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SimplyScience Foundation and Roche announce winners of fifth national competition for high schools

- *10 school classes reached the final round of Science on the Move 2019 and class B16a from Kantonsschule Solothurn was named winner.*
- *550 students from 28 high schools in Switzerland participated in this year's competition; nearly 3,200 students have participated in the biannual Swiss competition since its launch.*

This year marks the fifth iteration of the Science on the Move competition, hosted jointly by the SimplyScience Foundation – an initiative of scienceindustries – and Roche, one of the world's largest biotech companies. Science on the Move aims to promote creativity, curiosity and an interest in the field of science among high school students. At today's final round at the Roche headquarters in Basel, ten finalist high school classes from all over Switzerland matched their scientific mettle in presentations of scientific models, posters and a creative stage performance. A jury of experts selected class B16a of Kantonsschule Solothurn, as the Science on the Move 2019 champion. Their prize is a science trip to London and Cambridge, UK, and the reward for the other finalists is an educational trip in Switzerland with the opportunity to visit offices and labs at Roche.

This year, 28 schools from 21 Swiss towns and cities participated in the biannual, nationwide competition. Since Science on the Move's launch in 2011, nearly 3,200 students have competed in the tournament.

"The goal of Science on the Move is to get young people involved in science and technology," said 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."

"Economic and societal openness are the key to success," explains Gottlieb A. Keller, General Counsel and member of the Roche Corporate Executive Committee. "The outstanding international achievements of our universities are also a part of this. That's why Roche supports Science on the Move and the talented, passionate scientists of tomorrow."

The ten Science on the Move finalists in 2019:

Canton	School	Class
Aargau	Alte Kantonsschule Aarau	Experimental biology option
Basel-Stadt	Gymnasium Kirschgarten	4C
Bern	Gymnasium Lerbermatt	20abdh
Basel-Landschaft	Gymnasium Münchenstein	M2b
Bern	Gymnasium Thun	21gB
Solothurn	Kantonsschule Solothurn	B16a
Zurich	Kantonsschule Stadelhofen	2bMN
Appenzell	Kantonsschule Trogen	Class SF5

Ausserrhoden		
Ticino	Liceo Lugano 1	3 BIC
Bern	NMS Bern	G20 SFBC+

About Science on the Move

Launched in 2011, *Science on the Move* is a biannual, nationwide science competition for upper secondary school classes in Switzerland. The programme promotes scientific curiosity, enthusiasm and teamwork. The competition is open to schools in all regions of Switzerland. This year, around 550 students from 28 high schools in 21 Swiss towns or cities participated in *Science on the Move*. Nearly 3,200 have participated in the tournament since its launch.

This year's topic was "Understanding through models". The classes chose their own chemical or biochemical process or biological structure and translated it into a comparable functional or structural model. In addition to the model, participants had to produce a scientific poster explaining the underlying theory, and a two-minute video describing their model's mode of operation and its restrictions. The classes that reached the final round also had to present their results and experiences in the competition in the form of a creative stage performance. 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 more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2mCBtn4>. To view the two-minute videos produced by participating classes, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y47znhnl>.

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, offers school students between the ages of 8 and 18 a wealth of information on science and technology.

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