

Swiss Junior Water Prize

Engaging Swiss Youth in the Water Sector

A number of Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) members, such as the Swiss Toilet Organisation (STO), cewas, and eawag, have joined hands to engage Swiss Youth in the water sector by organizing the "Swiss Junior Water Prize" (Swiss-JWP). The SWP supports this initiative and extends a call to all its members to collaborate in the realization of this award.

Swiss Junior Water Prize. The Swiss Junior Water Prize shall be awarded for the first time in 2017 and is open to young people between 15 and 20 years old, who have conducted school projects related to water and sanitation with proven environmental, scientific, social or technological significance. The winner will be entitled to represent Switzerland in the international final in Stockholm, held during the World Water Week.

Current Partners. The Swiss-JWP is an investment in the future of the Swiss water sector powered by the effort of several people and institutions. These are the main partners joining forces for this purpose:

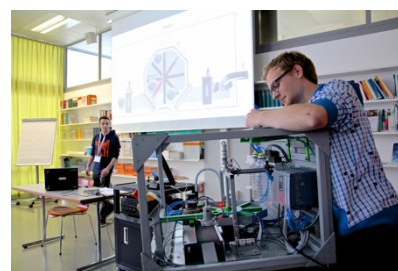
Swiss Toilet Organisation	• Coordination of the Swiss-JWP
Swiss Youth in Science (SYiS)	• Integration of the Swiss-JWP framed within the existing structure of the national science contest.
Swiss Water Partnership	• Host function during the attendance to the final in Stockholm • Complementary experiences for participants and winners to get an insight into the water sector.
cewas, eawag	• Jury members

Next Steps. The development of the Swiss-JWP in 2017 includes the following key milestones:

• End of February	One or two experts are welcome to join the jury which is led by a renowned scientist and member of the Directorate Eawag. By interest contact Karla Schlie at karla.schlie@swisstoliet.org
• 20 th March	Submission of the projects to SYiS including summary; The projects are then sent to the jury in PDF format. Currently, some 6 to 8 projects could be considered to receive the Swiss-JWP.
• 27 th – 29 th April	National final with poster exhibition in Bern. The winner will be announced at the end of the event.
• 12 th June	Project submission to Stockholm coordinated by STO.
• 26 th Aug – 2 nd Sept	International Contest at the World Water Week in Stockholm, including a dedicated event at the SWP booth.

Call to Join In. Get involved and contribute to encourage young students to grow an interest in water and sustainability issues. By interest please contact:

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Contestants at the workshop in Bern on January 2017.
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