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- You receive a free subscription to CHIMIA
- You can use the entire SCS network
- You receive free entry to conferences
- You benefit from reduced fees for further training courses
- Students have access to travel grants
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The Swiss Chemists' Network

*«Every great advance in science
has issued from a new
audacity of imagination.»*

John Dewey

Swiss Chemical Society (SCS)

The SCS is the scientific society of Swiss chemists. With more than 2,500 members, it is furthermore the largest professional body of chemists in Switzerland.

The society is organised in five divisions:
Analytical Chemistry, Chemical Research, Industrial
Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Polymers and Colloids.



«If knowledge can create problems, it is not through ignorance that we can solve them.»

Isaac Asimov

Aims and activities

The Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) pursues many aims.

We support chemists with their studies, research and careers by providing, for example, scientific awards, travel grants and training.

We bring together chemists in Switzerland and throughout the world. For example, through conferences, working in specialist groups and contact with other organisations.

We promote young scientific talent. For example, with the annual Fall Meeting for young researchers and by honouring outstanding scientists.

We are improving the status of chemistry in society. For example, by providing financial support for Chemistry Weeks for school pupils and Chemistry Olympiads, and mentoring high-school theses (Maturaarbeiten).

What we offer at a glance

The SCS offers its members many benefits and opportunities to become involved.

Fall Meeting: Around 600 young researchers – post-graduates and postdocs – and professional chemists meet every year at SCS's Fall Meeting. They present the results of their research at eight concurrent multi-session events. Participation for SCS members is free.

Spring Meeting: The SCS holds a conference each year on a topical research subject. Entry is free.

CHIMIA is the scientific journal of the SCS and at the same time its official publication. It features articles of special interest to Swiss chemistry, news, information on events and conference reports. SCS members receive a free subscription to CHIMIA.

Prizes: The SCS awards different prizes such as a young scientist research prize, a university of applied sciences prize, a photochemistry prize and a prize for industrial chemistry. The most prestigious award is the Paracelsus Prize. It comprises prize money of CHF 20,000 and a gold medallion.

Further training: The SCS holds further training courses in analytical and medicinal chemistry. Here, SCS members benefit from discounted course fees.

A lot can be achieved through an extensive network

The SCS is associated with like-minded organisations worldwide. We can make our interest known effectively through cooperation and partnerships.

For that reason, we are members of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS), the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) and additional scientific societies.

The SCS works closely with partners such as SGCI Chemie Pharma Schweiz, the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) and chemical societies in other countries.