



PROGRAMM swiTT ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Friday, January 30th

09:15	Welcome coffee and registration at Welle7
10:00	Welcome and introduction to program <i>Matthias Kuhn, President of swiTT</i>
10:15	Key Note I - Promoting science-based innovation in Switzerland: current challenges, actual endeavours and possible future evolutions <i>Pierre Brodard, Head of National Innovation Unit</i>
11:00	Q & A - Moderated by Andrea Foglia & John Millard
11:15	Key Note II - How can Swiss Academia deal with the threat of espionage? <i>Federal Intelligence Service (FIS), Awareness&Outreach Unit (A&O).</i>
12:00	Q & A - Moderated by John Millard & Andrea Foglia
12:15	Lunch break
13:30	Group Foto
13:45	How to deal with (lengthy and complex) spin-off agreements (SHA, IA, SPA) <i>Adrian Sigrist, CEO Unitecra</i>
14:15	Data transfer: key opportunities, questions and challenges <i>Juliette Ancelle, id est avocats sàrl</i>
14:45	Agreement Alchemy – Turning Collaboration into Success <i>Olga Larionova, Knowledge Transfer UNIL CHUV & Isabella Longoni, ETH Partnerships for Innovation - Research Contracts Group</i>
15:15	Coffee break
15:45	Conflict resolution with technology transfer contracts: effective dispute management mechanisms - <i>Alexandre Lombard, Avocat et médiateur & Carmen De la Cruz, Attorney-at-Law, Notary, Federal Diploma in Business Informatics</i>
16:15	Transform tomorrow, empowering organizations across the entire innovation lifecycle <i>Mat Kilbey, Wellspring, Innovation and Tech Transfer</i>
16:35	Organizational and administrative information End of conference day 1
18:00	Social Event - Visit Matte Brennerei & Gin Tasting
20:00	Dinner - Altes Tramdepot



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Saturday, January 31st

>7.00	Breakfast & check-out hotel			
08.30	swiTT General Assembly 2026			
09.15	Information on Session logistics			
09.35	Relocation to group-rooms rooms incl. coffee break			
10.00	#1: <i>swiTTtalk live</i>	#2: <i>Shareholder agreements between Universities & their spin-offs</i>	#3: <i>Successful collaboration contracts (workshop)</i>	#4: <i>Effective dispute management mechanisms</i>
	Raise any questions to experienced colleagues (part. suitable for newbies)	Exchange of best practise	Exchange of practices Comparison of terms and experience	Open exchange with Questions from participants and tips from the expert
	Natalia Giovannini, EPFL, Matthias Kuhn, UNIGE	Christina Dittrich-Megej & Stefan Lux, ETHZ	Isabella Longoni, ETHZ Olga Larionova, UNIL CHUV Andrea Foglia, USI	Alexandre Lombard, Carmen De la Cruz, ITDR, John Millard, PSI
11:30	Wrap-up - conclusion (Main Room)			
12:00	End of Annual Conference 2026 & farewell			

Locations	Conference Hotel Social event Dinner	Welle7 , west exit at Bern main trainstation The Savoy , Neuengasse 26, 3011 Bern Matte Brennererei , Mühlenplatz 5, 3011 Bern Altes Tramdepot , Grosser Muristalden 6, 3006 Bern
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Costs	members	non-members
Full 2-day package	CHF 550.00	CHF 880.00
Full 2-day package no hotel	CHF 400.00	CHF 640.00
Day 1 Conference, social event & dinner	CHF 350.00	CHF 560.00
Day 1 Conference, social event	CHF 270.00	CHF 430.00
Day 1 Conference only	CHF 230.00	CHF 370.00
Day 2 General Assembly	free of charge	n/a

Registration & cancellation policies

Registration will be closed on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**. Online registration: www.switt.ch/events.

Cancelling and refunding of your registration fee is only possible **until Wed, January 14, 2026**, thereafter no refund. In case you are unable to attend the event, a substitute delegate is welcome to take your place at no extra charge. Please inform our event coordinator office@switt.ch in writing in case of a substitution.