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## MEDIA INFORMATION

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### **Proud moment: EMS-CHEMIE receives the Swiss Apprenticeship Award**

**Last Wednesday, the EMS-CHEMIE was able to proudly accept the "National Apprenticeship Award". Christian Fiechter, President of the Hans Huber Foundation, presented EMS CEO Magdalena Martullo with the coveted award during a celebratory event at the EMS-CHEMIE site in Domat/Ems. Jon Domenic Parolini, member of the Grisons government and cantonal minister for education, and Erich Kohler, Mayor of Domat/Ems, expressed their thanks, in particular to the EMS instructors and more than 100 EMS apprentices.**

With the "National Apprenticeship Award" the Hans Huber Foundation and the Foundation FH SCHWEIZ annually nominate a nationally active company which carries out exemplary apprenticeship trainings and is committed to long-term, sustainable promotion of the dual training structure with a wide-reaching impact. The EMS-CHEMIE makes a major commitment, not only to the manufacture of future-oriented, innovative speciality polymers, but also to the promotion and focussed training of highly qualified experts for the future, stated Christian Fiechter during his appraisal speech. «There are very few companies which provide such good perspectives and support as here», emphasised Fiechter as he presented the National Apprenticeship Award to EMS CEO Magdalena Martullo

Ms Martullo's pleasure on receiving this very special award was very apparent. «Our success is dependent on our employees. 75% of all employees have apprenticeship qualifications», stated the successful businesswoman. EMS-CHEMIE, which started training its first apprentice in 1943 and is today the largest company in the Grisons to provide apprentice training, offers apprenticeships in 15 different professions. In this way, many varied capabilities of the youngsters are developed. With its own mobility programme, EMS apprentices can take part during their first year of training in language courses and work experience abroad, before being able to work later at one of the 25 EMS production sites worldwide in an exchange programme. «It is a particularly valuable experience to be able to find one's own way, away from home, independently and in another country», explained the EMS CEO. In her speech, she thanked all those

who are active every day in apprentice instruction at EMS, where around 140 EMS apprentices and an additional 100 apprentices from other companies undergo apprenticeship training.

The Grisons minister of education, Jon Domenic Parolini, also expressed his thanks for the educational commitment exhibited by EMS, which is above and beyond pure apprentice training. With holiday events and MINT Camps for primary school children as well as the first Grisons' Science Center EMSORAMA and EMSORAMA Mobile, the fascination for science and technology is installed at an early age. He emphasised that each year, 40 excellently trained young apprentices from EMS-CHEMIE enter the labour force which is of great economic significance for the canton.

Local Major, Erich Kohler, judged the attainments of EMS-CHEMIE in apprenticeship training as a "stroke of luck", and stated how proud he is, to have the best Swiss apprentice training company "on his doorstep". This kind of commitment is not to be taken as a matter of course and the community has profited strongly from it over the last decade.

The apprentices hosted the event themselves, providing mysterious drinks from the EMS-Lab-Bar. During the following visit to the EMSORAMA, the guests were able to personally experience natural sciences and technology, experimenting with the new giant marble run "Mungga-Trail", the "Gate Arch" or the "Impulse Catapult" where they were amazed and entertained. In some ways, everyone is still an "apprentice"...!

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### **Vocational Training at EMS-CHEMIE**

EMS trains around 140 of its own apprentices and an additional more than 100 for third party companies in 15 professions:

- Plant operator
- Plant and apparatus construction
- Automation technician
- Electrician
- Maintenance technician
- Computer technician
- Clerical worker
- Technical designer
- Plastics technician
- Chemical laboratory assistant
- Logistics operator
- Mediamatician
- Polymechnic
- Automation technician (from August 2020)
- Production mechanic (from August 2020)

**Find your apprenticeship at EMS under [www.lehrebeiems.ch](http://www.lehrebeiems.ch)**

## **EMSORAMA / EMSORAMA Mobil**

### **Visits by appointment only!**

The EMSORAMA and the EMSORAMA Mobile are open **free of charge** for school classes, groups, clubs, companies, families, associations and anyone with an interest in natural sciences and technology. Fun is guaranteed!

Further information and reservations under [www.emsorama.ch](http://www.emsorama.ch) or **Tel. +41 (0)81 632 78 78** (Ms Pascale Beer).

**Visits approx. 90 - 120 minutes. EMSORAMA only for group visits, EMSORAMA Mobile by arrangement.**

**Special learning materials and worksheets are available for school classes.**

Visits are free of charge and accompanied by an attendant.

## **EMS-CHEMIE AG**

**EMSORAMA and EMSORAMA Mobile**

**Via Innovativa 1**

**7013 Domat/Ems**

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### **Photos:**

High-resolution photos are available for download via the following link:

<http://www.ems-group.com/ftp/Kommunikation/Nationaler-Bildungspreis.zip>



1. Proud moment: Chairman of the EMS Board of Directors, Ulf Berg; Christian Fiechter (Hans Huber Foundation); former Federal Councillor and Honorary Patron of EMS-CHEMIE, Christoph Blocher; EMS CEO, Magdalena Martullo; Member of Grisons Government, Jon Domenic Parolini and Major Erich Kohler (from l. to r.), surrounded by apprentices and their instructors from EMS-CHEMIE.



2. After the presentation of the National Apprenticeship Award: Major Erich Kohler; Chairman of the EMS Board of Directors, Ulf Berg; Christian Fiechter (Hans Huber Foundation); EMS CEO, Magdalena Martullo; former Federal Counsellor and Honorary Patron of EMS-CHEMIE, Christoph Blocher and Member of Grisons Government, Jon Domenic Parolini (from l. to r.).



3. The apprentices mixed mysterious cocktails at the EMS-Lab-Bar... (Major Erich Kohler; EMS CEO, Magdalena Martullo; Member of Grisons Government, Jon Domenic Parolini (from l. to r.).



4. Which way will the marble run? Great fun on the new giant marble run "Mungga-Trail" in the EMSORAMA.



5. Even faces can be blended in the EMSORAMA.



6. How the Romans built their bridges. EMS apprentices carefully test to see if the EMSORAMA Gate Arch will hold up.



7. Cantonal minister for education Jon Domenic Parolini and EMS CEO Magdalena Martullo in front of the "large water column" in the EMSORAMA. Who creates the nicer air rings?



8. Which ball flies the highest? The fascinating Impulse Catapult in the EMSORAMA.

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