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News from the ETH Alumni Association

**Interview with Prof. Andrea Deplazes**

New continuing education opportunity: MAS in Collective Housing

The MAS in Collective Housing, which is being run in collaboration with the Technical University of Madrid (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, UPM), will begin for the first time in January 2017. We talked to Professor Andrea Deplazes, the co-director of the course, about this unique continuing education opportunity and his last major project, the Monte Rosa Hut.

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**ETH Alumni Association**

“Organisational resilience – How to prepare an enterprise for crises?”

On 23 June, the ETH Alumni Association hosted a career talk entitled “Well equipped for difficult times – organisational resilience”. Speaker Monika Auer-Furrer presented a model that she developed herself, demonstrating how it could be used to determine strengths and areas for improvement when dealing with crises.

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**Interview with Sander de la Rambelje**

“Life is about creating opportunities”

After completing his bachelor’s degree in Eindhoven, Sander de la Rambelje decided to enroll for a master’s in Biomedical Engineering at ETH Zurich. He is now taking some time off from his studies and is currently completing an internship at swissnex in Boston. We talked to him about his experiences so far and his plans for the future.

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**ETH Zurich Foundation**

“ETH Zurich Foundation invited its donors to visit the «Pavilion of Reflections»”

The ETH Zurich Foundation decided to thank its supporters by inviting them to visit the “Pavilion of Reflections” at Manifesta, the European Biennial of Contemporary Art. The pavilion was built by 30 ETH architecture students. This event gave visitors the opportunity to gain an exciting insight into this unique, large-scale project.

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**Interview with Sabina Ann Balmer**

“Instead of money and materials, we offer a sustainable solution in the form of Expertise”

After her postgraduate studies, ETH alumna Sabina Ann Balmer began her career at Credit Suisse. Now she is bringing education to Southern Africa, where her non-profit organisation B360 education partnerships finds internships with Swiss companies for students from the region.

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ETH Alumni Association
“Focus event: planning takes time”
What would Switzerland look like with a population of 10 million? The focus event organised by the ETH Alumni Association on 28 June sought an answer to this question. Led by Professor Bernd Scholl and former Cantonal Councillor Lorenz Bösch, the participants discussed the future challenges posed by spatial planning.
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Interview with Herbert Einstein
“I highly recommend a study period abroad to Swiss students”
With his doctoral studies under his belt, ETH alumnus Herbert Einstein ventured over to the USA in the mid-1960s to study at MIT, where he now works as Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. On his latest visit to his alma mater, we spoke to him about his career.
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News from the affiliate organisations
Ortsgruppe Zürich Alumni
“Music at ETH”
On the final evening of the “Music at ETH” concert series, it was the turn of the local Zurich Alumni branch to play host. More than 100 music lovers gathered in the Auditorium Maximum for an evening with pianist Viviane Sofronitsky, whose artistic performance featured five pianos from different eras.
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MBA Supply Chain Management Alumni
“MBA SCM Alumni general meeting and BBQ”
At the MBA SCM Alumni general meeting, the usual business matters were discussed and a new committee was elected. This was followed by a BBQ, where attendees enjoyed delicacies from all corners of the earth such as “Persian lamb kebabs” and “panettone meatballs on a bed of salad”.
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Ortsgruppe Zürich Alumni
“A walk through the HerbaDea herb garden”
Under the expert guidance of two pharmacists, members of the local Zurich Alumni branch visited the HerbaDea medicinal herb garden and the grounds of the Council for Public Health (Verein für Volksgesundheit) on the Zürichberg hill on 22 June 2016. Mythology, art and knowledge about the healing properties of plants all come together in the medicinal herb garden.
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VECS Chemie Alumni
“VECS 2016 general meeting at the City of Zurich waterworks”
The accompanying programme to this year’s general meeting took the VECS Alumni to the waterworks in Zurich on 28 May, where they learned all about the origin, preparation and distribution of water. This was followed by the 83rd general meeting, after which the 20 alumni gathered for lunch in the turbine building right on the River Limmat.
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Alumni Chapter Singapore
“Honorary ETH Alumni member Johann Schneider-Ammann visits Singapore”
Singapore-Swiss relations celebrated a new high point with the recent visit of the President of the Swiss Confederation and honorary ETH Alumni member Johann Schneider-Ammann to Singapore. The alumni of the Singapore Chapter welcomed Schneider-Ammann, who has been an honorary member of the Chapter since 2012, to a dinner at the Swiss Club in Singapore.
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Wine Club Alumni
“Wine tasting on the roofs of Zurich”
In late June, the Wine Club Alumni hosted its second wine tasting event. 15 wine enthusiasts, consisting mainly of alumni and a few guests, met on the roof of an ETH building to learn more about wine. The warm and sunny weather was the perfect complement to the sweet and white wines.
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Alumni Chapter München

“Glacier hike in Vernago – a Report”

Last year, the Munich Alumni Chapter sent a balloon into the stratosphere. This year, they wanted to reach new heights under their own steam. ETH alumnus Ludwig, a glaciologist at the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, invited the Munich Chapter to visit “his” glacier in the Ötztal valley.

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EAEM Engineering & Management Alumni

“Excursion to Tesla in Cham”

On 13 July 2016, the EAEM Engineering & Management Alumni were invited to visit the Tesla centre in Cham. The field trip started with a presentation on the company and its history. Tesla drivers then showed the alumni what it was like to drive an electric car.

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Alumni Events

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A whole range of exciting alumni events is just around the corner. Click here to register:

01.10.2016: ETH Alumni Ball 2016 – SWING WITH ME SWAY WITH ME
08.10.2016: CYBATHLON
13.10.2016: Career Seminar: LP3 Leadership
18.10.2016: Stiftung Benefit – Over 50’s (Ü50) – planning for approaching retirement
10.11.2016: Long Night of Careers
11.11.2016 + 21.11.2016: Alumni Symphony Orchestra Zurich
14.11.2016: Delegate Assembly Meeting ETH Alumni Association 2/2016
16.11.2016: Stiftung Benefit – Over 50’s (Ü50) – planning for approaching retirement

Detailed information will soon be published at: www.alumni.ethz.ch/en/events

More alumni events: www.alumni.ethz.ch/en/events

Member Benefits

ETH Alumni Association

15% discount on property insurance

Akademis is offering members of the ETH Alumni Association the chance to save up to 15% on direct insurance solutions for private households. Whether you need motor vehicle, travel, personal liability or home insurance, you can get a great deal as an ETH Alumni member.

More information

Project Neptun

Sales window for laptops, tablets, printers and monitors open

It’s that time of year again – from now until 3 October 2016, ETH Alumni members can purchase laptops, tablets, printers and monitors through Projekt Neptun at a special price. Members of the ETH Alumni Association can enjoy discounts of up to 40%.

More information

Alumni Symphony Orchestra Zurich

20th Concert in autumn 2016

Dates:
- St. Johann, Schaffhausen (11 November 2016, 19.30)
- Tonhalle Zürich (21 November 2016, 19.30)

For members: 10% discount at the Zurich Tonhalle Box Office. Code: ETH Alumni Discount.

More information