

SSF-Newsletter No 16 – September 2023

Dear Members and friends of SSF,

We are back from a hot summer – and with lots of good news:

- the SSF has once again gained many new members
- the S3C was officially opened as a kind of "spin-off" of the SSF.
- We were awarded two major EU projects (including one with Almer) and a new InnoSuisse project (with Bossard).

At the same time, a development has been confirmed: the SSF is increasingly becoming a contact point for international managers who attend topic-specific workshops with us and our partners. Since nothing comparable has existed so far, we have decided without further ado to launch the world's first International Smart Factory Academy. All SSF partners are cordially invited to participate, e.g. by jointly developing topic-specific training modules and marketing them internationally. We will provide comprehensive information on this again in the course of the next few months.

Sincerely,
Dominic Gorecky



Flashback

4th International Smart Factory Summit under the motto of "Accelerating Skills Development for Next Generation Smart Manufacturing Systems"

Around 50 participants from all over the world joined the summit.

Day 1

We had a great opening day with visiting Camille Bloch. We learned a lot about the factory and of course some chocolate tasting was also included. At dinner every one could connect to new people and start networking.



Day 2

After the warm welcome of Dominic Gorecky, Jean-Philippe Devaux introduced the activities of the Bern Economic Development Agency. Raimund Klein gave us the honor to present a keynote about how digital transformation and worldwide sustainability are achieved.

Then three different work sessions took place, moderated by Dr. Johannes be Isa of Inoyad Technologies, by Prof. Dr. David Romero, Tecnologico de Monterrey, and Dominic Gorecky, Head of Swiss Smart Factory. Everyone also took a tour through the Swiss Smart Factory. Pitching sessions gave us insights from different international initiatives.

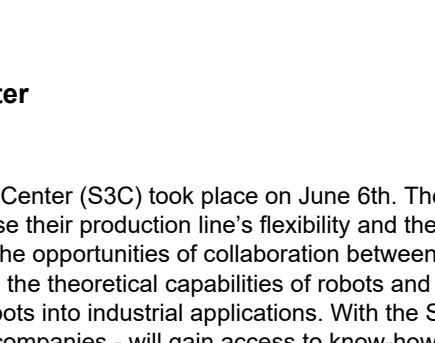
A nice end to the evening took place at the restaurant "La Péniche". With a great dinner and the first award ceremony of the Swiss CxO Forum.



Day 3

This day was all about the Swiss CxO Forum. The keynotes from Jayant Narayan, manager, World Economic Forum (WEF), from Reiner Petzold, ex. chief digital officer/consultant, Swiss Federal Chancellery, Strategy & Innovation Department, from Koki Mitani, senior research engineer, NTT Social Informatics Laboratories and from Martin Schiesser, DETECON Schweiz AG, were all inspiring.

A brilliant closing took place at OMEGA. There we had the possibility to visit the factory and the museum.

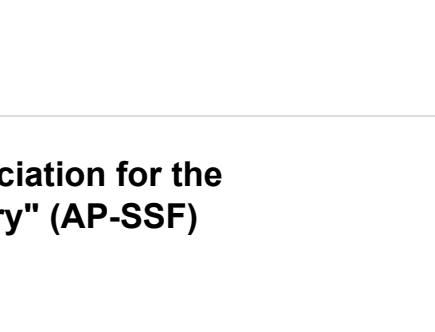
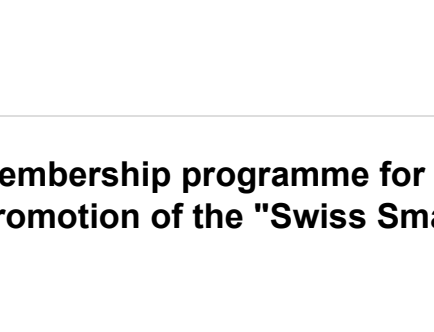


Opening of Swiss Cobotics Competence Center

The official opening of the Swiss Cobotics Competence Center (S3C) took place on June 6th. The S3C offers a space to all companies that want to increase their production line's flexibility and their workforce's capabilities. The S3C aims to demonstrate the opportunities of collaboration between humans and robots. Its goal is to close the gap between the theoretical capabilities of robots and industrial reality and thus to bring more collaborative robots into industrial applications. With the S3C, Swiss companies - especially small and medium-sized companies - will gain access to know-how and a demonstration and test platform for innovative cobotic solutions.

www.s3c.swiss

The S3C is one out of for Centres founded by the AM-TTC Alliance



Membership programme for the Association for the Promotion of the "Swiss Smart Factory" (AP-SSF)

The previous membership programme was converted into an association model. The advantages of the association model are obvious: More transparency and co-determination in SSF activities through the participation of the members in the general assembly and in the board. The AP-SSF already has over 80 members from industry and research.

