

Sponsorship Brochure

17th Biozentrum & Pharmazentrum PhD Retreat

27th - 29th August 2026

Hotel La Palma au Lac
Locarno

The Biozentrum & Pharmazentrum Basel

We are delighted to invite you to sponsor our annual Biozentrum and Pharmazentrum PhD Retreat!

The **Biozentrum** and **Pharmazentrum** are integral parts of the University of Basel and are at the forefront of education and research in the life sciences and technology development. Together, these departments collectively house **over 40 research groups** and employ **over 800 individuals**, including **nearly 200 PhD students**.

The **Biozentrum** is a hub for interdisciplinary research led by award-winning scientists. Here, we explore the fundamental mechanisms of life, from single molecules to complex organisms, by integrating **state-of-the-art computational methods** with cutting-edge technology platforms in **genomics, biophysical investigation, proteomics** and **advanced imaging**.

The **Pharmazentrum** drives internationally recognized research across the **entire drug development pipeline**. Our work bridges the gap between foundational science and clinical application, translating laboratory discoveries into the therapies of tomorrow.

We believe that **collaboration is the catalyst for scientific breakthroughs**. As of today, an integrated research approach is indispensable for success.

Our annual PhD retreat in Switzerland brings students together in a highly motivated environment to exchange experiences, to communicate their research to a broader audience and build the professional networks that will **shape the future of science**.



The Biozentrum & Pharmazentrum PhD Retreat

An annual highlight ever since its inception in 2009, the PhD retreat has now become an integral part of the Biozentrum PhD program. Practicing **presentation skills** and **scientific exchange** are encouraged at the event, as all participants present their projects with a poster or talk.

The PhD representatives of the Bio- and Pharmazentrum are now jointly organizing the retreat and an **increasing number of PhD students** from both departments are joining each year.

The PhD retreat is a **2.5-day event filled with keynote lectures, PhD student talks, poster sessions and networking**. Discussions about novel discoveries, cutting-edge techniques and methods are accompanied by social events fostering better collaboration and tighter-knit PhD community between these two big institutes with a plethora of research areas.

It is our great pleasure to announce that our **17th PhD Retreat** will take place in **Hotel La Palma au Lac** from **August 27th to 29th, 2026!**

We will be welcoming up to **80 participants**, having a consistent amount of students compared to previous years.

This event, however, is one that cannot be organized just by ourselves - and this is why we would like to ask for your support!



Biozentrum & Pharmazentrum PhD Retreat 2025

Why Sponsor Us?

The two institutes combined host close to 200 PhD students of a plethora of research areas. The last PhD retreat 2025 hosted **80 participants from diverse fields of research.**

PhD students play a **pivotal role in lab investments through their research decisions.** Our graduates emerge as talented researchers primed for careers in academia or industry. We are the future employees and customers of life science companies, making early engagement with us crucial.

As a sponsor of the PhD Retreat, you will:

- **Support Essential Education:** Invest in the education of future leaders in science and technology.
- **Network at a Premier Event:** Join the annual highlight of inter-institutional scientific and social networking, connecting with up to 80 young researchers.
- **Increase Visibility:** Raise awareness of your products, services, or career opportunities among a diverse and motivated audience.
- **Connect Early:** Establish connections with the next generation of scientists and innovators.

Seize the opportunity to shape the future of science and technology by sponsoring the PhD Retreat. Your support makes a lasting impact on education, research and innovation!



Sponsorship Options - Packages

	Platinum*	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Awards
Amount (Excl. 8.1% VAT)	3'000 CHF	2'500 CHF	2'000 CHF	1'000 CHF	300-600 CHF
Sponsor talk (15 minutes)	✓				
Verbal acknowledgement	✓				
Logo on the plenary beamer during breaks	✓	✓			
Individual sponsor page in abstract booklet	✓	✓			
Booth at the event	✓	✓	✓		
Banner/Information poster	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Flyer/Catalogue in delegate bag	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Visible logo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

During the retreat we will award the best posters and talks with prizes (1st - 300 CHF, 2nd - 200 CHF, 3rd - 100 CHF).
We recommend to sponsor prizes as a bundle of 600 CHF.

Our sponsorship packages are defined by official guidelines of the University of Basel to ensure complete transparency!

**To ensure maximum visibility for our main supporters, please note that we are offering a limited number of top-tier packages, with only three spots available for platinum sponsors.*

PhD Retreat 2026 Agenda

In order to give you a feeling of what the program of the PhD retreat looks like, we have included the agenda of the previous in-person retreat. The precise schedule of 2026 will be known once the sponsor talks and the keynote speakers are confirmed.

Thursday, August 27th

Morning	Arrival and Hotel Check-in
13:15 - 13:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks
13:30 - 14:30	Sponsor Talk*
14:30 - 15:30	Poster Session A
15:30 - 16:15	Coffee Break and Sponsor Booth visiting
16:15 - 17:15	PhD Student Talks A
17:15 - 18:15	Poster Session B

Friday, August 28th

09:00 - 10:00	PhD Student Talks B
10:00 - 10:15	Sponsor Talk*
10:15 - 11:00	Coffee Break and Sponsor Booth visiting
11:00 - 12:00	Keynote Speaker A
13:00 - 14:00	PhD Student Talks C
14:00 - 15:00	Keynote Speaker B
15:00 - 16:00	Coffee Break and Sponsor Booth visiting
16:00 - 17:00	Poster Session C

Saturday, August 29th

09:00 - 10:00	PhD Student Talks D
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Speaker C
10:30 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:00	Award Ceremony
12:00 - end of day	

**Only for platinum sponsors*

The Venue



Hotel & Spa

La Palma au Lac



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We are delighted to host our event at the **Hotel La Palma au Lac in Locarno**, set directly on the shore of the beautiful Lake Maggiore.

This venue was carefully chosen as it offers everything we need, including **modern conference rooms** for scientific talks, workshops and poster sessions. Beyond the technical program, the hotel provides a perfect setting for attendees to connect, network and relax.

Guests can enjoy an **on-site restaurant and bar**, an **award-winning pizzeria** and a **full-service spa**. We believe this location offers the ideal atmosphere to focus on science and build new collaborations in a comfortable and welcoming environment

Final Remarks & Contact

- All printed advertisement material (e.g. poster and flyers), has to be provided by the sponsor.
- The program of the retreat has not been fixed yet. The final program, including the confirmed keynote speakers will be announced to the sponsor as soon as possible.
- If you have questions, comments, or recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- If you are interested in a sponsorship, please reply directly to the person who contacted you. Your contact will guide you throughout the process and help you with further questions.

We sincerely thank you for considering a sponsorship of the PhD Retreat!
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