

One Nation, One Biotech Cluster

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Editorial

Challenges and Opportunities

Following the acceptance of the Mass Immigration Initiative in 2014 and the exclusion of Switzerland from the Horizon 2020

framework, a lot of the Swiss Biotech Association's resources were required for lobbying in order to minimise the damage for the biotech sector in Switzerland. Within Europe, the Horizon 2020 framework will invest €0bn from 2014 to 2020 into research and innovation. Switzerland needs to become again an equal partner in this framework which would also support many Swiss Biotech companies.

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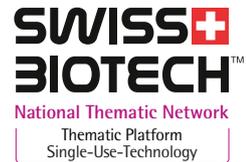
Swiss Technology Hub: A business opportunity in Brazil.



The SICHH is coordinating the creation of a Swiss Technology Hub (STH) in Brazil. This technology hub aims to exchange innovative technologies applicable to human health between Switzerland and Brazil. The main fields of interest are Biotech, Medtech, Foodtech and Pharma. The STH kick-off event will take place from the 8th to 12th of August 2016, during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. A delegation of 15 members from prestigious Swiss academic institutions and enterprises is being gathered to attend this event. If you are interested in participating please contact mabel.maucci@sichh.ch for further details.

Biotech 2016

Biotech 2016 will take place on 5 and 6 of September in Wädenswil. The topic of the conference is „Biopharmaceutical manufacturing and single-use technologies“ and it focuses on the development and manufacture of biosimilars, cell therapeutics as well as microbial products and single-use production facilities. The conference is organized by the Institute of Chemistry and Biotechnology of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences, the biotechnet Switzerland, the NTN Swiss Biotech and the DECHEMA. In addition to oral presentations, an exhibition on industrial equipment and a poster event are planned. On 7 and 8 of September a post-conference discussing new training concepts for flexible biopharmaceutical productions and a mini-symposium about cultivation of plant cells follows. Details and contacts can be found on the homepage www.biotech2016.ch.



Mini-encyclopedia „Single-use technology from A-Z“

The mini-encyclopedia supported by the DECHEMA, the biotechnet Switzerland and the NTN Swiss Biotech explains important and often used terms around the topic single-use technology. It is aimed at students of biotechnology (master level) and related disciplines (e.g. pharmaceutical technology, pharmacy, medical biotechnology, biotechnological apparatus and facility design), but also at new comers from the industry. The German version can be downloaded free of charge from: <http://a-z-singleuse.org>. Presumably, the English version will be available in May 2016.

Product Pipeline 2016

Member's Pipeline The Swiss biotech sector is dynamic and highly innovative. Research and development plays an important role, and many of the members of the Swiss Biotech Association have product candidates in their pipelines. An informative overview newly available on the SBA website lists the various products the association's members have in development, from preclinical candidates to products already on the market. Each product is listed with the therapeutic area and indication as well as the partnering status. This overview is updated regularly and will grow more exhaustive over time. The content is aimed at the stakeholder community of the industry. From research institutes to small companies, service providers and investors to the political entities, the shared knowledge can only enhance the competitive output for the economy. (insert product pipe line link) <http://tinyurl.com/sba-pipeline>

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Upcoming Events 2016

Swiss Biotech™ is on the road again. National and international events are part of this comprehensive offer. We present the biotech nation Switzerland (1Nation1Cluster) at a selection of events of interest to our stakeholder community. Companies and institutions are welcome to participate to increase your national and international visibility at affordable prices. 1Nation1Cluster is catching on continuously. Join in and join us with your testimonial, because companies and innovative solutions are the true value of a prospering economy.

What is the Offer?

- Your logo and link on an internet banner on continuous and prominent display on www.swissbiotech.org for the duration of 2016
- SBA Leaflet with your logo, address, and a short summary of your business activities
- Your logo displayed on the 1Nation1Cluster stand that will be displayed at selected events*
- Display of your company literature at selected events (not including shipping costs)*

* consult below tables for an overview of event specific offers

What is the Cost?

All this you get as SBA member for only CHF 3'500.

Non SBA Members are welcome but pay CHF 6'000 for the package.

2016 international events with SBA representation

	Location	Date	1Nation1Cluster Stand	SBA Flyer	Company Literature	SBA Member Discount
Bio Europe Spring	Stockholm	Apr 4-6	✓	✓	✓	✓
BIO Convention	San Francisco	Jun 6-9	by S-GE	✓		✓
Bio-Europe	Cologne	Nov 7-9	✓	✓	✓	✓

2016 national and international events with SBA attendance or co-promotion

	Location	Date	1Nation1Cluster Stand	SBA Flyer	SBA Member Discount
Swiss Biotech™ Day	Basel	Apr 12	✓	✓	✓
NTN Swiss Biotech™ Innovation Day	Brugg	November	✓	✓	✓
Ilmac	Basel	Sep 20-23	✓	✓	
Swiss Biotech™ Day Fall	Fribourg	Sept. 29	✓	✓	✓

SBA platform and networking events will be organized on a short-term basis and will be included in the package where feasible – check the updated list on www.swissbiotech.org/events

2016 national and international events with SBA attendance or co-promotion

	Location	Date	SBA Flyer	SBA Member Discount
Biotech Showcase 2016	San Francisco	Jan 11	✓	✓
Pharmaceutical Microbiology	London	Jan 20	✓	✓
BioAsia 2016	Hyderabad	Feb 8	✓	✓
Cancer Bio Partnering & Investment Forum	New York	Feb 23	✓	✓
Cell Culture World Congress	Munich	Feb 23	✓	✓
LabInnovations	Lausanne	Apr 14	✓	✓

And many more – check the updated list on www.swissbiotech.org/events

News from CTI

The innovation promotion agency 'Commission for Technology and Innovation' (CTI) is active in a number of areas: R&D project funding, start-up and entrepreneurship, and knowledge and technology transfer (KTT). In the field of life sciences, the technology and business areas covered are biotech, medtech, agrotech and foodtech.

Special measures 2016

The federal council has approved additional special measures for the CTI's innovation promotion in the amount of CHF 61 M. The purpose of this action is to support export oriented small and medium-sized companies (SME), which continue to struggle due to the effects of the strong Swiss franc. The special measures are limited to the end of 2016 and are complementary to the special measure taken 2015.

For further information visit www.kti-cti.ch.

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