

3rd SwissDrilling Day, September 13, 2017, Bern

The 3rd SwissDrilling Day was held on September 13 at the University House in Bern. This year's meeting brought together about 50 scientists from all Swiss academic institutions to share their experiences and future plans in ocean and continental drilling.



A total of 18 oral contributions covered on-going drilling related research, future drilling projects and perspectives for new drilling proposals. The presentations covered a broad range of topics from paleoclimate, over evolutionary biology to earth dynamics and hazards.



The Swiss scientific drilling community was very pleased having excellent keynote contributions from Ulrich Harms (Head of Operational Support Group, International Continental Scientific Drilling Program) and Michael Strasser (University of Innsbruck, recipient of the 2017 Taira Prize).

This year's special talks were given by Hubertus Fischer (University of Bern) covering the latest ice core drilling activities and Daniel Traber (National Cooperative for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste) giving an overview about drilling for disposal of radioactive waste in Switzerland.

Especially for all the new faces (mostly early-career scientists), the meeting presented a great chance to develop contacts, as well as to learn how to get involved in international scientific drilling projects. Thanks to all the high quality contributions the annual meeting can be considered a great success.

