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## **Class SF5 BC from Kantonsschule Trogen wins Science on the Move competition 2021**

- *10 school classes reached the final round of Science on the Move 2021 and class SF5 BC from Kantonsschule Trogen was named winner.*
- *486 students from 25 classes in 19 high schools in Switzerland participated in this year's competition. Some 3,700 students have participated in the biannual competition since its launch.*

This was the sixth Science on the Move competition staged by SimplyScience foundation (an initiative of scienceindustries) and Roche (one of the world's largest biotech companies). The competition aims to promote creativity, curiosity and interest in the field of science among high-school students. The topic of this year's competition was "smart systems". The classes developed their own ideas, including prototypes, aimed at improving our day-to-day lives. Owing to pandemic restrictions, the finals were held virtually this time. In a creative performance, the ten best school classes chosen in the first phase of the competition presented their results and the experiences they had gained during the competition. As winners of Science on the Move 2021, the jury of experts selected class SF5 BC from Kantonsschule Trogen in Appenzell Ausserrhoden. The prize for the winning class is a research trip to London and Cambridge. The other finalists win a science-related outing within Switzerland and company tour of Roche.

In 2021, 25 classes from 19 high schools in 15 Swiss towns and cities participated in the biannual, nationwide competition. Since Science on the Move's launch in 2011, around 3,700 students have competed in the tournament.

"The goal of Science on the Move is to get young people involved in science and technology," says Thomas Flüeler, SimplyScience foundation's Managing Director. "The students complete various tasks to demonstrate their ability to combine different skills – science, creativity and collaboration. And I have to say, I'm thrilled by the work they have done."

"As a company that is very active in research in Switzerland, we are dependent on talented and passionate scientists," explains Annette Luther, Secretary to the Roche Board of Directors. "Roche supports Science on the Move so that our future researchers will remain at the forefront of international competition."

The ten finalists of Science on the Move 2021:

<b>Canton</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Class</b>
Aargau	Alte Kantonsschule Aarau	Freifach Exp. Bio
Bern	Freies Gymnasium Bern	G11/G10 SF BC
Basel-Stadt	Gymnasium Bäumlhof	3Q
St. Gallen	Gymnasium Friedberg	4a

St. Gallen	Gymnasium Friedberg	4b
Basel-Stadt	Gymnasium Kirschgarten	2d
Basel-Landschaft	Gymnasium Münchenstein	M2b
Appenzell Ausserrhoden	Kantonsschule Trogen	SF5 BC
Aargau	Alte Kantonsschule Aarau	G3A
Schwyz	Stiftsschule Einsiedeln	SFBCPAM 5

### **About *Science on the Move***

Launched in 2011, Science on the Move is a biannual, nationwide science competition geared to students of secondary school level 2. The competition seeks to promote scientific curiosity, enthusiasm and teamwork among high-school students. It is open to schools in all regions of Switzerland. This year, 486 students from 25 classes at 19 high schools in 15 Swiss towns or cities took part in the competition. Nearly 3,700 have participated since its launch. The competition is held in English, not only because it is the language of science but because it enables students from all parts of Switzerland to compete on a level playing field.

The theme of this year's competition, "smart systems", involved presenting a scientific paper and a visualisation of the planned system as well as producing a two-minute marketing video. The classes that reached the final round also had to present their results and experiences in the competition in the form of a creative performance. This year's final was held virtually. The winning class was then selected by a jury of experts from science, education and industry. Science on the Move is run by the SimplyScience Foundation and sponsored by Roche. For further information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2mCBtn4>.

### **About the SimplyScience Foundation**

The SimplyScience Foundation is an initiative of scienceindustries, the Swiss business association for the chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech industries, with around 250 members. The SimplyScience Foundation aims to promote an interest in science and technology among young people, and to inform them about educational and career opportunities in these fields. A dedicated platform, [www.simplyscience.ch](http://www.simplyscience.ch), offers school students between the ages of 8 and 18 a wealth of information on science and technology.

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