

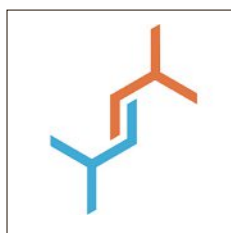
# Conference Report

## Chemtogether 2017 ETH Zürich

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Chemtogether is a career fair at the Department of Chemical and Applied Biosciences at ETH Zurich with the aim of connecting students and companies in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries. This year's fifth edition of Chemtogether was well received by the students and the participating companies. Chemtogether has become an

important part of the academic calendar of our institution. As the fair is located on the main floor of the chemistry institute it is easily accessible to our visitors. In order to prepare the students for the fair a lecture from the ETH Career Center was offered in advance. In addition a series of interviews with employees of the participating companies were published on our website and social media platforms. Chemtogether takes place over two days and allows 16 different companies to present themselves.

### Tuesday, November 7, 2017



Participating Companies: Givaudan, Ivoclar Vivadent, Dottikon Exclusive Synthesis AG, Idorsia, BASF, HOFFMANN EITL, CARBOGEN AMCIS, Sika.

As in previous years the fair opened during the first lecture break with a short speech of Prof. Gunnar Jeschke (ETH Zurich). Students were able to meet representatives of companies that may be their potential future employers in a relatively informal setting. Talking to the industry representatives enabled the students to learn about various career options that are open to them after completion of their academic studies, including opportunities they may not have been aware of. A new series of flash presentations offered the possibility to quickly get to know the companies: This year's Chemtogether welcomed companies from a wide range of areas such as pharmaceuticals, patent law, analytics and biosciences. The day ended with a networking apéro at around 4:00 pm.

### Wednesday, November 8, 2017



Participating Companies: Dow, Lonza, EMS-CHEMIE, BACHEM, Metrohm, Johnson & Johnson, Avantama, MSD Merck Sharp & Dohme.

The second day of the fair was opened by Prof. Renato Zenobi (ETH Zurich) and after his speech eight different companies had the chance to meet – and perhaps forge first links – with excellent students from all areas of chemistry, chemical engineering and the pharmaceutical sciences. Companies with long standing traditions as well as companies with start-up flair presented themselves.

### Feedback

According to the feedback provided by the participating companies, the fair scored a satisfying total of 4.4 out of 5.0. The organization, communication, number of visitors and the quality were well rated. It is worth highlighting that we could improve our performance every year since the first fair in 2013.

Not only the companies, but also the more than 500 visitors were very satisfied with the selection of companies, the offers and the side events.

### Impressions of Chemtogether 2017

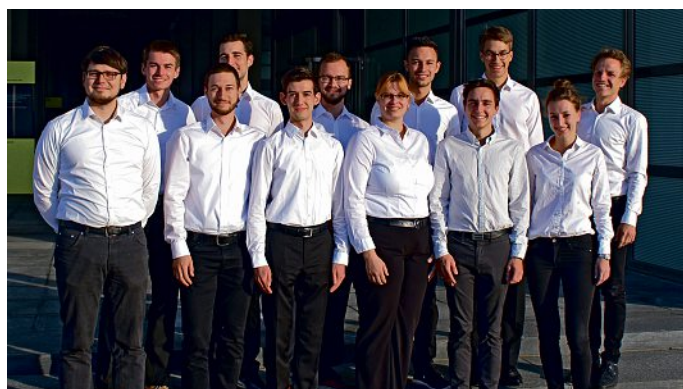


ETH Career Center CV Training: How to write a successful CV.



Chemtogether 2017: Over 500 people, mainly students, visited the fair.

## Organizing committee



Committee Members: Erik Schrader, Andreas Gimpel, Patrik Willi, Anton Hartner, Lukas Lätsch, Cyril Schroeder, Esther Tschannen-Hammann, Philipp Antkowiak, Philippe Bechtold, Konstantin Zouboulis, Josephine Scheiter, David Hahn.

Chemtogether is organized in a joint effort of the VAC (Union of the Assistants at the Chemical Labs of ETH Zurich) and the VCS (Union of the Chemistry Students at ETH). We would like to thank everyone involved for making Chemtogether 2017 possible and take the opportunity to announce that Chemtogether 2018 will take place on **November 6 and 7, 2018**.

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