen network efforts

By sharing ideas with other young people and experts from business, science, politics and society the participants learn how to work interdisciplinary and tackle problems using a solution-oriented approach.

Working closely in such a setting helps the young participants build a network of national and international contacts which may be of great future value and use in business, science or politics. Taking part in the Swiss Talent Forum is an excellent reference in your CV.

Participation

Participants are committed young adults ready to give their best to produce outstanding results. They will include former contestants of the annual contest held by «Swiss Youth in Science» and its European counterparts.



You are eligible to participate, if you are:

- a motivated and talented young person aged 17 - 22
- in your final years of high school (gymnasium or professional school) or enrolled in bachelor studies at college or university
- a former contestant of the "Swiss Youth in Science" competition or Scientific Olympiads
- really interested and committed to achievement
- fluent in spoken and written English

How can I register?

If you fulfil the conditions mentioned above, you may register online under www.swisstalent.org

The online platform enables you to register in an easy and efficient way. A personal security code allows you to update your data throughout the application process.

Following documents are required and have to be uploaded in your application:

- school certificates
- letter of motivation
- statement about extra-curricular activities

Once your application has been completed, it will be reviewed by our jury.

Deadline for application will be July 9, 2011.
Your participation will be confirmed by end of July the latest.



Venue

The second Swiss Talent Forum will be held at the Gwattzentrum Thun, Switzerland. Trains run every hour to Thun from all over Switzerland. Participants from outside Switzerland will get support for their travel arrangements.

Costs/travel allowance

Participation in the Forum is free: the costs of the event, including the return journey to the venue as well as board and overnight accommodation, will be borne in full by the partners and sponsors of the Swiss Talent Forum.

Language

The official language is English.

Preparation/documentation

All participants will receive the documentation of the preparatory Workshop 2010 in advance so that they can familiarise themselves with the relevant questions and statements of the topics.

Programme

Schedule

5 – 8 September 2011

Arrival on monday morning until 11:30 am.

The Forum ends on Thursday afternoon at approximately 5:00 pm.

Programme

At the Swiss Talent Forum, young people get together with experts and high-profile personalities from business, science, society and politics to work out solution approaches to the issues tabled for discussion.

Make the most of this excellent opportunity to share your views on existing challenges in an active dialogue with high-calibre personalities.

Four intensive and eventful days await you. Various keynote speeches and kick-off presentations will lead into working sessions. The results of the various workshops held will be presented at the end.

The programme will be structured into the following modules:

- keynote speeches
- workshops
- Internet blog exchange
- presentation
- get-together
- sports activities

Keynote speeches

High-calibre personalities will raise major thought-provoking issues to initiate discussions on a variety of topics. Following the talks and presentations, the keynote speakers will be ready to get involved in an active dialogue with the participants.

Workshops

The workshops will be the mainstay of the daily programme. An individual creativity method will be applied at the Forum. Coaches and an experienced moderator lend active support to the workshops in order to help participants achieve the best possible results in the limited time available. In ten groups, participants will prepare possible solutions related to the main topic, «The Future of Health».

Internet Blog exchange

The daily results of each workshop team will be documented via an Internet blog to be available to all participants of the Forum. This way, everybody will be informed around the clock on the findings of each group.

End presentations

On the last day, each group will have a unique chance to present their results to the Swiss Media and selected guests from the health sector.

Get-together

It will be an unforgettable experience when over a hundred motivated and talented students from Switzerland and Europe come together to exchange views and engage in dialogue. You will have ample opportunities for discussions and making new friends, both during the day as well as during the social activities in the evenings.

Speakers

Our high-profile speakers will be chosen from international health organisations, the medical and pharmaceutical sectors, research, education and government.

Speakers 2009



Dr. Bertrand Piccard
 Balloonist, scientist, adventurer



Heinz Karrer
 CEO Axpo AG



Adolf Ogi
 Former President of Switzerland
 Former UN Special Adviser



Dr. Philipp M. Hildebrand
 Vice-president
 Swiss National Bank

Workshop topics

Once your participation has been confirmed you will be assigned to one of the workshop groups. In two daily sessions, one in the morning, one in the afternoon which will be moderated by a coach, you will prepare solution approaches on issues from one of the following possible topics:

- Challenges of public health
- Nutrition and drinking water
- Epidemics
- Accessibility of healthcare
- Personalized healthcare
- Mental health
- Alternative medicine
- Ethics
- Prevention
- Research and development

Impressions Swiss Talent Forum 2009

Impressions Workshop STF 2010



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