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SATW Transferkolleg 2007 – Industrial Biotechnology

The Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW) financially supports feasibility studies for project proposals in Industrial Biotechnology that have the potential for future industrial development.

For the fourth year in succession the SATW is calling for project proposals from researchers in science and industry within the framework of the *SATW Transferkolleg* scheme. The scheme supports know-how transfer between academia and industry and highlights research with market potential at an early stage. This year's Transferkolleg is targeting Industrial Biotechnology.

Within the Transferkolleg scheme a researcher in academia and a product developer in industry should ideally work together. They will generate in collaboration an idea for a new, marketable product and submit this to the SATW by July 31, 2007. When necessary the SATW can provide assistance in finding a suitable partner. Successful project proposals will receive funding of 16,000 CHF. With this financial support the project partners can test the feasibility of their idea. In November 2007 the project partners will participate in a two-day workshop where they will assess the future potential of their project under the guidance of innovation experts and will develop suitable measures for the further development of their projects.

Project Team

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Deadline for submissions: 31 July 2007. For further information see www.satw.ch/transferkolleg.

17th Swiss NMR Symposium

The 17th Swiss NMR Symposium will be held this year on September 4, 2007 at the University of Zurich on the Irchel campus in lecture hall 20. The meeting will run the whole day. It intends to provide all participants with an overview of research conducted in the various fields of NMR in Switzerland. Coffee as well as a full lunch will be served for all participants. Participation is free.

TAN'07

The Third International Conference on the Chemistry and Physics of the Transactinide Elements will be held from September 23–28, 2007 at the Conference Center in Davos, Switzerland. TAN is the only international conference series devoted entirely to transactinide science. It is truly interdisciplinary, bringing together theoretical and experimental scientists in the field of chemistry and physics. One session will be dedicated to Professor Hans Rudolph von Gunten for his achievements in heavy element science.

For more information visit tan07.web.psi.ch

IUPAC Prize for Young Chemists

The IUPAC Prize for Young Chemists has been established to encourage outstanding young research scientists at the beginning of their careers. The prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding PhD theses in the general area of the chemical sciences, as described in a 1000-word essay. IUPAC will award up to five prizes annually. Each prize will consist of USD 1000 and travel expenses to the next IUPAC Congress. In keeping with IUPAC's status as a global organization, efforts will be made to assure a fair geographic distribution of prizes.

Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2008. For more information, visit www.iupac.org/news/prize.html.

Seven Summits

Am 16. Mai 2007 erreichte *Veronika R. Meyer* den Gipfel des Mount Everest als Mitglied der Expedition von Kari Kobler, Bern (www.kobler-partner.ch). Das war die Krönung ihres Unternehmens „Seven Summits“, denn nun hat sie als erste Schweizerin die höchsten Berge aller sieben Kontinente bestiegen:

9. Oktober 1991: Kilimanjaro (Afrika)
19. November 1993: Carstensz-Pyramide (Australien & Ozeanien)
19. August 1998: Elbrus (Europa)
30. Januar 2000: Aconcagua (Südamerika)
23. Mai 2001: Denali (McKinley, Nordamerika)
17. Dezember 2001: Vinson (Antarktis)
16. Mai 2007: Everest (Asien)

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