

SSB+RM YS Annual Meeting Pre-Event: Career Roundtable

On **September 4th, 2024**, 46 young scientists came to EMPA in St. Gallen for the Annual Meeting Pre-Event organized by the Young Scientists. After a welcome coffee our 4 presenters introduced themselves. With Prof. Dr. Morteza Aramesh (ETH Zurich), Prof. Dr. Martin Stoddard (AO Research Institute Davos), Dr. Séphanie Boder-Pasche (CSEM Neuchatel), and Dr. Jessica Gilgenbach (SmartPath AG) we had four amazing speakers, two from academia and industry respectively. The four presenters shared their stories about their unique journeys, each highlighting challenges, and opportunities that led them to their current professional roles. Afterwards the roundtable was opened for questions about career planning, job interviews, recruitment procedures, family planning, mobility and more. Thanks to many questions from the attending young scientists the event turned out very interactive and fruitful. During a nice lunch we were able to directly ask follow-up questions to our speakers or to network with each other. With that also the last Young Scientist Event of 2024 was a full success.

Many thanks to our speakers for their time and openness to all our questions. Also, we want to thank our SSB+RM parent organization for all the support and the organization of the room and lunch. Finally, a big thank you to our sponsors the AO Research Institute Davos, Zeiss and Exabone for their financial support.

As this was the last event for this year, it was also the last event for the three PhD students graduating at the end of this year. Thank you, Daphne Van der Heide, Patrick Weber and Lorenza Paganella, for all your efforts for the SSB+RM Young Scientists. We wish you all the best for your upcoming graduation and future.

