

SPME Swiss Photonics Master Education

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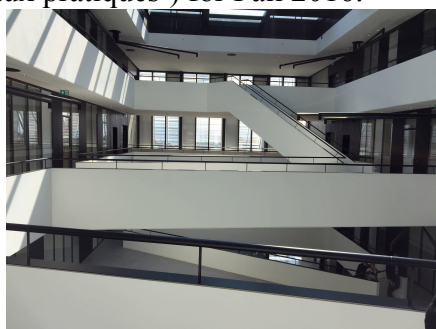
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Summary: Establish a master in photonics at the ETH level. EPFL has taken the lead in proposing a master in photonics. Together with its existing doctoral school in photonics, it will form a graduate school in photonics.

Key accomplishments @ EPFL for 2015:

1. A written document containing economical aspects of photonics for Switzerland and a plan for the master curriculum has been submitted and discussed with the Dean of graduate studies in August.
2. The proposed photonics master will be defended during the Commission of Section Directors at the end of October. The scheduled start of the photonics program is Fall 2016.
3. An experimental laboratory space for photonics has been allocated with optical equipment in a new building dedicated to students (so-called Discovery Learning Labs) and scheduled to be operational with cutting edge master level experiments ('travaux pratiques') for Fall 2016.



Other activities:

- Photonics Master presentation during EPFL Forum (Oct. 7) to students and industry representatives.
- Photonics Master presentation at the Rheintal Photonics Round Table, a panel of industrial representatives, in Buchs on September 10th.