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## Swiss Chemical Society Annual Report to the EuCheMS Division of Chemical Education for 2013-2014

### 1. Abstract

The Swiss Chemical Society, the Swiss Science Teacher Association ([www.vsn.ch](http://www.vsn.ch)) as collective member of the former and the pedagogical universities support and organize advanced training in French and German for chemistry teachers.

### 2. National Educational Policy

A new curriculum, the “Lehrplan 21” should have been introduced in 2014 in the 21 German speaking cantons but it has been criticized and rejected for being too excessive and going too far in the demanded learning outcomes. Now it will be revised until 2015.

### 3. Events in chemical education

In September 2013 a day of experimental demonstrations was held in Lausanne. The next for the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 is announced.

The next national meeting, the so-called Zentralkurs in October 2015 at the Kantonsschule Schaffhausen is in preparation.

#### **4. Activities of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) and the Chemical Industry**

This year the Swiss Chemical Society award for chemistry teachers, the “Balmer Prize” has not been given. There was no candidature.

#### **5. Publications**

The Swiss Science Teacher Association publishes the journal “c+b” (chemistry and biology) three times a year with news of the association, with didactical and pedagogical discussions and the publication of tested demonstrations and hands-on experiments for students.

Together with the Mathematics and Physics Teacher Association we published this year a English translation of our Formulary entitled “Formulae, Tables and Concepts - Orell Füssli Verlag” for the use in English immersion chemistry teaching in Switzerland.

#### **6. Liaison with the Chemical Industry**

The chemical industry provides financial support for advanced training and offers visiting possibilities for classes.

#### **7. International and European initiatives**

Swiss chemistry teachers are participating in meetings of neighbour countries and collaborating with their societies of chemistry teacher (MNU, GdCH, VCÖ, UdPPC).

#### **8. Other events and activities**

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