The «Platform Chemistry» of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) opens the next round for nominations for its programme

Chemical Landmarks

Chemistry has been playing an important role in the development of Switzerland since the 18th century. The Chemical Landmark programme aims at recognising historical sites where distinguished chemists have worked or where important chemical breakthroughs were made. The commemoration of the scientific and technological heritage of Swiss chemistry enriches our culture and maintains a record of the importance of innovation for the prosperity of Switzerland. Moreover, knowing more about the chemical heritage in Switzerland emphasises and fosters public interest in the chemical sciences.

To date, the following sites were awarded as «Chemical Landmark»:

- 2009 The first chemical factory in Winterthur
- 2010 The old chemistry building of ETH Zurich
- 2011 The laboratory of Jean-Charles Galissard de Marignac, Geneva
- 2012 The cradle of the Basel Chemical Industry and the Novartis company archives
- 2013 Lonza A pioneer of chemistry in upper Valais
- 2014 Laboratory at Reichenau Castle

Nominations for the next round of designations are now open:

Share with us an aspect of Swiss chemical history by providing a description of the site or place with a detailed statement of its historical importance (maximum of three A4 pages). Further documentations (pictures, articles etc.) are welcome.

Please submit your nomination until 10 June 2015 to:

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