

## 6<sup>th</sup> Lab & Networking event by the Young Scientists of the SSB+RM

On a sunny afternoon on May 20, the Empa in St. Gallen opened its doors to 33 young scientists in the field of biomaterials and regenerative medicine. Prof. Katharina Maniura held the welcome presentation and showcased the many different fields Empa is involved in, with projects ranging from sustainable building to personalized medicine. With its three sites in Dübendorf, Thun and St. Gallen, Empa drives innovation and translation through an efficient technology transfer. For instance, the site in St. Gallen houses a department called "Materials Meet Life", which deals with novel materials and systems for health and performance. Of particular note, participants interested in the presented topics were encouraged to contact the scientists leading the projects for potential theses.

Afterwards, Empa offered more insights to their research in a lab tour, where various scientists demonstrated their implants, hydrogel-composites and even textile sensors. This presented a great opportunity for young scientists to explore the challenges the scientists at Empa take on and to discuss conceivable applications for their tools.

The afternoon concluded with a poster presentation by Empa scientists, and a tasty BBQ sponsored by Empa.

It definitely was a great experience with a lot of networking that hopefully leads to future collaborations!

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