

**Editorial**

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Swiss Biotech™ was on the road again. This time the ILMAC show in Basel was centerpiece of the activities with a stand of SBA and its partners. At ILMAC BioConcept featured a nice stand.

In addition, the Swiss Biotech™ Fall Day was held at SICHH, a new economic initiative of the Canton of Fribourg.

The competition report of WEF states that Switzerland achieved again a top spot in Innovation.

**ILMAC: Impressions**



BioConcept Stand during the Swiss Life Science Week



General view of the exhibition aimed at suppliers



Forum with daily interactions of target audiences



Swiss Biotech stand next to the Forum

**Swiss Biotech™ Fall Day in Fribourg**

More than 70 persons enjoyed a good regulatory event at the SICHH, which was inaugurated just over a week ago. On the occasion of the EUROPEAN BIOTECH WEEK, Swiss Biotech™ made a special effort to set up an event followed by networking.



Challenges in understanding the Nagoya Protocol, presented by Dr. Markus Wyss, DSM Nutritional Products



Old brewery wagon as a heritage to the Cardinal, which turned to an innovation place



SICHH was inaugurated just a week ago before the EUROPEAN BIOTECH WEEK

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# Switzerland in the Spotlight

The latest **World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report** reveals the world's most competitive economies – and there's a familiar face at the top of the rankings. The Global Competitiveness Index assesses the competitiveness of 138 economies around the world.



In a time of “persistent slow growth”, the report says it is a “critical reminder of the importance of competitiveness in solving both our international macro-economic challenges and laying the ground for future prosperity.”

*Switzerland tops the ranking for the eighth consecutive year. It comes in the top 10 in 11 out of 12 pillars of competitiveness, and tops four:*

- ▶ *Innovation*
- ▶ *Sophistication*
- ▶ *Labor Market Efficiency*
- ▶ *Technological Readiness*

The top 10 most competitive global economies	
Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017	Global rank*
Switzerland	1
Singapore	2
United States	3
Netherlands	4
Germany	5
Sweden	6
United Kingdom	7
Japan	8
Hong Kong SAR	9
Finland	10

Source: The Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017  
\*2016-2017 rank out of 138 economies.

## The 12 pillars of competitiveness

The Global Competitiveness Report 2015-2016



## New Directory 2015/2016

Your best industry overview

The Directory 2015/2016 is now in distribution. Beyond core biotechnology, the directory includes industry members involved on the supply ranging from technology providers, suppliers of equipment and services to contract research, bioinformatics, consulting and finance companies.

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