Collaboration in research, education and innovation between Switzerland and the Asia-Pacific region

Workshop with Swiss researchers and research administrators

27 November 2013, 9.30-16.00, ETH Zurich, HG E 42

By mandate of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) ETH Zurich is the Leading House for the Swiss bilateral S&T collaboration with China, Japan and South Korea. As a new component in the current phase 2013-2016, ETH is exploring the potential for bilateral collaboration with additional countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The objective of this expansion is to identify potential new strategic partners in the Asia-Pacific region as the currently most dynamic part of the world with respect to economic growth as well as financial investments in science and innovation. To identify prospective countries, ETH Zurich has conducted a survey and the results will be presented and discussed during the workshop.

This workshop is targeted to (i) scientists collaborating with research partners in the region and to (ii) administrative staff in international offices or similar functions. It aims at bringing together experiences and opinions of stakeholders from universities and the federal administration to discuss the potentials of selected countries to intensify collaboration.

Programme

09.30 Welcome coffee
10.00 Opening
   Ralph Eichler, ETH Zurich: Welcome
   Mauro Moruzzi, SERI: Welcome and statement on “Switzerland’s international ERI policy 2013-2016 and the SERI mandate to the Leading Houses”
10.20 Presentation of action plan and survey results
   Barbara Becker, ETH Zurich
11.00 Coffee break
11.30 Reactions on action plan and survey
   Associate Leading House representatives
   - Yasmine Inauen, University of Zurich
   - Pierre Willa, University of Geneva
11.50 Management and future use of survey data
   Radan Hain and Barbara Becker, ETH Zurich
12.20 Instructions for working group sessions
   Barbara Becker, ETH Zurich
12.30 Lunch
13.30 Snapshot on experiences in the region
   Chris Zurbrügg, Eawag
13.45 Parallel working groups country-specific
   Rooms: HG E42, HG F 31.1 & HG F 33.4
14.45 Coffee break
15.00 Reporting of workshop results
   Facilitators
15.30 Comments and feedback from SERI
   Monica Corrado and Beatrice Ferrari, SERI
15.45 Conclusion, wrap-up and next steps
   Barbara Becker, ETH Zurich
16.00 Apéro

Please register for the workshop by 17 November 2013, by writing a short message to Patricia Heuberger patricia.heuberger@sl.ethz.ch.