We warmly welcome our newest AP-SSF partners:

- [Apicoo Robotics](#)
- [Eugen Seitz AG](#)
- [IAR Group Holding AG](#) (Tochter Bachmann Engineering)
- [Lexston AG](#)
- [Perinet GmbH](#)
- [Posalux](#)
- [Roche Diagnostics International](#)
- [Trimek SA – Innovavia Metrology](#)
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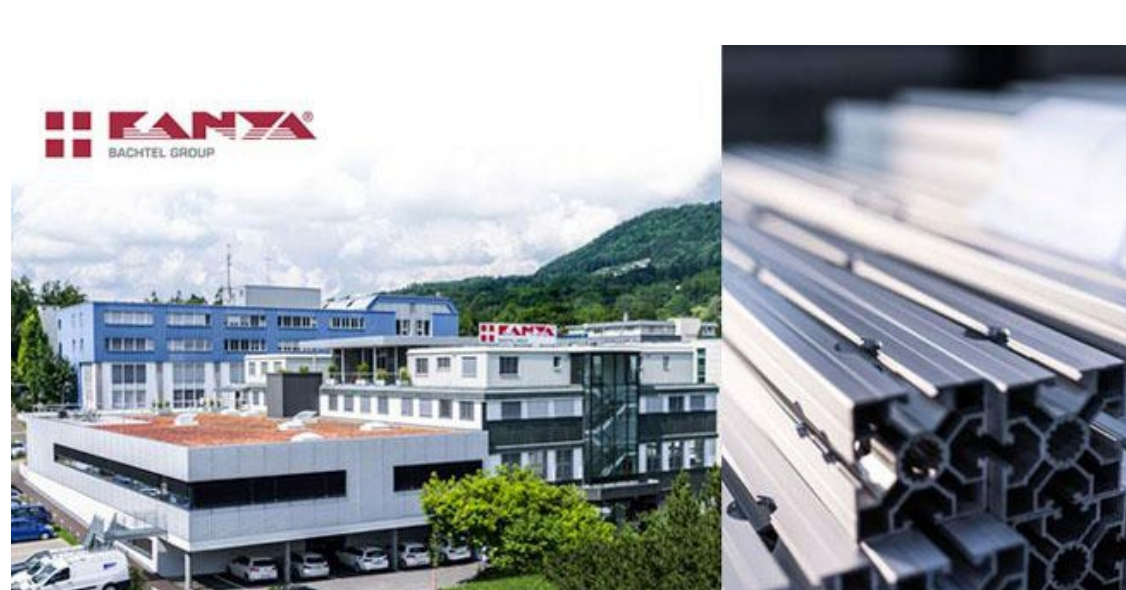
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What SSF membership means to us – the voice of an SSF member



Kanya Groupe

Patrik Müller, CEO

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Kanya is a leading supplier of aluminium profile modular assembly systems and stands out due to its Swiss quality. For more than 45 years we have provided constructions in the field of special machine construction, automation and machine industry.

Our product range includes over 150 different profiles and tubes as well as over 1500 accessories. Globally, we work together with over 20 long-standing independent partners. This network means that Kanya aluminium extrusions and components are available to all intents and purposes over the whole world. Kanya AG is part of the Bachtel Technology Group with around 220 employees at production sites in Switzerland, Germany and China.

We want to be a part of the Swiss Smart Factory Association because we think it is important to exchange ideas and visions in the industry. Moreover, we would like to make our contribution to the Swiss industry with our experience and expertise. As a "hardware supplier", our engineers develop everyday solutions for the industry based on the aluminium profile modular assembly systems. We are happy to become a member of Swiss Smart Factory and are excited about many joint projects.

Patrik Müller, CEO Kanya AG

Project and partner news



An innovative CIP (Continuous Improvement Process) approach is being researched as part of an Innosuisse research project with Bossard, Ost, WEBO and the Swiss Smart Factory. This approach aims to motivate employees to continuously improve by offering low-threshold input options and gamification elements. The project contributes to digitising production in Switzerland and developing innovative solutions in an era of skills shortages.

Events & Outlook

06.10.2023	Workshop «Chatbots»
10.10.2023	Workshop «Digital Lean»
23.10.2023	SSF Networking Meeting
21.11.2023	Breakfast Pitch

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