

## Lab Networking Event AO Research Institute Davos

On November 18th 2022, 33 young researchers from all around Switzerland made their way up to snowy Davos for our Young Scientist lab networking event at the AO Research Institute (ARI). After some welcome-pizza offered by the ARI, Dr. Geoff Richards, the head of the institute, welcomed us to ARI by taking us back to the very beginning of orthopedic research in the early 1900s and the founding of the ARI all the way to the cutting-edge research performed in Davos today. Subsequently, the participants were then split in several groups to visit the different facilities and research groups: From biomaterial synthesis over histological processing of bone specimen to ultrasound patterning of cells in a bioprinter, the ARI has it all! In addition, our participants were also allowed to have a look at the ARI's unique preclinical research facility which is one of the world's best places to investigate the translational potential of orthopedic solutions in large animal models. As is custom at our lab networking events, our event closed with a poster session exhibiting the research of the institute in more detail which was accompanied by an apéro. This informal setting allowed for many stimulating discussions, networking and inspirational thoughts which were then spread all around Switzerland as the participants left Davos in the evening.

This event was a great success for which we have received exclusively received very positive feedback from the attendees. However, this event would have not been possible without the help of a few key individuals. Specifically, we would like to thank Dr. Matteo D'Este from ARI for their help with organizing this event as well as Prof. Geoff Richards for opening the doors of his institution for us in the first place!

